

NATIVITY NEWS AND NOTES

October 22, 2009

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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Barb Castagna

Dear Parents,

It was wonderful to see the church and school filled with Grandparents and Special Friends last Wednesday. It was a great day, and it seemed that everyone enjoyed their visits to the classrooms and the book fair. Many positive comments were made about the school. Thank you to the staff, parents, and Kids Council who helped make the day special.

The Festival is Nov. 7th, from 5:00-10:30 p.m. We have a lot of exciting activities and events planned. It will be a fun-filled night. Please look in today's communication folder for ways you can volunteer to help out. Can you give a 1/2 hour to work at concessions, set up, or serve dinner? It is a great way to meet people and give back to the community.

We had our last marathon collection day on Tuesday, Oct. 20th. If you have not sent your money in yet, please do so as soon as you can. We are working hard to reach our goal of \$52,000.00. Let's earn enough to see Mr. Dargis shave his head or Mr. Ellison shave his beard!! This year there is NO out of uniform week for bringing in \$150.00. Students will earn an out of uniform pass for every \$50.00 they raise.

In today's communication folder there is conference-scheduling confirmation for middle school students. The K-5 sign-up form is enclosed. If you have children in the middle school and K-5, please write down your middle school children's time slot on the K-5 form so that the conferences can be scheduled as close together as possible. K-5 schedules will be sent home in next week's folder.

Internet Safety_Officer Cauwee is coming Monday, Oct. 26, at 10:00 a.m. in the Gathering Space to talk to our middle school students about internet safety. Parents are welcome and encouraged to come.

FYI:

- Virtus training is scheduled for Oct. 22nd, in the **cafeteria** at 6:30 p.m.
- Group picture day is Oct. 22nd and Individual picture day is Oct. 23rd. Please bring your money with the order form.

Volunteer VIPs and Vacancies

VIPs: Last week's Grandparent's Day and Book Fair were wonderful opportunities to celebrate Nativity of Mary and its community. A BIG thank you to Roseline Shelstad for coordinating the hospitality and Tina Meyer for her work on the Book Fair!! Also, thank you to all the parent volunteers who contributed their time to these 2 events!

Looking for an opportunity to help our community????

Sign up now for these VACANCIES needing to be filled:

- Conference days are approaching, November 5th and November 12th. We like to keep our teachers full and satisfied with yummy snacks and a warm meal. Please contact Jill Johnson at djjohnson1023@q.com if you can contribute some food for these days. Food can be dropped off whenever—before, after, or during school hours.

52 Club

Congratulations to our latest winners of \$100.00.

Oct. 11 – Dave and Joan Flentje

Oct. 18 – Dave and Carolyn Vasos

Box Tops

We are doing a great job of collecting Box Tops for Education. Our goal is to earn money for a new PLAYGROUND. Each Box Top is worth \$.10. Look on Kleenex boxes, General Mills products, Huggies, etc. Thank you and keep up the great work.

Nominations for 2010 Minnesota Teacher of the Year

If you are interested in nominating a teacher for the 2010 Minnesota Teacher of the Year, Education Minnesota is accepting nominations through Monday, Nov. 16, 2009. You can access and submit nomination forms online at www.educationminnesota.org. Anyone may nominate a teacher. Self-nominations are also accepted.

Eligible nominees must:

- Teach in a pre-kindergarten through 12th grade classroom.
- Hold at least a baccalaureate degree and a teaching license issued by the state of Minnesota.
- Have completed at least three full years of teaching by the nomination deadline.
- Intend to teach the 2010-11 school year.

The 2010 Minnesota Teacher of the Year will be named May 2, 2010. You may call Chris Carlin at 651-292-4875 or 800-652-9073 for more information.

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NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Wednesday, October 28 8:15 a.m. KIDS Council
Thursday, October 29 9:45 a.m. School Mass

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

Tina Meyer

Monday, October 26 1:00-3:00 Mayra Franco, Maria Loya
Tuesday, October 27 10:00-11:35 Charlie Shirron
12:00-3:40 Christine Schreier
Wednesday, October 28 12:10-3:00 Lisa Harris
Thursday, October 29 12:00-3:35 Carol Schirber, Barb Dockendorf

