

NATIVITY NEWS AND NOTES

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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Barb Castagna

Dear Parents,

The staff at Nativity of Mary would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We also would like to thank you for all you do to make our school a family community. Your thoughtfulness, volunteering, generosity, helpful hands, and smiling faces continue to light up our building each and every day. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

The middle school students had a wonderful Christmas concert on Tuesday night. Each year I am in "awe" at the talented students in our school. Thank you again to Mrs. Hodgson and Mrs. Rule for their amazing talent. Thanks to them, we have an excellent music program.

The concerts will be on BEC – TV. Below are the schedules for both concerts:

Nativity of Mary Gr. 6-8 Christmas Program

SHOW ID: 32107

Event Date: 12/15/2009

Show Link: <http://www.bectv.org/SearchID.asp?showID=32107>

This show will air the following times:

Friday, December 25, At 7:00:00 PM on Channel 15
Saturday, December 26, At 1:00:00 AM on Channel 15
Saturday, December 26, At 7:00:00 AM on Channel 15
Saturday, December 26, At 1:00:00 PM on Channel 15
Saturday, January 02, At 8:30:00 PM on Channel 14
Sunday, January 03, At 2:30:00 AM on Channel 14
Sunday, January 03, At 8:30:00 AM on Channel 14
Sunday, January 03, At 2:30:00 PM on Channel 14

Nativity of Mary K-5 Christmas Program

SHOW ID: 32117

Event Date: 12/21/2009

Show Link: <http://www.bectv.org/SearchID.asp?showID=32117>

This show will air the following times:

Friday, December 25, At 6:00:00 PM on Channel 15
Saturday, December 26, At 12:00:00 AM on Channel 15
Saturday, December 26, At 6:00:00 AM on Channel 15
Saturday, December 26, At 12:00:00 PM on Channel 15

Duplicate tapes available. Call (952) 681-5900, or visit our website for details. Watch Channel 96 for the complete program schedule. Also visit www.bectv.org/schoolsearch.asp for the complete schedule for your school.

www.bectv.org www.tbc14.org

The "52 Club" tickets are due when you come back from break on Thursday, Jan. 15, 2010, at noon. This is a mandatory fundraiser, and each family was sent 5 tickets to sell. Remember that these are great gifts for the holidays.

Volunteer VIPs and Vacancies

VIPs: From Sylvia Matzke-Hill

On Friday, December 11th, Nativity hosted the annual Bloomington Bus Drivers appreciation coffee and breakfast. This is a chance for all the students of Nativity to say thank you to the team who gets them to and from school safely every day! The event was a huge success and I would like to thank all who helped make this a special morning: Grade school students for the beautiful bus placemats, Judy Hodgson and the 7th grade choir for the wonderful music, Justine for the use of the kitchen and Jim for set up, The Rollwagen and Werner families for muffins and donuts, Alan & Annbolette Matzke (Hill) for hosting the event and putting together the bus driver treat bags. A great time was had by all!

Vacancies: Nativity School is always looking for ways to be a welcoming and viable educational path for families with children. A group of creative minds will be getting together on Thursday, January 7th at 6:30 p.m. in Nativity's conference room to brainstorm ideas to increase the visibility of Nativity of Mary School within area Catholic churches and communities of people. This is our chance to brainstorm ways to spread the good news of Nativity School throughout Bloomington and into surrounding suburbs. Please consider coming on January 7th. Contact Barb Castagna if you can come.

"52 Club"

The Dec. 13th winner of \$100.00 was Candi Rinowski. The \$1,000.00 winner will be announced soon. Good luck!

Reminders:

- The K-5 concert is on Dec. 21, at 7:00 p.m. An Ice-Cream social is to follow in the cafeteria.
- The school office will be closed over Christmas break. Happy New Year – we will see you on Jan. 4, 2010.
- There will be NO SCRIP sales over Christmas break so inventory can be done before the end of the calendar year.
- Jefferson and Kennedy are having Information Night for incoming 9th graders on Monday, Jan. 11th. The meetings will be in the auditoriums. The meeting for information on Honors Classes starts at 5:30 p.m. The general meeting for all incoming students starts at 7:00 p.m.

