

NATIVITY NEWS AND NOTES

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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Barb Castagna

Dear Parents,

It has been wonderful seeing so many parents, friends, and parishioners at our school Masses. Again this year, we are inviting students to bring a food item as an offering at our school Masses. The food items collected are packed up each week and are taken to VEAP. With the holidays soon approaching, the food shelves are really in need of donations. Thank you for your help.

Conferences are on Thursday, Nov. 5, and Thursday, Nov. 12. Middle School schedules were sent home in last week's communication folder, and K-5 schedules are in this week's communication folder. Middle School conferences will be held in the cafeteria, and K-5 conferences will be held in your child's classroom. Please call your child's homeroom teacher if there is a conflict.

The Parish/School Festival is Nov. 7th. Chicken dinner tickets are now on sale in the office. We still need volunteers to help with games, serving, clean-up, etc. Please contact your child's teacher or Ann Van Brocklin if you can help.

With Halloween parties this week, only students in grades K-3 are able to bring costumes to school. If your child is bringing a costume to school, please make sure that you are not promoting any sense of violence. Please come dressed in your uniform, and you can change into your costume at the beginning of your class party. On Halloween, enjoy the simple fun and excitement of the holiday and remind your children of safety around this time of year.

Out of uniform passes earned from the Marathon are in this week's communication folders. These passes were awarded by family funds collected, not by individual student funds collected.

H1N1

This week we did have over 5% of our student population with flu-like symptoms in one day and sent a report to the state. We also sent the information sheet on influenza home with each student. We have been doing really well with our hand washing and sanitizing and will continue to do so. Please remember when you are calling in a child absent, if the child is ill, please let us know the symptoms.

"52 Club"

The October 25, winner of \$100.00 is Brian Monssen.

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Tuesday, November 3 Election Day; 3:45 p.m. Choir
Thursday, November 5 9:45 a.m. School Mass; 4:00 p.m. -9:00 K-8 Conferences
Friday, November 6 Out of Uniform
Saturday, November 7 Nativity Fall Festival & 60th Anniversary

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

Tina Meyer

Monday, November 2 1:00-3:00 Nicole Machtig
Tuesday, November 3 10:00-11:35 Need a Volunteer
12:00-3:40 Michelle Johnson, Jennifer Lovegreen
Wednesday, November 4 12:10-3:00 Dana Jones-Sell, Kathleen Hollingsworth
Thursday, November 5 12:00-3:35 Tina Flowers, Barb Dockendorf

LUNCHROOM VOLUNTEERS

Jennifer Lovegreen

Monday, November 2 J. Ott, M. Thomson, T. Flowers, Need a Volunteer
Tuesday, November 3 J. Johnson, K. Burns, C. Oldowski, Need a Volunteer
Wednesday, November 4 K. Reardon, E. Dobesh, S. Farley, Need a Volunteer
Thursday, November 5 N. Machtig, M. Koch, V. Murphy, Need a Volunteer
Friday, November 6 S. Sullivan, A. Lockwood, A. Matzke, Need a Volunteer

PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS

Sherri Werner

Monday, November 2 11:40 - 12:25 C. Flowers, S. Lindberg
Tuesday, November 3 11:40 - 12:25 H. Burton, Need a Volunteer
Wednesday, November 4 11:40 - 12:25 L. Harris, Need a Volunteer
Thursday, November 5 11:40 - 12:25 M. Koplin, C. Robbel
Friday, November 6 11:40 - 12:25 M. Leonard, M. Powers

BOOK FAIR

Tina Meyer

Thanks to all of you who supported our Book Fair! The use of the gym space is greatly appreciated. Thanks to Tim Thoreson, the gym classes and for sports time. Thank you for doing previews: Tim Thoreson, Jesse Robertson, and Judy Hodgson. Thank you to Jim Ellison and his helpers for gathering all the equipment for the fair. Thank you to Wanda for keeping all of our money and supplies accurate.

The volunteer workers made the Book Fair possible. Our volunteers were: Shelly Bjick, Marie Campion, Diane Cizek, Christine Halaska, Sylvia Matzke-Hill, Mary Huber, Ingrid Klein, Mary Koch, Lori Matlon, Theresa Prusha, Linda Raab, Cyndi Rauenhorst, Kevin Rauenhorst, Sharon Rauenhorst, Kristi Riley, Kristi Rollwagen, Theresa Rynda, Carol Schirber, Dana Jones-Sell, Thomas Sell, Michelle Vodovnik, Jennifer Wheeler, Jeri Wheeler.

Kids council directed by Jane Wagemaker, Glen Hoffman, Pat Bohman, and Rebecca Hartmann, were our helpers and created our atmosphere. Thank you to:

Ella Borgerding, Katie Cassidy, Maggie Daggett, Jared Dobesh, Marena Harley, Katherine Hird, Ben Kern, Brendan Klein, Lydia Lockwood, Molly McGrane, Seamus Ott, Laura Peller, Nick Price, Brian Raab, Lizzy Wilson, Hannah Backman, Ellen Berkowitz, Kevin Dockendorf, Ruth Farley, AJ Hill, Will Hollingsworth, Molly Killeen, Christine Koch, Britta Momanyi, Abbi

Monssen, Joey Poehling, PJ Rauenhorst, Ted Robertson, Molly Schoenecker, Sarah Skogmo, Julie Weber, Ana Werner, and Katie Wolf, and to all Kids Council who volunteered.

