

Dear Nativity Families:

Advent begins at Nativity of Mary School. We celebrated Advent this week with an Advent Service on Monday, the Nativity band at the MOA, our 6th Grade class at Feed My Starving Children, the 2nd Grade at Summer House, Primary Prayer, Mass, Adoration and a visit from St. Nicholas. **WHAT A BEAUTIFUL FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT!**



HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE SATURDAY!

Volunteers needed. Join us this Saturday, Dec. 8th as the Nativity PTO hosts its 2nd Annual Holiday Boutique. This is a great opportunity to get involved while Christmas shopping! We are in need of volunteers to help set up, run the event, and clean up afterwards. This is going to be a fun and festive event. Please sign up at "[Sign Up Genius Boutique.](#)" The profits from this fundraiser benefit the PTO.

NATIVITY OF MARY 52 CLUB RAFFLE: This is the school's first all-school fundraiser of the year. As a family with TADS tuition, you have already bought out of this fundraiser; however, the more tickets you sell now, the more tuition credit you will earn!

- 1) **Don't want to buy any additional tickets?** Fill out the ones that you've received in your packet to enter the drawing (You've already paid for these through TADS.)
- 2) **Want to sell more?** Fill out the tickets AND send in a check with your order form for any number of additional tickets. **THE MORE YOU SELL, THE MORE YOU EARN** (A maximum of \$750 can be earned.)
- 3) **Sign up to sell at Masses:** Click here for the "[Sign Up Genius Link.](#)"

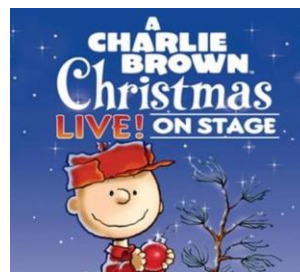
NATIVITY OF MARY 3rd ANNUAL APPEAL: Nativity of Mary School has invited parishioners and Nativity supporters to contribute to our Annual Fund. This is our third year reaching out for support. If your family, or extended family, would like to make a donation to the school, you may donate by sending a check to the school office, mailing a donation to 9901 E Bloomington Freeway, Bloomington, MN 54520 or donate online at: ([DONATE BY CLICKING HERE](#)). To date we have raised \$34,400 toward a goal of \$85,000 by June 2019.

MAKE A GIFT TO LUNCH! Nativity of Mary School has some families who struggle to pay for hot, school lunches. If you would consider making a gift to our Lunch Angel Account, we would appreciate your support. Please make checks payable to Nativity of Mary School (Angel Account.)

NATIVITY OF MARY PREK-Gr. 5 CONCERT-TUES., DEC. 11:

Please arrive at 6:40 pm. Students in PreK-3 can meet in classrooms. Students in 4-5th Grade can meet in the church. Dress in your Christmas best! Preschool performs first and then can meet their families in the back of church. We hope everyone can staff for the entire concert!

6th GRADE CHRISTMAS PLAY-WED., DEC. 19th: All family and friends are welcome to come see "A Charlie Brown Christmas Show." You may come to the 10:15 am and 1:30 pm show. Both will be in the Nativity Gathering Space. This is a free event for the entire family.



MISSION: Nativity of Mary Catholic School provides a Catholic education that fosters academic excellence and spiritual growth while preparing students to become responsible citizens in a global society.

DEC. 6: NEWSLETTER

[Can't find your paper copy?](#)
[Click here for the entire newsletter and attachments on our website.](#)

DEC. 7: Spirit Wear Day!

DEC. 8:

- Holiday Boutique (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.)
- Immaculate Conception Masses at Nativity

DEC. 11: Preschool to Grade 5 Christmas Concert at 7 p.m. in the Church

DEC. 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass 9:45 a.m.

JOIN US ON:

[SCHOOL WEBSITE](#)
[INSTAGRAM \(Click\)](#)
[FACEBOOK \(Click\)](#)

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS CENTER OF EXCELLENCE - STUDENT TRY OUT (4-8th):

Do you dream of going into acting? Do you have a great voice? See this week's enclosed audition information to pre-register your child to audition with CSCOE! If you are in 4-8th grades, fill out the application form at: <http://bit.ly/2QwaNEq> and pick an audition date at: <http://bit.ly/2TzhMeG>

PRESCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2019-20: Students who will be four next fall and in their last year of preschool, are invited to apply for scholarships.

Apply: <https://www.grantinterface.com/User/Register?urlkey=earlychildhood>

KUDOS:

- **52 Club:** Winners this week are Chad & Rebecca Northup! (\$200)
- **Band:** Performances at the MOA – it was fantastic! Thanks Dr. Rule.
- **Positivity Project–Character Strength:** (Words and Actions affect Others)–Congratulations to Brynne DeBrule & Santi Connell. (Gratitude) Congratulations to Isaac Kapsner and Cat Sievert!

REMINDERS:

- **APPARELNOW:** Has both Nativity of Mary Church and School logos! Visit www.apparelnow.com and use the "Find a Store" box to enter "Nativity of Mary." (Proceeds this year will benefit Lynn Robertson)
- **EDUCATIONAL OUTFITTERS:** Proceeds will benefit Lynn Robertson, order at: <http://www.educationaloutfitters.com/MN>
- **BLOOMINGTON CUSTOM EMBROIDERY:** Various spirit wear items are available and will also support Lynn Robertson. You may order at: <http://www.4alarmclothing.com/Nativity.html>

Blessings – Mindy Reeder, PRINCIPAL mreeder@nativitybloomington.org

Upcoming **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

FAMILY ARTS DAY: Saturday, December 15

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the [Bloomington Center for the Arts](#)



JANUARY 12, 2019
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Nativity of Mary Catholic Church

*Charism
Discernment
Retreat*

Cost: \$10, includes lunch
Contact: Cinthia Biros for registration
information at
cbiros@nativitybloomington.org

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Learn what it's like to be a BSM Red Knight! Attend our Open House Monday, January 7, 2019, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. There is a lot to consider when choosing a high school, and we want to show you first-hand what it is like to be a part of the Benilde-St. Margaret's community. Register for one of our Open Houses at bsmschool.org/visit. It's time to become a Red Knight! The priority application deadline for the 2019-20 school year is January 18, 2019. Apply today at bsmschool.org



LUNCH UPDATES:

EDUCATE ONLINE LUNCH PAYMENT UPDATE: Educate is currently working to resolve any warning display that appears when you make online payments. Please be assured that user data is not in jeopardy. We hope to have this fully resolved soon, but in the meantime we have learned that this security warning is only displaying in Chrome, so you may wish to use another browser, such as Firefox or Explorer.

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HIGHER POWERED LEARNING PROGRAM at NATIVITY

Nativity of Mary School is partnering with the University of Notre Dame in a three year grant through their Higher Powered Learning Program. Their staff is working directly with our teachers, four this year, but all of our teachers over the next three years, to implement a personalized learning program for each child – referred to as Blended Learning.

What are our BLAST teachers doing now? On December 7 the Blast team will attend an all day training this Friday with Notre Dame.

All Nativity Teachers? All Nativity teachers continue to read their Growth Mindset books and are reading the December chapter on Equity verses Equality.