

## NATIVITY NEWS AND NOTES

October 8, 2009

PRINCIPAL NEWS

*Barb Castagna*

Dear Parents,

Grandparents'/Special Friend Day is on Wednesday, October 14th. Mass is at 9:45 a.m. We encourage everyone to come right at the start of school, and you can join your grandchild/special friend in class and walk into church with him or her. After Mass, everyone can visit the book fair, classrooms, and enjoy refreshments following Mass. Students with their last name starting with **A-L** will visit classrooms and enjoy refreshments from 10:45-11:15, and from 11:15-11:45 they will have a chance to go to the book fair. Students with last names starting with **M-Z** will have the opposite schedule. It is important that you follow the schedule presented to help with overcrowding. All special friends need to be 18 or older unless they are with a supervised adult. Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you next week.

To help with any questions, our KIDS Council students will also be available to help out when needed. KIDS Council members will be stationed at different doorways so that all of our grandparents/special visitors can sign-in and also get a nametag. All visitors should wear a nametag. This will help with the safety and security for our students and staff.

Each week in the communication folder there is a lot of information that goes home to all of you. We are thankful for the volunteers who stuff the folders each week. It takes a lot of time. In order to help our volunteers and Wanda, please make sure that any information you want printed in the News and Notes or the flyers that you need put in the folders are sent to the office by Tuesday at 12:00 p.m. If information is not here by noon on Tuesday, it will not be put into the communication folders until the next week. Thank you for your cooperation.

In today's communication folder there are flyers regarding conference times in November for **Middle School Students only**. Please fill out the form for your child(ren) and return it to the

school office by Wednesday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>. K-5 forms will be sent after the Middle School students are scheduled so that we can schedule siblings at both levels close together.

## **Flu Clinic**

Nativity of Mary Church will have a Seasonal Flu Clinic on Wednesday, Oct. 21, 3:30-5:30 p.m. in the Gathering Space. Please bring your insurance card. Cost without the insurance card is \$24.99.

### Reminders:

- There is no school on Oct. 15 & 16. There will be no communication folder next week and no standing SCRIP orders.
- Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> is a **Parent Drive Day**, and there is **no bussing**. When dropping off and picking up students that day, students with last names starting with A-L use the north lot. Students with last names starting with M-Z, use the south lot. This will change if the parking lot is not complete. There is a slight delay this week due to the rain.
- Final marathon collection is Tuesday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Group picture day is Thursday, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Students should be in uniform. On Friday, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>, it is individual picture day. Students can be out of uniform on Friday.
- The End of the 1<sup>st</sup> mid-tri is Wednesday, Oct. 14<sup>h</sup>. The mid-tri reports will be sent home with students in a sealed envelope in their communication folder on Thursday, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## **Volunteer VIPs and Vacancies**

**Thank yous:** There are SO MANY energetic volunteers here at Nativity of Mary who are busy doing vast amounts of behind-the-scenes work. One such group of volunteers is the K-5<sup>th</sup> grade head room parent clan with Jennifer Lovegreen as their coordinator. A huge thank you goes out to the following volunteers: K--Kristi Rollwagen, Michelle Ward, and Annette Poelvoorde, 1<sup>st</sup>--Tammy Forby and Heidi Burton, 2<sup>nd</sup>--Denise Holland and Kristi Reardon, 3<sup>rd</sup>—Jennifer Lovegreen and Sherri Werner, 4<sup>th</sup>—Mary Tracy and Joan McCrory, 5<sup>th</sup>—Stephanie Lindberg and Tammy Price.

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

- ❖ You can lend a hand in the cafeteria on the morning of Wed., Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> serving refreshments for Grandparent's Day. Contact Roseline Shelstad at [roseline@demaricconsultinggroup.com](mailto:roseline@demaricconsultinggroup.com).
- ❖ If you can use your computing skills to edit the News and Notes, contact Wanda Hagerty at [wanda.hagerty@nativitybloomington.org](mailto:wanda.hagerty@nativitybloomington.org). This can be done after school or during the school day at Nativity of Mary.

## **52 Club**

The October 4<sup>th</sup> winner of \$200.00 is Carol Schirber.

## **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Victoria Ferrill. She has a new baby sister, Isabella Violet-Hagelin Ferrill. Isabella was born on Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, and was 6 lbs. 12 oz. and 19 inches long.

