

## NATIVITY NEWS AND NOTES

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### **PRINCIPAL NEWS**

*Barb Castagna*

Dear Parents,

The Fall Festival is this Saturday, Nov. 7, following 4:00 p.m. Mass. Please join us for the festivities. There will be great food, games, music and company. Bring family, friends, and neighbors out for a night of fun.

We have K-8 conferences on Thursday, Nov. 5, and Thursday, Nov. 12. Conference schedules were in last week's communication folder. Please email or call your child's teacher if you did not receive your confirmation. Middle school conferences will be held in the cafeteria this fall. The middle school conferences are on a very tight schedule. We will work hard with parents to stay on schedule, and if parents need more than five minutes with a teacher, please schedule it with the teacher at another time. Thank you for your understanding.

#### Reminders:

- With the weather getting colder, please make sure that you update your account with Honeywell Instant Alert for Schools program if needed. This program communicates information to families through email, voicemail, or pagers. Details about this program went home earlier this year. We have information on our website or please call the office if you have questions.
- Parents/Guardians/Visitors – Please remember to sign-in at the office when entering our school. All visitors and staff members need to wear a school badge while in school. This is for the safety and security of our students.
- End of 1<sup>st</sup> trimester is Nov. 25, 2009.

#### Admissions Info Night on November 19

Do you have friends or neighbors interested in learning about Nativity of Mary School? Invite them to our fall Information Night for new admissions, Thursday, November 19, at 7 p.m. in the parish gathering space. This informal event will provide an overview of Nativity's K-8 offerings and the opportunity to meet our principal.

Other upcoming admissions events: Open House on Tuesday, January 26, 6:30 p.m., and Kindergarten Round-Up on Tuesday, February 18, 6:30 p.m. Families are also welcome to call the school office anytime to set up a personal tour or a classroom visit for their child. Please help us get the word out about these events!

#### Box Tops For Education

Wow – thank you for collecting box tops for education. During the first two months of school, we have earned \$732.30 in Box Tops alone. The 4<sup>th</sup> grade won the October Box Top contest so those two classrooms can be out of uniform on Friday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>! Congratulations. We also just

received a check for \$82.90 for Kemps caps. We receive \$.05 for every milk cap. There are also \$.05 proof of purchase tabs on other Kemps containers such as: sour cream, cottage cheese, butter, etc. This is all FREE money. That is amazing.

### SCRIP

Thank you to everyone for continuing to purchase SCRIP. This is a great way to earn money for the school. We have some special gift cards that you can purchase just for the holidays. A flyer with information will be in your folders soon. SCRIP is a great holiday gift for friends & family or as appreciation gifts for co-workers.

### Volunteer VIPs and Vacancies

VIPs: THANK YOU to the parent volunteers who kept our school's security table during Tuesday's election: Barb Hoffmann, Christine Halaska, Erin Walker, Mary Koch, and Theresa Rynda. Your time is very much appreciated!

Dad's Pancake Breakfast Vacancy: The Dad's Pancake Breakfast has been a great fundraiser for Nativity of Mary School for many years. This event has been coordinated by faithful volunteers numerous years in a row. It is time to pass the chairing duties on to a new set of Dads. With support from past coordinators and a long list of volunteers to help, this chairing opportunity should be a lot of fun! Please consider this opportunity to raise funds for our students! Contact [katymcgrane@earthlink.net](mailto:katymcgrane@earthlink.net)

### Does Your Employer Offer Matching Grants?

Recently I was shocked and thrilled to receive a call from an alum telling me that he'd like to donate \$5,000 to the school. What made the news even more exciting is that he works for General Mills, which matches employee donations made to non-profit organizations, making his donation worth a total of \$10,000!

### "52 Club"

Nov. 1st winner of \$200.00 was John Jakala.

### NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Tuesday, November 10	Magazine Sale begins
Wednesday, November 11	8:15 KIDS Council; 9:45 a.m. School Mass
Thursday, November 12	7:30 a.m. School Commission; No School; 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. K-8 Conferences
Friday, November 13	No School; Teacher Workshop
Tuesday, November 17	3:45 p.m. Choir
Thursday, November 19	9:45 a.m. School Mass; 52 Club Tickets go home

### LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

*Tina Meyer*

Monday, November 9	1:00–3:00	Jennifer McCollow, Harriet Johnson/Sara Hoepfner
Tuesday, November 10	10:00-11:35	Sue Wilson
	12:00-3:40	Jill Schreiber-Smith
Wednesday, November 11	12:10-3:00	Mayra Franco, Maria Loya
Monday, November 16	1:00–3:00	Tina Flowers
Tuesday, November 17	10:00-11:35	Linda Raab

	12:00-3:40	Roseline Shelstad
Wednesday, November 18	12:10-3:00	Dana Jones-Sell
Thursday, November 19	12:00-3:35	Carol Schirber, Nicole Machtig

Thank you, Christine Schreier, for donating books to the library.