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Monday, December 21	7:00 p.m. Christmas Program Grades K-5 8:00 p.m. Ice Cream Social in Cafeteria
Tuesday, December 22	9:45 a.m. School Mass
Wednesday, December 23	No School until January 4, 2010
Monday, January 4	School Resumes
Thursday, January 7	9:45 a.m. School Mass
Friday, January 8	Out of Uniform

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

Tina Meyer

Monday, December 21	1:00–3:00	Tina Flowers
Tuesday, December 22	10:00-11:35	Charlie Shirron
	12:00-3:40	Christine Schreier, Irene Gallus
Monday, January 4	1:00–3:00	Nicole Machtig, Diajia Jones
Tuesday, January 5	10:00-11:35	Connie Nicholas
	12:00-3:40	Michelle Johnson, Jennifer Lovegreen
Wednesday, January 6	12:10-3:00	Dana Jones-Sell, Kathleen Hollingsworth
Thursday, January 7	12:00-3:35	Tina Flowers, Barb Dockendorf

Parents: You will have received two overdue notices (Dec. 10th and Dec. 17th). Each is dated if your child has overdue books. If you cannot find the book, please pay the price marked on the overdue notice. If the book is found later you are able to turn in the book and receive your money back.

Volunteers: Remember to put your schedule on your home calendars, off the original Library calendar. Let me know if you need a new copy.

Volunteers: Please let the office know when you cannot get a sub and you have not heard back from me, as I am not at school everyday. The office can notify teachers.

Dan Murphy donated the book Dallas Texas, thank you.

LUNCHROOM VOLUNTEERS

Jennifer Lovegreen

Monday, December 21	J. Ott, T. Rynda, T. Flowers, J. Musoke
Tuesday, December 22	K. Burns, J. Carol, B. Dockendorf, Need a Volunteer
Monday, January 4	T. Flowers, M. Thomson, M. Hanson, Need a Volunteer
Tuesday, January 5	C. Oldowski, J. Johnson, R. Bailey, P. Weichselbaum
Wednesday, January 6	K. Reardon, P. Weichselbaum, A. Monssen, Need a Volunteer
Thursday, January 7	M. Koch, N. Machtig, V. Mager Murphy, Need a Volunteer
Friday, January 8	R. Snure, S. Sullivan, A. Lockwood, Need a Volunteer

PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS

Sherri Werner

Monday, December 21 11:30 – 12:25 C. Flowers, M. Schreier
Tuesday, December 22 11:30 – 12:25 T. Peller, S. Hoepfner
Monday, January 4 11:30 – 12:25 C. Flowers, M. Schreier
Tuesday, January 5 11:30 – 12:25 L. Harris, Need a Volunteer
Wednesday, January 6 11:30 – 12:25 M. Glatzmaier, Need a Volunteer
Thursday, January 7 11:30 – 12:25 M. Koplin, Need a Volunteer
Friday, January 8 11:30 – 12:25 M. Leonard, Need a Volunteer

6TH GRADE CHRISTMAS PLAY

Jane Wagemaker

6th graders will be presenting "Charlie Brown's Christmas" on Tuesday, December 22 at 11:00 and 1:30 in the cafeteria. All are welcome.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Jennifer Lovegreen

Just a reminder about any on-line shopping that you have left. Make sure to go in thru www.boxtops4education.com and Nativity will get a percentage of your order. It's a great way to earn more free money for our school!! Also, this week we are putting another sheet in your communication folder to tape your box tops on. You can make copies and give them to your relatives over the holidays to have them save for you also. Our December contest will be over as of the 22nd – it's an ice cream party, so get your box tops in for your class to enjoy some good treats!! Thanks for all the support for a new playground.

BASKETBALL CONCESSIONS

Liz Schoenecker

Thanks so much for the great response for basketball concession sales! Shift assignments went home in last week's communications folder. We still need volunteers for the following two shifts: Sat. 1/23, 7:45 - 10:15 a.m. and Thur. 2/25, 4:15 - 8 p.m. Please contact Liz Schoenecker if you can work either of these days (cell 952-237-8148, email lizschoenecker@msn.com).

K-5 CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Judy Hodgson

The K- 5 Christmas program will be next Monday, Dec. 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Students should wear "dress up" clothes for the concert. The 4th and 5th grade choir and the 5th grade band will also be performing. Students in grades K –3 should report to their classrooms by 6:45 p.m. 4th and 5th graders will be seated in the church with their parents and will be cued to go to the gathering space before it is their turn to perform. After the classes perform they will be dismissed to sit with their parents. All are invited to attend the ice-cream social (8th grade sponsored) in the cafeteria following the concert.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENTS

Middle School Teachers

Many middle school students are in need of school supplies. Over winter break, please help replenish items they may need... paper, pencils, pens, etc. Thanks!