## **NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS**

Monday, October 12                      Bookfair-School Gym

Tuesday, October 13                    Bookfair-School Gym

Wednesday, October 14                Bookfair-School Gym; 8:15 a.m. KIDS Council: 9:45 a.m. School Mass

**Parent Drive Day-No Bussing; A-L North Lot; M-Z South Lot**

	Grandparents Day; End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Mid-Tri
Thursday, October 15	MEA No School
Friday, October 16	MEA No School
Tuesday, October 20	3:45 p.m. Choir; Final Marathon Collection
Thursday, October 22	Group Pictures in Uniform; 9:45 a.m. School Mass; 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Recruiting 10:45– 11:45 a.m. and 1:15 – 2:15 p.m. 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. - Virtus Training in Gathering Space Mid Tri Reports go Home
Friday, October 23	School Individual Pictures; Out of Uniform

**LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS**

*Tina Meyer*

Monday, October 12	1:00–3:00	Jennifer McCollow, Harriet Johnson/Sara Hoepfner
Tuesday, October 13	10:00-11:35	Sue Wilson
	12:00-3:40	Jill Schreiber-Smith
Wednesday, October 14	12:10-3:00	Mayra Franco, Maria Loya
Monday, October 19	1:00–3:00	Tina Flowers
Tuesday, October 20	10:00-11:35	Linda Raab
	12:00-3:40	Roseline Shelstad
Wednesday, October 21	12:10-3:00	Dana Jones-Sell
Thursday, October 22	12:00-3:35	Michelle Vodovnik, Kristi Koelfgen

**BOOK FAIR**

Scholastic Book Fair comes to our school **OCTOBER 12, 13, and 14. New this year is an opportunity to shop after Mass on October 10 & 11.**

Children will be able to preview and purchase books on OCTOBER 12 AND 13. GRAND PARENT DAY WILL BE OCTOBER 14. Everyone is welcome to come and buy books any of the three days of the fair, during school hours.

When you visit the fair, look for the Classroom Wish List display to see how you can help build your child's classroom library.

The Book Fair promotes learning while raising money for the school library.

**URGENTLY NEEDED: BOOKFAIR VOLUNTEERS TO WORK ON:**

Saturday, October10	1 p.m. Setup	8 volunteers
Saturday, October 10	5:00	2 volunteers
Sunday, October 11	9:30	2 volunteers
Monday, October 12	9:00 - 12:15	1 volunteer
	12:15 - 4:00	2 volunteers
Tuesday, October13	12:15 - 4:00	1 volunteer

**GRANDPARENTS / SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY**

Wednesday, October 14	after mass until done	15 volunteers
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Pack up will start about 1:00.

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED ALREADY.**

**LUNCHROOM VOLUNTEERS**

*Jennifer Lovegreen*

Monday, October 12            T. Flowers, M. Hanson, T. Rynda, **Need a Volunteer**

Tuesday, October 13	J. Johnson, P. Weichselbaum, L. Harris, <b>Need a Volunteer</b>
Wednesday, October 14	K. Berkowitz, C. Schirber, L. Peller, <b>Need a Volunteer</b>
Monday, October 19	T. Flowers, J. Ott, J. Musoke, <b>Need a Volunteer</b>
Tuesday, October 20	B. Dockendorf, E. Dobesh, M. Johnson, T. Reuter
Wednesday, October 21	N. Hawton, P. Weichselbaum, D. Reuter, <b>Need a Volunteer</b>
Thursday, October 22	M. Koch, N. Machtig, T. Cassidy, <b>Need a Volunteer</b>
Friday, October 23	R. Snure, S. Sullivan, A. Matzke, <b>Need a Volunteer</b>

**PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS**

*Sherri Werner*

Monday, October 12	11:40–12:25	C. Flowers, M Schreier
Tuesday, October 13	11:40–12:25	T. Peller, T. McCollow
Wednesday, October 14	11:40–12:25	M. Glatzmaier, S. Olstad
Monday, October 19	11:40–12:25	C. Flowers, <b>Need a Volunteer</b>
Tuesday, October 20	11:40–12:25	L. Harris, <b>Need a Volunteer</b>
Wednesday, October 21	11:40–12:25	S. Hoepfner, <b>Need a Volunteers</b>
Thursday, October 22	11:40–12:25	S. Hank, C. Robbel
Friday, October 23	11:40–12:25	M. Powers, <b>Need a Volunteer</b>

**MARKETING HELP NEEDED**

*Audrey Riddle*

The Nativity marketing committee is meeting now to make plans for our upcoming school recruiting events. If you would like to help us spread the word about our school, please contact Audrey Riddle at [mnariddle@comcast.net](mailto:mnariddle@comcast.net).