LUNCHROOM VOLUNTEERS

Jennifer Lovegreen

Monday, October 26 T. Flowers, M. Johnson, **Need 2 Volunteers**
Tuesday, October 27 J. Johnson, J. Carol, D. Reuter, T. Reuter
Wednesday, October 28 K. Berkowitz, J. Skogmo, L. Peller, **Need a Volunteer**
Thursday, October 29 M. Koch, S. Koplín, A. Matzke, **Need a Volunteer**
Friday, October 30 R. Flentje, A. Monssen, M. Johnson, **Need a Volunteer**

PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS

Sherri Werner

Monday, October 26 11:40 – 12:25 C. Flowers, M. Schreier
Tuesday, October 27 11:40 – 12:25 T. Peller, T. McCollow
Wednesday, October 28 11:40 – 12:25 **Need 2 Volunteers**
Thursday, October 29 11:40 – 12:25 C. Robbel, **Need a Volunteer**
Friday, October 30 11:40 – 12:25 B. Singel, **Need a Volunteer**

8TH GRADE TO OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Jane Wagemaker

8th grade will participate in Operation Christmas Child on Wednesday, December 2nd. 12:30-3:30. We will need parents to join us on the day. Please email me if you can help at jane.wagemaker@nativitybloomington.org .

7TH GRADE RETREAT

Jane Wagemaker

7th Grade Retreat will take place on Thursday, May 13 through Friday, May 14. Chaperones are needed to stay overnight with us. Please contact me if you can help out at jane.wagemaker@nativitybloomington.org .

7TH GRADE TOUR

Jane Wagemaker

7th graders will be touring the Adath Jeshu Temple in Minnetonka on Monday, November 9th from 10:00-11:30. Parents are welcome to join us. A letter and permission slip will be sent home the week of October 12th.

ART ADVENTURE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Michelle Ward

Do you want to have fun with your child in his/her class? Do you appreciate art? Do you have an hour or two available in January and March? THEN YOU ARE A PERFECT "PICTURE PERSON"! Training and support provided by other "picture people". No experience or artistic talent required, just a love of art.

For more information please contact:

Luanne Garlets lgarlets@gmail.com (952)881-4333

Michelle Ward michellemward@gmail.com (952)888-4955

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Jennifer

Lovegreen

I wanted to give you an update as to which grade is in the lead for the out of uniform pass! Right now, the 4th graders are leading with the 3rd graders in second place and the Kindergarteners in third!! Keep sending in those box tops! Also, remember if you do any online shopping to go to www.boxtops4education.com - we get a nice percentage back! You can also print off coupons every week before your grocery shopping!! Keep that in mind!

JUNIOR GREAT BOOKS

Denise Nygren &

Barb Dockendorf

Another great year of Junior Great Books is about to begin! Materials will be distributed next week, so please get your registration forms turned in as soon as possible. Parent volunteers are needed as leaders and aides. Please consider sharing the experience of Junior Great Books with your child. Also, any books still out from last year need to be returned immediately as our enrollment is limited to the number of books on hand. Please call co-chairs Denise Nygren or Barb Dockendorf with any questions about the program or volunteering.

CAMP ST. CROIX

Camp St. Croix was a wonderful experience for the 6th grade students. Thank you to the following chaperones who helped make the event possible: Jeff Bjick, Jocelyn Brieschke, Lisa Bromschwig, Connie Bruner, Chad Flentje, Barb Hoffmann, Paul Johnson, Scott Johnson, Vicki Mager, Jennifer McCollow, Grace Muki, Cathy Perrizo, and Kevin Rauenhorst.

ACADEMY OF HOLY ANGELS OPEN HOUSE

The open house for prospective students for the Academy of Holy Angels High School will be held on November 4 & 5, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. The address for the high school is 6600 Nicollet Ave. South, Richfield, MN. For more information regarding the open house, contact Jesse Foley at jfoley@academyofholyanimals.org or 612-798-2621.

SAINT THOMAS ACADEMY ADMISSIONS RECEPTION

Sunday, November 1, 2009

1:00 p.m.

949 Mendota Heights Road

Mendota Heights, MN 55120

To learn more about STA call the admissions office at 651-683-1515 or visit us at Cadets.com

NATIVITY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION NEWS

Tim Thoreson

Basketball Tryouts/Placements

Please remember that boy's basketball tryouts for grades 7-8 will be Thursday, October 22 from 7:30-9:00 p.m. Girl's tryouts for grades 7-8 will be on Wednesday, October 28 from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Please pray for Emma Riley and her family. Emma Riley's aunt, Debbie Koelfgen, passed away last Wednesday. Her funeral Mass and burial was on Saturday.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Be patient with everyone. 1 Thessalonians 5:14