



Dear Nativity Families:

Fantastic Rake-A-Thon! Thank you to all of our families who assisted with our Rake-A-Thon this past Saturday. Through your efforts, we raked 18 yards across Bloomington. Thank you for inspiring a love of service in your children through this effort.

NOVEMBER 12: Please join us this next Monday for a short Veterans Day program at 10:30 a.m. We will gather in the gym for a short ceremony and then go outside to the Flag Pole. Veterans are welcome. Our band and choir will sing and we will have a salute given by area Veterans.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

THIS FRIDAY IS AN OUT-OF-UNIFORM DAY! Wear your "Rally for Robertson" t-shirt or come dressed in pink and green!

- **"Rally for Robertson" - November 9:** Join us this Friday at 2:30 p.m. for our Fun Run! Weather permitting, we will be outside. Please support Mrs. Robertson as she recovers!
 - We've surpassed \$1,000 in donations! Mrs. Reeder will be hopping in a bunny suit!
 - If we reach \$5,000 at a later date Father Gjengdahl will work on the roof! Stay tuned.
 - Please make checks to Lynn Robertson. Thank you for your support!
- **NOV. 15 & 19 PRE-K to GRADE 8 CONFERENCES:** Our teachers look forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's progress and goals. Please sign up by this Friday at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0444a8a728a4fa7-nativity1>



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.

NOV. 8: NEWSLETTER

NOV. 9: Rally for Robertson-2:30 p.m.



NATIVITY APPAREL: Three additional ways to support Lynn Robertson by ordering apparel!

- **APPARELNOW:** A web based company 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" in the selection box. Selections include t-shirts, sweatshirts, bags, mugs and much more. Check it out!
- **EDUCATIONAL OUTFITTERS:** Has both Spirit Wear and Uniforms. They will make a donation to support Lynn Robertson. Order at: <http://www.educationaloutfitters.com/MN>
- **BLOOMINGTON CUSTOM EMBROIDERY:** Will also donate a portion back from Nativity Spirit Wear orders. Visit them at: <http://www.4alarmclothing.com/Nativity.html>

NOV. 12: Veteran's Day Program – 10:30 a.m.

NOV. 15 & 19: Parent Teacher Conferences

NOV. 21 – 23: Thanksgiving Break-NO SCHOOL



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' CENTER OF EXCELLENCE (CSCOE) – They are looking for student talent! Do you dream of going into acting? Do you have a great voice? Email Melissa Hamilton to let her know if you are interested at: melissahamilton@cscoe-mn.org Also, if you loved the

student Mass and this impacted you, write a letter to CSCOE and drop it off at the office so that we can share it with CSCOE.

NOV. 28 & 29 : NO PM BUS – all families must make arrangements to pick up their child(ren). There is only morning bus routes for these days.



HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE: The Holiday Boutique committee is looking for vendors for our upcoming boutique on December 8th. If you'd like to showcase your business or know of someone else, please email the committee at: nompto@nativitybloomington.org and we will send you information.

NOV. 30: NO BUS – This is a parent drive day!



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. You are eligible to apply if: - *You will be enrolling in our Preschool for the 2019-20 school year at either the St. Edward's Campus or Nativity of Mary Campus - This will be your child's last year of preschool - You consider your family to have a middle income - You need a scholarship to help pay for your preschool tuition.*

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

NATIVITY OF MARY SCHOOL IS EXPANDING ITS PRESCHOOL IN 2019: Nativity of Mary School and the Church of St. Edward have teamed up to open a Catholic preschool in West Bloomington at the Church of St. Edward. We will offer the same focus on excellence with a West Bloomington address. The first preschool class will begin September 2019. Please help us share this great news throughout the community. **An Open House is planned for January 13, 2019.**

CAREERS WITH NATIVITY: If you are interested in working at Nativity of Mary School we have the following openings. Information about each position is posted online with the Archdiocese at: <http://careers.archspm.org/>

- Maintenance and Custodian Positions
- Early Childhood Preschool Director/Teacher (St. Edward's Campus)

KUDOS:

- **Halloween Parties!** Thank you parents for helping at our Halloween parties. We appreciated the creative games and time out of your day to make this a wonderful event.
- **Rake-A-Thon Volunteers** – Thank you for the gift of your time to help serve the greater Bloomington area by raking leaves. Special thanks to this year's Coordinator, the Krentz Family!
- **Positivity Project Students:** Congratulations to our Creativity strength students – Lucas Gutierrez and Colleen Tronnes; Perspective strength Students – Nolan Hoeft and Makayla Anderson
- **52 Club Winners:** Chad Blake - \$100 winner!

REMINDERS:

- **NOV. 28 & 29: NO PM BUS** –All families must make arrangements to pick up their child(ren). There is only morning bus routes for these days
- **NOV. 30: NO BUSES TODAY!** Please plan to drop off your children and pick them up, there is no Bloomington buses all day.

Blessings – Mindy Reeder, PRINCIPAL mreeder@nativitybloomington.org



LOOKING FOR HOST FAMILIES! Would you consider hosting a student from Korea for the Spring semester? Your family receives funds when you host a student. They attend school here at Nativity. Families who have hosted find that their hearts are changed forever! Consider hosting and call to learn more at KOAM – 651.300.2380 or 800.521.6640.



BENILDE-ST. MARGARET - HOLIDAY SHOPPING EVENT – Nov. 17, 2018: Start your shopping early! Come to Benilde-St. Margaret's and shop over 60 merchants from 10 – 3 p.m. The event is free; however, you can purchase a VIP wristband to receive exclusive offerings.

LUNCH UPDATES: Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwiches will end: Due to changes and requirements, we will not be able to continue offering the Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwiches as an alternate meal. Please note this for the remaining November Lunch Calendar.

Do you know how to put money into your child's lunch account? Go to Educate.com and log in. Forgot your login? Call the school office or email Wanda Hagerty and she will resend an email for you to create a new password.

A La Carte Tickets: For only .75, they can pick up an extra item during the lunch period. Tickets may be purchased in the morning.



**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? This week the Notre Dame team was here observing the BLAST classrooms.

All Nativity Teachers? All Nativity teachers met in their Professional Learning Communities (PLC) this week to discuss goals for November in building relationships with students, expanding on ideas for their classrooms, and creating long lasting relationships with colleagues.