

NATIVITY NEWS AND NOTES

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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Barb Castagna

Dear Parents,

The marathon walk was last Friday. We ended up walking inside due to the weather, but I think everyone had fun walking with his or her PALS and friends. The first collection day for the marathon is Tuesday, Oct. 6. Thank you for supporting this event. I hope we reach our goal!

Grandparent/Special Friend Day is Wednesday, October 14th. This is a special day to invite your grandparent/special friend to school to attend our school Mass and our Book fair. Please look in today's communication folder for information about Grandparent/Special Friend Day and to register your special friends. Please send in the registration forms for our special guests so that we can plan accordingly for refreshments.

Our first Parent Drive Day is on October 14th. For new families – a Parent Drive Day means that parents/guardians need to provide transportation for their child(ren). There is **no bussing** from the Bloomington Public Schools on Wednesday, Oct. 14th, because they do not have school that day. Last names that begin with A-L should drop off/pick up in the north parking lot. Last names that begin with M-Z should drop off/pick up in the south parking lot.

The Metropolitan Achievement Test (MAT 8) for grades 3, 5, and 7 will be given to the students next week. Please have students get lots of rest.

Picture Day is coming! – Note the Date Change

Class group pictures are on Thursday, October 22nd. **All students must be in uniform this day.** On Friday, October 23rd, it is individual student picture day. Students are out of uniform on this day.

Alumni News

These 2009 AHA grads received Scholar of Distinction honors because they had an *average* score of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. They are:

Kevin Kent, Bloomington

Anastasia Miller, Bloomington

Danae Nelson, Bloomington
Rachel Nichols, Bloomington
Marissa Smith, Bloomington

AP Scholar with Honor Award

Students who receive an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.

Kelley Schneider '09, Bloomington

An AP Scholar Award

Students who received a grade of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams:

Leah Hubbard '09, Bloomington

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Monday, October 5	MAT 8 Testing
Tuesday, October 6	1 st Marathon Collection; 3:45 p.m. Choir
Thursday, October 8	7:30 a.m. School Commission; 9:45 a.m. School Mass; 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 Drama

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

Tina Meyer

Monday, October 5	1:00–3:00	Nicole Machtig
Tuesday, October 6	10:00-11:35	Need a Volunteer
	12:00-3:40	Michelle Johnson, Jennifer Lovegreen
Wednesday, October 7	12:10-3:00	Dana Jones-Sell, Kathleen Hollingsworth
Thursday, October 8	12:00-3:35	Amy Monssen, Kathleen Hollingsworth

Book Fair workers are needed for the following times:

Saturday, October 10	Set-up: 1 p.m. - Need 8 volunteers
Saturday, October 10	After Mass at 5 p.m. – Need 2 volunteers
Sunday, October 11	After Mass at 9:30 - Need 2 volunteers
Sunday, October 11	After Mass at 11:30 - Need 1 volunteer
Monday, October 12	9:00-12:15 - 1volunteer
Monday, October 12	12:15-4:00 - 2 volunteers
Tuesday, October 13	9:00-12:15 - 1 volunteer
Tuesday, October 13	12:15-4:00 - 2 volunteers
Wednesday, October 14	
Grandparent's /Sp. Friends Day	10:30 (after Mass) until done – Need 15 volunteers
	Pack up will start about 1:00 p.m.

LUNCHROOM VOLUNTEERS

Jennifer Lovegreen

Monday, October 5 T. Flowers, J. Ott, M. Thomson, J. Musake, **Need a Volunteer**
Tuesday, October 6 C. Oldowski, A. Monssen, A. Lockwood, **Need a Volunteer**
Wednesday, October 7 K. Reardon, T. Cassidy, B. Werner, **Need a Volunteer**
Thursday, October 8 M. Koch, N. Machtig, C. Luedke, **Need a Volunteer**
Friday, October 9 M. Huber, E. Dobesh, J. Lovegreen, **Need a Volunteer**

PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS

Sherri Werner

Monday, October 5 11:40 – 12:25 C. Flowers, S. Lindberg
Tuesday, October 6 11:40 – 12:25 H. Burton, **Need a Volunteer**
Wednesday, October 7 11:40 – 12:25 **Need 2 Volunteers**
Thursday, October 8 11:40 – 12:25 C. Robbel, **Need a Volunteer**
Friday, October 9 11:40 – 12:25 B. Singhel, **Need a Volunteer**

VOLUNTEER VIPS AND VACANCIES

Katy McGrane

Thank vous: Our Marathon afternoon last Friday was a walking success regardless of the rainy conditions outside. Many thanks go to Patti Weichselbaum, LuAnn Garlets, Brenda Harley, Mary Koch, Dana Sell, Beverly Singhel, Jenny Wheeler, Michelle Knoll, Barb Dockendorf, Erin Dobesh and Kristi Reardon for their help that afternoon. Please see below to help with our Marathon money counting efforts coming soon!!

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

Collection and counting of the Marathon monetary donations... Tuesday, October 6th and Tuesday, October 20th at 10:00 at Nativity office area. Contact Patti Weichselbaum at pattiw@visi.com or 952-888-4082

If you can help Barb Hoffmann with the News and Notes publications, contact Wanda Hagerty wanda.hagerty@nativitybloomington.org

SCHOOL MARKETING COMMITTEE

The school marketing committee is meeting soon to discuss PR plans for the upcoming Fall Festival, School Information Night, Open House and K-Round up for next year. If you can help with any kind of publicity or distribution of PR materials to help promote these events or our school please contact Principal Castagna or Audrey Riddle at mnariddle@comcast.net. We would really love your help spreading the word about the great things going on at Nativity of Mary School. Thank You!

CD RECORDING PROJECT

Judy DeBruyne-Hodgson

Students are busy learning music for our 2nd CD recording project. You may remember our first school CD recorded in 2006. We will be recording 12 new tracks on December 1st. Keep our school CD in mind for your Christmas gifts this year, our recording company has promised us it

will be ready for gift giving. The CD will feature the whole student body. Our middle school students will also be featured in their performing groups of choir, handbells and band.

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 track their school numbers for influenza-like illness. We have had a few cases of influenza-like illness, but our numbers have been very good to this point. Please keep encouraging your children to use good hand washing and to cover their coughs and sneezes.

OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Each year an increasing number of women are diagnosed with breast cancer at a younger age. 70 to 80 percent of women who get breast cancer have no family history of the disease. Monthly breast self-examination along with a yearly clinical exam is an excellent way to monitor breast health. Follow mammogram guidelines. Be your own health care advocate! Breast cancer that is detected early is highly curable. Early detection saves lives.

Carolyn Vasos – Breast Cancer Survivor 2002 Mother of Matthew (Gr. 6)

Shelly Bjick – Breast Cancer Survivor 2003 Mother of Michael (Gr. 6)

NATIVITY OF MARY YOUTH ROOM

Karl Hemmesch

Attention parents of 6th, 7th and 8th graders. The youth room will again be open this year, to allow a place for the youth of the school and parish to foster relationships that will help them grow in their parish community.

The Youth Room will be open Mondays starting October 5th. It will be open from after school until 6:00 p.m. Due to other parish activities the youth room will not be open Wednesdays this year for 6th-8th grades. This is an opportunity for kids to relax, get some homework done, as well as participate in service projects that will be taking place through out the year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me in the Parish Office 952-881-8671 ext 322,p or just stop by on Mondays.

INNISBROOK FUNDRAISER

Barb Hoffmann

Thank you to everyone who purchased wrapping paper and gift items from Innisbrook! Our school will benefit from your purchases.

Please remember that you can order online later in the year if you need more products. Our school still benefits from those later orders. There are slight differences on how the later orders are handled, for example, they are shipped directly to your home. Those orders can be completed online – it's simple. Just be sure to use our school number 104568, and shop at www.innisbrook.com.

Thank you for your participation!

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Please keep the Rodier family in your prayers. Tom's grandma, Mary Ann Rodier, passed away last weekend.

PRAYER THOUGHT

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