Congratulations to raffle winners:

\$35 book fair coupon-Kaleb Flippo & teacher Patty Meyer

\$10 book fair coupon-Katie Kistler, Johnny Hank

Posters: 40 handed out

Total= \$8,663.57 Our 25%= \$2,165.89

VOLUNTEER VIPS AND VACANCIES

Katy McGrane

VIPs: It is getting to that time of year that we REALLY appreciate our playground volunteers!! We have a dedicated, hearty group of volunteers that keep our students safe outside during the recess hour from 11:40-12:25. THANK YOU to the following: Clark Flowers, Marion Glatzmaier, Sheri Hank, Lisa Harris, Sara Hoepfner, Marty Huberty, Sue Koplin, Mark Koplin, John Lako, Michael Leonard, Stephanie Lindberg, Tim McCollow, Steve Olstad, Tom Peller, Mary Powers, Judy Praska, Carol Robbel, Mark Schreier, Beverly Singhel, Lydia Sokoto, Michelle Ward, and Sherri Werner. Sherri also does all the coordinating of these volunteers. Thanks Sherri for all your great efforts!!

Looking for an opportunity to help our community???? Sign up now for these VACANCIES needing to be filled:

If you want to join the above group of playground volunteers, please contact Sherri Werner at sherri_werner@merck.com.

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.

INNISBROOK ORDERS ARE HERE

Barb Hoffmann

If you ordered items from Innisbrook this fall, your order is here! Please pick up your order as soon as possible. Please check with Wanda in the office. If you have any questions or issues with your order, please contact Barb Hoffmann at 952-943-8214.

Thank you to all who purchased items this year. You received great product and we raised money for our great school!

OUR MAGAZINE SALE WILL START SOON

Barb Hoffmann

Our Magazine Sale will begin on November 10. If you are thinking of ordering or renewing magazines, please consider waiting for our Magazine Sale!! A percentage of each order is paid to the school to help with school operations. Subscriptions make great gifts for Christmas or birthdays. Spread the word to friends and relatives. Bring the catalog to the Thanksgiving gathering and promote our sale. Thank you.

ATTENTION 6TH and 7TH GRADERS!!!

WE ARE SEEKING ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO SERVE AS ALTERNATES FOR THE PLAYGROUND PATROL PROGRAM.

We currently have 20 patrols and 2 alternates from grades 6 and 7 participating in the program and we have discovered that we need more than 2 alternates to fill in when our core group of patrols are absent or have a test on their assigned patrol day. So, if you like helping other kids and being a role model for Nativity's K-5 students then we need your help!

In order to participate, alternates will have to miss class from approximately 11:40 to 12:25 when they are asked to sub for another patrol. The number of times an alternate actually patrols will be determined by the number of times the core group of patrols is in need of a sub and the number of alternates available.

If you are interested in being an alternate, please complete the application and parent permission form in this week's Communication Folder and return it to the office by November 18, 2009.

For more information, please see this week's Communication Folder. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Koplin (952) 842-0778 or susankoplin@comcast.net. We hope you will consider taking part in this important school ministry and leadership opportunity!!

INFORMATION NIGHT

Audrey Riddle

The marketing team is planning a school information night Thursday, Nov. 19, at 7 p.m. for new families interested in learning about our school. Help is needed to publicize and promote this event in our churches and our community. Please contact Audrey Riddle at mnriddle@comcast.net or 952-898-5082 if you would be willing to help distribute posters or flyers in the next week. Thank you.

NATIVITY SKI CLUB

Amy Monssen

The snow will be falling soon, so start thinking about skiing and snowboarding. Fourth through eighth grade students can participate in Ski Club. We have a lot of fun!

The dates to think about if you're signing up for the Nativity Ski Club are as follows: Friday evenings at Buck Hill on December 11th, January 8th and 22nd, and February 12th and 26th. These dates are for a one-way bus trip to the slopes and parents must pick up their children at Buck Hill.

Look for sign-up materials coming in next week's Thursday folder! Questions and volunteers: contact Amy Monssen at (952) 888-9242 or bmonssen@comcast.net.

PS - Pray for Snow (in December)!!!

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.

NATIVITY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION NEWS

Tim Thoreson

Intramural Soccer

The last day of Intramural Soccer for grades K-4 was last Saturday. It was a great season! If any K-4 students were not in attendance please see Mr. Thoreson to receive their medal and T-shirt. A special thanks to Sue Koplín for coaching the kids in grades 2-4 and Matt Lewis & Herbert Zaldana for coaching the K-1 kids.

Volleyball & Soccer Uniforms

The Nativity volleyball and soccer teams will end their season this Saturday. All players should turn in their washed uniform in a bag with their name on it. There will be a bin in the office where students can turn in their uniforms. All uniforms should be turned in by Friday, November 6. A \$1/day fine will be assessed for uniforms that are turned in late. Thank you for your cooperation.

Pop Donations

Thank you to all that have donated pop to the Athletic Program. Just a reminder that the Nativity Athletic Association requests that each family that is involved in an athletic activity here at Nativity, please donate a 12 pack of pop. This pop is stocked in our on site pop machine and creates great revenue for our programs. Flavors of pop that can be donated are: Diet Coke, Coke, Cherry Coke, Sprite, Mountain Dew, and Sunny Delight. Pop can be dropped off in the office or gymnasium. Thanks in advance for your donations.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Deep in my heart I pledge to be a peaceful person. I will try to speak respectfully to everyone and act lovingly in all that I do.