



History Day Projects

Dear Nativity Families:

I wanted to invite all of our school families to join me in praying for the Long family, both 5th grade teachers at our school. We are sad to share with you that the husband of Holly Long, father of David Long, passed away suddenly this Tuesday. Thank you for your support and prayers. We do have counselors available here each week if you wish to reach out to them for your child as our school has experienced several losses this year. Here are their contacts:

- **Counselor K-6** – Jackie Virnig - jvirnig@nativitybloomington.org
- **Counselor 7-8** – Carrie Cooley - ccooley@isd271.org

YOU ARE REGISTERED! With TADS, we now have automatic enrollment. If your child is in Preschool to Grade 7, they are automatically enrolled for 2019-20. (Please login to confirm their grade level for next year.) There is a separate letter enclosed reviewing this. In addition, you'll find a letter from our School Advisory and Finance Councils announcing next year's tuition. We are honored to partner with you and invite you to share any questions or concerns that you may have. Thank you for your trust in Nativity.

MIDYEAR TESTING BEGAN THIS WEEK! As part of our grant program, Nativity of Mary School is doing midyear assessments with NWEA Map testing this week and next week. This is a midyear check in to ensure that your child is on a path of success in their learning. Teachers will use these results to help build in interventions or challenges for your child midyear. These results will be shared with you at conferences in March.

THE NATIVITY READ-A-THON WRAPS UP! Thanks to our Read-A-Thon committee for a great "Camp Read-A-Lot" event despite the interruption of time off. Please be sure to get in your pledges and minutes so that the committee can tally and send prizes!

MESSY ART NIGHT – Sun., Feb. 17 (4-6 p.m.) The PTO is hosting a **FREE** family event. There will be 10 stations of art projects for the kids to explore with their imagination. We are asking for parents to help volunteer and offer some guidance for these little inventors. Follow the link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0444A8A728A4FA7-messy> ****See the enclosed fliers.**

- **NEW THIS YEAR AT MESSY ART NIGHT:** *Come and meet a local Minnesota award winning artist. **Shelley Holl** will share how her talent has become her career! Please come meet Shelly and let your children see what they can do with their talents!*

6th GRADE HISTORY DAY PROJECTS: Our 6th grade students have worked hard to go back in time and learn about history. Their projects are being displayed tomorrow, so come and check out their hard work. Mr. Gargaro, our Middle School social studies teacher took on this new project to help teach the love of history. In future years, students will be encouraged to compete at Minnesota History Day competitions. *(Two projects are pictured above.)*



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.

FEB. 7: NEWSLETTER

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

FEB. 8: PAJAMA DAY!

Many classrooms will be celebrating the end of the Read-A-Thon with a S'more Party!

FEB 12: Financial Aid

Assistance Night (Spanish interpreter available) – 4:30-6:30 p.m.

FEB. 13: 7th & 8th Grade meetings for Chicago 6:30 & 7:30 p.m.

FEB. 14: Valentine parties!

FEB. 15: "Clash Day" out-of-uniform; Volleyball Game 9:45 a.m.; Talent Show 1:15 p.m. (Ski Club 4 p.m.)

FEB.17: MESSY ART NIGHT 4-6 p.m.

*****SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE!**

SAVE THE DATES:

- **March 15-Men's Club 7th Annual Lenten Fish Fry Festival (4-9 p.m.)** – This is not just a fish fry, but a family event with fun activities. Plan for a great night and email if you can help at: andy.wuebben@farmprogress.com
- **April 13th Spirit of Spring Event "Denim & Diamonds!" (6 – 11 p.m.)** – Join us for a night out you won't forget. Jazz up your denim

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2019-20

- **K-8 TADS SCHOLARSHIPS DUE FEB. 17:** Complete your TADS financial aid forms by February 17, 2019 in order to be eligible for the largest scholarships through Aim Higher. Apply online at: <https://secure.tads.com/Accounts/Login.aspx?fa=1&lang=en>
- **PRESCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2019-20:** Students who will be four next fall and in their last year of preschool are invited to apply: <https://www.grantinterface.com/User/Register?urlkey=earlychildhood>

NEW STUDENTS for 2019-20: For current families, TADS does a rollover, but your child may not have ended up in the appropriate grade, so please login to check and change. If your child is not presently at Nativity, but coming in the fall, please register them online! ([Click to register](#))

NATIVITY FUNDRAISERS:

- **52 Club Raffle:** Winners to date are: Mark & Peg Backes; Welly & Dana Chou; Debbie Walker; Nelson Precision Turning; Lisa Pero; and Guerline Alcenat. Congratulations!
- **ANNUAL FUND:** The Annual Fund raises critical dollars for our school. Our goal this year is \$85,000. To date we have raised \$50,760. Thank you for your support. Ask your business to match your donation. Invite grandparents and relatives to support our school. [DONATE ONLINE](#)

VIRTUS TRAINING IN FEBRUARY: Do you plan to volunteer but haven't attended a Virtus session? St. John the Baptist in Jordan just added one for February 13th at 6 p.m. It is open to anyone to register at virtusonline.org.

NATIVITY NEEDS YOU- Looking for a Job?

See both of these position descriptions on the Archdiocese website at <http://careers.archspm.org/>

- **Marketing/Communications Coordinator (Temporary, part time)**
- **Preschool Director**

KUDOS: Thank you for supporting our DQ – Dine out night! The check is in the mail to benefit our school.

- Special thanks to everyone who helped with the Book Fair! A special thanks to Kristi Koelfgen and Karen Cook for coordinating the fair as well as Dan Riley and Ben & Lynn Poehling for their extra efforts!

REMINDERS:

- **BOOK FAIR!** Didn't make it to the Book Fair? Shop online through February 9th at: <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/nativityofmary>

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Please join all of our staff in continuing to pray for the Sherden and Sullivan families along with the Long family.

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LUNCH UPDATES

LUNCH BALANCES: Please log into Educate monthly to check on your lunch account balance. Our goal is to have positive balances each month.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Looking for volunteers for serving lunch. Email Jill Grimme at "[LUNCH VOLUNTEER](#)" or email Jill at her school email: jgrimme@nativitybloomington.org



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Sign up by clicking on this link to volunteer for recess.

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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.

BLAST Teachers – The University of Notre Dame staff observed all of our teachers and gave them helpful advice.

NATIVITY OF MARY SCHOOL TEACHERS – All teachers will continue to read "The Growth Mindset" book. At workshops, they experienced the Blended Classroom through our teachers.