**LUNCHROOM VOLUNTEERS**

*Jennifer Lovegreen*

Monday, November 9	M. Hanson, J. Musoke, T. Flowers, Need a Volunteer
Tuesday, November 10	K. Burns, B. Dockendorf, L. Harris, Need a Volunteer
Wednesday, November 11	K. Berkowitz, L. Peller, C. Schirber, Need a Volunteer
Monday, November 16	J. Ott, B. Kern, M. Johnson, T. Flowers
Tuesday, November 17	K. Burns, J. Johnson, P. Weichselbaum, D. Reuter
Wednesday, November 18	N. Hawton, E. Dobesh, A. Monssen, T. Reuter
Thursday, November 19	M Koch, C. Luedke, T. Cassidy, Need a Volunteer
Friday, November 20	R. Snure, R. Flentje, S. Koplín, Need a Volunteer

**PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS**

*Sherri Werner*

Monday, November 9	11:40 – 12:25	C. Flowers, M. Schreier
Tuesday, November 10	11:40 – 12:25	T. Peller, Need a Volunteer
Wednesday, November 11	11:40 – 12:25	S. Olstad, Need a Volunteer
Monday, November 16	11:40 – 12:25	C. Flowers, B. Singhel
Tuesday, November 17	11:40 – 12:25	M. Glatzmaier, Need a Volunteer
Wednesday, November 18	11:40 – 12:25	S. Hank, Need a Volunteer
Thursday, November 19	11:40 – 12:25	S. Koplín, C. Robbel
Friday, November 20	11:40 – 12:25	S. Hoepfner, J. Praska

**FLU-LIKE ILLNESS AND REPORTING ABSENCES**

*Becky Rodier RN*

When calling the attendance line with an absence, please be sure to be specific as to how high your child's fever is and if he/she has a cough or sore throat along with the fever. The Minnesota Department of Health has asked all school nurses to continue to track their school numbers for influenza-like illness. Please call each day that your child is absent with an update of his/her symptoms. Please keep encouraging your children to use good hand washing and to cover their coughs and sneezes.

**SCHOOL BASED CLINIC OPENS IN BLOOMINGTON**

*Becky Rodier RN*

Fairview Health Services, in partnership with Bloomington Public Schools, has opened a new community clinic serving children from birth to age 18. Housed at the Pond Early Childhood Family Center, 9600 3rd Ave. South, the new clinic will provide affordable medical services for Bloomington school district families. This includes our Nativity students that reside in Bloomington! The clinic will be open from 12:30 to 5 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday. They will provide immunizations, physicals and wellness exams, multi-cultural care, and treatment for acute illnesses and injuries. The clinic phone number for more information is 952-681-6276.

**MUSIC CD**

*Judy Hodgson & Marie Rule*

We are less than a month away from our recording day with Legacy Productions. On Tuesday, December 1, our students will be spending different amounts of time over a 5-hour schedule

recording tracks for our all-school music CD. The CD will feature all students in grades 1-8 on several of our favorites songs from school Masses. In addition, the middle school choirs, the middle school band, and 7th and 8th grade handbells will be recording selections. Students are working hard learning notes and polishing performances to put forth our best effort in this fun project. Keep the CD in mind for your Christmas giving. Copies will be available in time for Christmas gifts.

### **NATIVITY SKI CLUB**

*Amy Monssen*

Sign-up forms are in today's communication folder for the 2009-2010 Nativity Ski and Snowboard Club. Fourth through eighth grade students can participate. Completed registration forms and checks made out to Nativity of Mary are due by Friday, December 4th.

The dates 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 are a one-way bus trip to the slopes and parents must pick-up their children at Buck Hill. Questions and volunteers: contact Amy Monssen at (952) 888-9242 or [bmonssen@comcast.net](mailto:bmonssen@comcast.net)

### **SPRING SOCIAL/SILENT AUCTION APRIL 23RD, 2010**

*Joan McCrory*

Planning is underway for the 10th annual Spring Social/Silent Auction. In your communication folder, you will be receiving a letter and donation form asking you to keep this event in mind while you do your Christmas shopping. You may be able to pick up a great deal to donate to the Silent Auction!

The Nativity web site is also updated and ready to go! On the web site, there is a donation form to print out. Think of all the places you provide business to and ask if they would be willing to donate to our auction. It is hard to refuse a customer!

Keep your eyes open in January for more information about the Silent Auction. We appreciate your support in gaining business donations and with your own contributions!

Joan McCrory 652-884-3383 [themccroryclan@hotmail.com](mailto:themccroryclan@hotmail.com)

### **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](mailto:jane.wagemaker@nativitybloomington.org) .

### **7TH GRADE RETREAT**

*Jane Wagemaker*

7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jane.wagemaker@nativitybloomington.org) .

### **7TH GRADE TOUR**

*Jane Wagemaker*

7th graders will be touring the Adath Jeshu Temple in Minnetonka on Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **MAGAZINE SALE WILL START SOON**

*Barb Hoffmann*

Our Magazine Sale will begin on November 10th. If you are thinking of ordering or renewing magazines, please consider waiting for our Magazine Sale!! A percentage of each order benefits 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.

### **CASINO ROYALE BUY-IN PARTY** **NATIVITY SILENT AUCTION EVENT**

*Corinne Thomson*

It's not too late to join the fun! Nov 14th is the Casino Royale buy-in party. \$25 per person to Nativity gets you a night of gambling fun with \$3000 worth of play money! Drinks, appetizers and a chance to win prizes are included. Nativity "Celebrity" Dealers will be on hand. November 14th from 7-11p.m. Contact Corinne Thomson at 952-995-0680 or [corinne.thomson@target.com](mailto:corinne.thomson@target.com) to get signed up!

### **NATIVITY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION NEWS**

*Tim Thoreson*

### **Volleyball & Soccer Uniforms**

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.

### **SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

Please pray for Andrew and Thomas Forby and their family. Their great-grandfather, Stan Mirocha, passed away this week.

### **PRAYER THOUGHT**

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise. 1 Chronicles 16:25