



News & Notes

Dear Nativity Families:

Happy Spring Break! We hope that during this Spring Break you will find time to see how much your children have grown, in body, mind and spirit. This year is truly passing quickly and we are so joyful to celebrate the growth of your children. We celebrated students this week at our 2nd Trimester celebration event and will be sending home their certificates. It was also with great pride that our 3rd grade hosted a "Wax Museum" sharing key details about a historical person. What a way to see their growth in their confidence!

PENNIES FOR PATIENTS & TAB COLLECTION: Thanks for supporting our Pennies for Patients and TAB collection programs as part of our "alms giving" for Lent. The "Saves for Cancer" was a great success this week. Please remember to bring in your final pennies and donations after spring break. Keep collecting pop tabs, too!

RECESS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We could really use your help on the playground this spring. Sign up to volunteer online at RECESS or email Laura Millenacker at: lmillenacker@nativitybloomington.org.

ART ADVENTURE BEGINS: Nativity of Mary School is blessed to continue with the Art Adventure's program thanks to dedicated volunteers and the coordinating efforts of Kristi Riley and Katie Ross. This program is an extension of the Minneapolis Institute of Art (MIA). Through this partnership, MIA provides us reproductions of artwork to share with our students. The artworks is presented and discussed with the students by school volunteers. MIA helps prepare these volunteers to teach rich art lessons through training. The volunteers introduce the art style and the artist and discuss it with the students. Then, the students create a related art project

SPIRIT OF SPRING–Denim & Diamonds Event–Saturday, April 13 (6 to 11 p.m.)

**Come Join Us for a Night of
Lively Entertainment and Delicious Food!**

SATURDAY

April
13th

from 6PM-11PM

Nativity of Mary School
9900 Lyndale Ave. S.
Bloomington, MN 55420

ROCK IT MAN
ENTERTAINMENT

Piano Show

Luna Di Luna

OUTBACK
STEAKHOUSE

D. FONG'S

\$30 per ticket in advance, \$35 per ticket at the door
(Ticket includes appetizers, one drink, entertainment, games and prizes)

To get your advanced ticket visit:
<http://school.nativitybloomington.org/>
or call: 952-881-8160



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.

MARCH 22: NEWSLETTER
[Can't find your paper copy?](#)
[Click here for attachments on our school website.](#)

MARCH 25-29: Spring Break – NO SCHOOL

APRIL 5: TADS Financial Aid Deadline
- Spirit Wear Day!

APRIL 13: Spirit of Spring-Denim & Diamonds Event!

JOIN US ON:
[SCHOOL WEBSITE](#)
[INSTAGRAM \(Click\)](#)
[FACEBOOK \(Click\)](#)



THE POSITIVITY PROJECT



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CHARACTER STRENGTH STUDENTS:

Veronica Huset & Rainy Valentine were recognized for showing their enthusiasm at school in all they do and towards others. Ethan Dempsey and Natalie Hoffman received the "Love of Learning" award last week.

CREATIVE CLUB SUMMER SIGN UP IS OPEN: PREK-Grade 6! Creative Clubhouse has extended their deadline for summer sign up to **April 15**. The sign up form is online at: [Creative Summer Sign Up](#)

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2019-20

- **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>
- **TADS 2019-20-April 5:** You have missed the first Aim Higher round of scholarships; however, you are still eligible for other Foundation scholarships and Nativity awards if you complete your TADS Financial Aid registration form by April 5, 2019. ([TADS Financial Aid Application](#))

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. You can edit by clicking on the grade. If your child is not presently at Nativity, but coming in the fall to preschool or kindergarten, please register them online! [Click to register](#)

NATIVITY FUNDRAISERS:

- **52 Club Raffle:** The winner this week is Dean Springer – 3/24/19 - \$100.
- **ANNUAL FUND:** The Annual Fund raises critical dollars for our school. To date we have raised \$51,331. Thank you for your support. Ask your business to match your donation. Invite grandparents and relatives to support our school. [DONATE ONLINE](#)
- **SPIRIT OF SPRING RAFFLE:** Tickets are coming home with this week's folder. Fill them out and return them to the office- you already bought out!

KUDOS:

- **Men's Club** – for the Fish Fry event, another great community program!

PRAY WITH US: Please join us in praying for the Opstad and Smith families who lost grandpa, Herman Opstad.

Blessings – Mindy Reeder, PRINCIPAL mreeder@nativitybloomington.org

8th GRADE EVENT DATES: Join Nativity & St. Bonaventure for upcoming Youth events on – "Guys Night" – April 12th & May 17th – 6:30-8:30 (St. Boni's Youth Room); "Ladies Night" – April 30th & May 21st; **YOUTH ALIVE** – Nativity Creative Clubhouse, March 22 (6-8 p.m.)

SUMMER CAMPS:

- **Holy Angels:** <https://www.academyofholyanngels.org/news-and-events/summer-experience.html>
- **BSM Summer Camp 2019 Registration is Now Open!** <https://www.bsmschool.org/summer-camps>



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.

[RECESS](#)



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HIGHER POWERED LEARNING 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 to implement personalized learning for each child – referred to as Blended Learning.

BLAST Teachers – The University of Notre Dame held a webinar/online training for all schools.

NATIVITY OF MARY SCHOOL TEACHERS – All teachers met in their PLC to review the mid-year assessments.

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