**BOWL-A-RAMA PARTY**

You are invited to the 6th Annual Bowl-A-Rama Party for Adults!

When           Friday October 23rd 9-11 p.m.

Where           Airport Bowl in Richfield

Cost            \$20.00 per person for a night of bowling & snacks.

All money goes directly to our great school. Cash bar will be available.

Why?            Because it's a great way to spend time with other Nativity parents.

You'll probably see some familiar faces and hopefully meet some new people too!

The tickets to this event were originally sold at the Spirit of Spring Auction. But lucky for you, we still have space available. Talk to your friends about it or just sign up yourself. Either way, you'll have fun & raise some money for Nativity. Please e-mail or phone Mary Kay Hird to register @ Bloomtown114@aol.com or 952-888-6834.

Can't remember if you signed up at the Auction last spring? No problem. If you did already register you will receive a note in the communication folder.

---One More thing. New this year. Halloween Costumes Optional!---

Hope to hear from you soon.

Hosted by: Lisa & Bob Harris, Judy & Peder Skogmo, Mary Kay & Mark Hird

## **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**

*Jennifer Lovegreen*

Congratulations to Luke Matlon for winning our Sept. Box Tops Contest. He collected over \$25 worth of box tops himself! I'm happy to announce that we collected \$508 in the month of Sept!! THAT IS AWESOME!! October's contest is for an entire GRADE!! The grade that sends in the most box tops from Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> - Friday Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> gets to be OUT OF UNIFORM the third Friday of November! When you send in your sheets or ziplocs, you can still put your child's name on it as I have a list of all the kids in school and will put it in the appropriate grade! Let's try and beat our Sept. collection!! One important reminder - EXPIRED BOX TOPS DO NOT COUNT! I have to take them off your sheets, as they will not give us credit for those! Check those dates on the bottom of the box top! Remind your teachers to clip those kleenex boxes and baby wipes!! One more reminder - if you do any on line shopping - PLEASE go through [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com). Our school gets a percentage just by shopping through this website!!

## **ORDER HOLIDAY WREATHS/GREENERY**

*Patty Cole*

Just a reminder, if you have not already placed an order, the last day to pre-order your Holiday wreath/greenery from Boy Scout Troop 374 is Friday Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>. To place an order, please contact Patty Cole at 952-831-0038 or place an order via e-mail at [pcole@wenzelengineering.com](mailto:pcole@wenzelengineering.com). Wreaths will be available for pick-up the weekend of Nov. 21-22, before and after all Masses at Nativity and St. Ed's. Make checks payable to BSA Troop 374, and specify at which Parish you would like to pick up your order. 25-inch wreaths and door swags are \$16/ea; 36" wreaths are \$25/ea; 48" wreaths are \$40/ea. Other items are also available.

## **8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TO OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

*Jane Wagemaker*

8<sup>th</sup> grade will participate in Operation Christmas Child on Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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) .

## **7<sup>TH</sup> 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) .

## **NATIVITY ATHLETICS**

*Tim Thoreson*

### **Boys & Girls 7/8 Basketball Tryouts/Placements**

This year Nativity will have 2 girls' teams and 2 boys' teams for players in grades 7 and 8. Tryouts/Placements will be held on the following dates and times:

Boys: Thursday October 22, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Girls: Wednesday October 28, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Attendance at the tryout/placement is mandatory as it assists in determining at what level to place each player. If for some reason a player cannot attend please contact Tim Thoreson at [tim.thoreson@nativitybloomington.org](mailto:tim.thoreson@nativitybloomington.org). A reminder is also being sent home in this week's communication folder.

### **Athletic Team and Individual Photos**

Photos for Cub and Varsity Volleyball and Cub and Varsity Soccer will take place on Wednesday October 21. An order form will be sent home in the communication folder. Picture time for all volleyball players will be 4:00 and all soccer players will be 4:40.

### **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 office or gymnasium. Thanks in advance for your donations.

### **SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

Please pray for the Luhm family. Katilyn, Shannon, and Ashley's grandfather, Christopher Flynn, passed away last week.

### **PRAYER THOUGHT**

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