8TH GRADERS AND PARENTS

Jane Wagemaker

Permission slips for our Monastery trip are due on Friday, December 18th. Parents are welcome to come along.

CONGRATULATIONS

Rachel Flentje

Congratulations to sixth grader David Tran who was the pianist for the Bloomington Theatre and Art Center's Annual Holiday Art Sale's "Festive Reception", December 2nd.

2009-2010 YEARBOOKS NOW AVAILABLE TO ORDER!

Order your 2009-2010 Nativity of Mary Yearbook today! Cost of the yearbook is \$19.00. There are two ways to order:

** Online at www.jostens.com (or you can paste the following link directly into your browser: <http://jostensyearbooks.com?REF=A03965090>). If you order online before January 23, 2010, you can also customize your yearbook with foil stamped name personalization and icons (a small charge applies).

OR

** Return the order form in this week's Communication Folder to Wanda in the school office by March 1, 2010. Please staple your check (made out to Nativity of Mary School) to the order form. Personalization (foil stamped names and icons) is available for orders returned to the school office on or before January 23, 2010. Follow instructions on the form to purchase personalization (optional).

ALSO – don't forget to submit your photos for consideration to be included in the yearbook!

The Yearbook Staff invites students and parents to submit photos for the yearbook. If you've got great photos of school and community events or you and your friends just having fun, we'd like to see them. Our photographers can't be everywhere. Help us get as many photos as possible to create a terrific book everyone will want to have. Here is how you can submit photos online:

- Go to: <https://images.jostens.com/login>
- If it does not automatically log you into the site, enter username: 400007864 and password: nat10.
- Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload.
- Enter information about the photo and provide contact information in case the staff needs additional information.
- Click "Save Details".

It's that easy! Submit your photos today! The last day to submit photos is 2/15/2010.

The Yearbook Staff will review all photos and determine final yearbook content. We cannot guarantee that all submissions can be used in the book.

Please email Sheri Hank at sheri.hank@jostens.com if you are having any difficulty ordering your yearbook or submitting your photos.

SKI AND SNOWBOARDING CLUB

Amy Monssen

Fourth through eighth grade students participating in Ski and Snowboarding Club, the dates for the Nativity Ski Club have been set and are as follows:

Ski and Snowboard Club Schedule

Friday	January 8	After school	Buck Hill	one-way bus trip
Friday	January 22	After school	Buck Hill	one-way bus trip
Thursday	February 12	After school	Buck Hill	one-way bus trip
Friday	February 26	After school	Buck Hill	one-way bus trip

Buck Hill Trip

Parents must sign out their bus-riding students before leaving Buck Hill by 7:30 p.m. OR bus-riding students that will be staying at Buck Hill after 7:30 p.m. will give the chaperone a note from their parents giving permission to stay later unchaperoned. Bus-riding students that are to be picked up by someone other than their parents will give the chaperone a note from their parents. Look for us at a table in one of the Chalets. If it is crowded in the Main Chalet we'll have to use another building.

Please contact Amy Monssen at (952) 888-9242 or bmonssen@comcast.net if you have any questions. PS - Pray for Snow!!!

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.

NATIVITY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION NEWS

Tim Thoreson

Basketball for students in Grades K-3

Intramural basketball for grades K-1 will start on Saturday Jan. 16 and run through Saturday, February 20. It will take place in the early afternoon. A schedule will be sent home to all who have registered in this week's communication folder.

Students in grades 2/3 will begin playing games on January 9. A game schedule will be made available as soon as the league sends it out. All students in grades 2/3 will have their first practice from 1:30-3:00 on this Saturday, December 19, right here at the Nativity Gymnasium. Any questions regarding 2/3 basketball please contact Tim Thoreson via e-mail at tim.thoreson@nativitybloomington.org.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Nancer Bonkat and her family. Nancer has a new baby brother, Nanchan Bonkat. He was born on Dec. 7th at 9:45 a.m. He was 9 lbs. and 21.5 inches

PRAYER THOUGHT

Come Lord Jesus. Come into our hearts, so that when the time comes, we will be prepared to join you in everlasting joy.