



News & Notes

Dear Nativity Families:

We've had a beautiful second week of school. Thank you for helping your child(ren) adjust to the new school routine! We start each morning celebrating student birthdays, special announcements, prayer, and a focus on our themes for the day and month. To follow along at home, here is our focus for September:

- **MONTHLY VIRTUE:** Faith ([Link to more information.](#))
- **SAINTS:** A Saint daily that reflects the attributes of character of focus.
- **POSITIVITY PROJECT:** Weekly Focus, this week is: "Other People Matter" - <https://posproject.org/>

HERITAGE DAYS & THE PARADE – September 15: We hope you can join us this Saturday! Line-up is 10 a.m. and our Parade Unit is #32. **RAFFLE TICKETS DUE BACK BY FRIDAY!** Please bring your sold, and unsold tickets to the office by Friday. **THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR PARISH.**

PTO MEETING – First Meeting of the Year! Tuesday, Sept. 18-7p.m.:

The meeting will be held in the church gathering space. Come join us as we nominate and vote in a new treasurer. If you are interested in this position email the PTO at nompto@nativitybloomington.org. We will be sharing our plans for the upcoming year, our opportunity with CSCOE and our state of the state. PTO is also incenting those parents that attend five of our seven meetings this school year; come hear what this is about! So bring your own beverage. **CONGRATULATIONS to Makae Brieschke – she won the "Sign up Genius" \$100 fundraising credit!** See you next Tuesday - PTO will supply the snacks and **MAKE THE CHOICE TO GET INVOLVED!**

AIM HIGHER – Night of Light Event, September 28, 2018: Join me as we support students in need of scholarships to attend Catholic Schools. Each year, Nativity is grateful to receive scholarship support from Aim Higher, typically around \$10,000. If you will join me in supporting others, please register online at: <https://nightoflight.info/#rra> and be sure to mark that you are from Nativity of Mary School – Bloomington.



COAT COLLECTION

ALL ARCHDIOCESE SCHOOLS' MASS-Oct. 10 (4-8th Grades):

Nativity of Mary School along with all of the schools of our Diocese will be attending this special Mass. As part of the Mass, our Leadership Team will be collecting coats and bringing them. **PLEASE DROP OFF YOUR COATS!** We have a red bucket

outside the office. All coats must be donated by Oct. 8, 2018.

PTO UPDATE: FAMILY FUN FEST – October 13, 2018:

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Please sign up to help at Family Fun Fest [CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP!](#)

Family Fun Fest Needs:

- **Candy for Trunk or Treat:** Drop off candy donations by the office in the "Monster donation box" in the school hallway.



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.

SEPT. 15 : Heritage Days at Nativity – Parade! Dress in Spirit Wear! We are Unit #32 – Line up by 10 a.m. (Parade starts 10:30 a.m.)

SEPT. 18: PTO MEETING – 7 p.m.

SEPT. 20: Men's Club Golf Outing

SEPT. 21: Nativity School Picture Day!

SEPT 26-28: 6th Grade at Camp St. Croix

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Family Fun Fest Needs Continued:

- **Newspaper:** Please donate your papers to help us stuff LOTS of scarecrows at the Family Fun Fest! A collection box in the school office.
- **Cars for Trunk or Treat:** Host a trick or treating site with your car! **Register your car for the TRUNK or TREAT event** and come dressed with a theme of your choice and your car decorated to match!

Any questions please reach out to nompto@nativitybloomington.org or visit our website page to learn more about. <http://school.nativitybloomington.org/family-fun-fest.html>

CELEBRATING GROWTH: We are partnering with the University of Notre Dame to adopt blended learning. In addition, we are kicking off the Positivity Project. We will be celebrating students. **Please complete the "Learner Profile" to help!** ([Click Here](#))



LUNCH UPDATES: A La Carte items are available daily for K-8. Items are .75 each and include yogurt, cheese sticks, granola bars, cheddar crackers and Chex mix. Students can purchase tickets in the morning from Mrs. Grimme. (Please note, a la carte items cannot be paid from a student's lunch account.)



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Volunteering is a great way to stay connected with your child and meet other parents. Click here to visit our volunteer page and sign up to help ([CLICK](#)).
NEW FAMILIES NEED TO ATTEND VIRTUS TRAINING. Our next training is October 11 at 6:30 p.m. You must register online at VIRTUS.ORG to attend.

PRESCHOOL FAMILIES – JOIN CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD – Register online for a special program just for your preschool child. The classes are 2:30 – 4 p.m. each Wednesday. **Registration** ([Click Here](#))

FAMILY FUN FEST – OCT. 13 (11-8 p.m.): Save the date and come to socialize with the Bloomington community. At this event you will be able to select a perfect pumpkin from a variety of sizes that students planted & harvested and join in the fun and games. **Contact Nativity PTO for more information at** nompto@nativitybloomington.org

- **GAMES** (11 – 8 p.m.) – Enjoy the variety of fun for all! Pumpkin painting, carnival games, inflatables, food and more!
- **TRUNK OR TREAT** (5:30-7:30) - Kids dress up for Halloween and go trick or treating at the "Trunk or Treat." Decorate your car & enter it into the Trunk or Treat event. Cars must be pre-registered. Prizes will be awarded to the best decorated car and best Halloween costume. **See Flier in this week's folder for rules, pricing and registration.**
- **CREATE SCARECROWS** (11am-4pm) - You bring the clothes to decorate. **NEWSPAPER NEEDED:** We are in Need of newspaper for our scarecrow making activity. Please drop in box in school office.
- **CHILI COOK-OFF** (3-7pm-Judging at 5pm) - Chili connoisseurs needed for the event. Please contact the PTO at nompto@nativitybloomington.org

KUDOS: Welcome to the little ones in our school's extended family who arrived over the summer! The Doty family welcomed twins Maxwell and Daniel on August 6, 2018 and were just baptized this past weekend. Jackie Virnig, our school K-6 counselor, and her husband, also welcomed a little boy this summer! **CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH FAMILIES!**

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MEN'S CLUB GOLF OUTING

SEPT. 20: Sign up online at: https://www.planmygolfevent.com/32002-2018_Tournament/

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