



Dear Nativity Families:

This week Nativity of Mary School held celebration events for our Second Grade and Middle School students. Middle School students who achieved an A- average, served in the community, and participated in extra-curricular activities were recognized this week with a Holistic Award at a celebration ceremony. **What a joyous occasion to celebrate student achievement in the pursuit of excellence! Congratulations:**

- **6th Grade:** *Rose Alford; Anya Anderson; Nolan Anderson; Quinn Baker; Charlotte Belmont; Isobella Bergquist; Catherine Cline; Catalina Connell; Regan Cook; Lukas Cossette; Emma Dempsey; David Fong; Yigale Gabriel; Quetzalli Garza; Jada George; Isabella Gutierrez; Sally Heitkamp; Laysha Jimenez; Autumn Johnson; Alexandra Kapsner; Avery Kapsner; Maxwell Knoll; Lidiya Kukuk; Angelina Mendoza; Marvin Miller; Harper Poehling; Audrey Renstrom; Kay Marie Ross; Eli Wuebben.*
- **7th Grade:** *Andrew Blake; Olivia Comeau; Josh George; William Giles; Everett Hoepfner; Leonardo Jimenez; Ryan Larson; Shauna McCrory; Lyla Northup; Maison Roudabush; Amelia Stoebe; Veronica Tronnes; Frederick Valentine.*
- **8th Grade:** *Erika Baker; Tiffany Dubbledee; Celia Hawton; Yike Lako; Olivia Opstad; Parker Renstrom; Mary Taraboi-Brown; Hayley Thelen; Noah Thornburg; Amelia Tronnes and Nathan Vodovnik.*

BLESSINGS TO OUR 2nd GRADE STUDENTS: Our 2nd Grade students assisted with the Mary Crowning during Mass this week as an extension of their First Holy Communion. Then during the Mass, they greeted the Lord with grand smiles as they joined us around the Lord's Table.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL IS A WRAP! What an incredible showcasing of our student talent during "Beauty and the Beast, Jr.!" From artistic design to coordination behind scenes, to musical talents and acting prowess, our students were stars! We are so proud of all of our Middle School students who performed or supported this production - what an accomplishment. Thank you to our teachers, staff and parents who made this possible.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL NEEDS YOU! The School Advisory Council (SAC) needs you to help plan for the future of our school. The purpose of SAC is to provide counsel, advice and support to administration and the pastor to ensure that the policies and programs of the school are consistent with the mission. Members serve a three year term and attend monthly meetings August through May. To share your interest, complete the application form ([click to print](#)) or email Laura DePoint, lauradepoint@gmail.com.

MENTORS NEEDED FOR 2019-20: We are in need of current families to mentor the new families coming to our community next year. The mentor time commitment is small, but makes a huge difference. Please see the flyer in the communication folder or contact Kate Barkow at nompto@nativitybloomington.org to help with this important service.

YEARBOOKS ARE IN! If you forgot to order your yearbook, please stop in the office or send \$16 to the office with your child's name on the envelope. QUANTITIES LIMITED.

PLEASE NOTE: School Breakfast and Lunch end on May 31st. Please plan to send a breakfast and lunch to school on June 3, 4 and 5th.

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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.

MAY 16: NEWSLETTER

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MAY 19: Preschool – Faithful Beginnings Open House at the Church of St. Edward after the 10:30 a.m. Mass

MAY 21: Bells & Choir Concert 7 p.m.

MAY 22: 5-8th Grade Band Concert

MAY 23: Last all-school Mass with our 8th Grade students

JUNE 3-4-5: NO HOT LUNCH OR BREAKFAST!

JUNE 5: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!

- 8th Grade Graduation Mass- 6:30 p.m.

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NATIVITY FIELD DAY 2019 - Wednesday, June 5th: The end of the school year is almost here!! Come join your kids and the staff for a fun afternoon to celebrate the end of the year. A Hot Dog Lunch will be sponsored by the Nativity Mens' Club and the PTO. Please send a bag lunch if your child will not be eating the food provided. Help is needed to set up, run events, hand out treats and clean up. Please sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0444A8A728A4FA7-field> or return the flyer in the communication folder.



NATIVITY CREATIVE CLUBHOUSE SUMMER JOBS! Email Cindy Keogh if you are interested in being a teacher or an aide for Creative this summer, or all year long. ckeogh@nativitybloomington.org

SUMMER TUTORING: If you are interested, here is contact information:

- Megan Thorpe (K-3): mthorpe@nativitybloomington.org
- Rita Duerr (K-8): Call 952.881.8160 ext.#102
- Kelly Headington (K-5): kheadington@nativitybloomington.org
- **INTERESTED IN A MATH TUTOR THIS SUMMER?** Rachel Larson is a Nativity of Mary Alum and will be a senior at Academy of Holy Angels. She would love to keep your child up to date on math or help get them back on track! Contact her at 952-484-4765

NATIVITY FUNDRAISERS UPDATES:

- **RAFFLE WINNERS:** Cindy Jackson-\$100 winner.
- **ANNUAL FUND:** The Annual Fund is an important way to support our school. To date we have raised \$55,576 toward our goal of \$70,000. If you can donate, or an extended family member, please consider a gift. Click to: [DONATE](#)

KUDOS:

- **SPRING MUSICAL:** Thank you to our amazing staff who helped make this year's "Beauty and the Beast" production possible – Miss Rinowski, Miss Shukle, Mrs. Tronnes, Mrs. Meyer, Mrs. Hegard, Mr. Hoffman, Mrs. Duerr, Miss Thorpe and Mrs. Rivera.
- **PTO:** Thank you to our PTO leaders, Annette Poelvoorde and Kate Barkow for all of their work this year and for helping to coordinate the efforts at the CSCOE Bash in order to raise \$5,000! Thanks also to anyone who volunteers at the Bash this past weekend!
- **YEARBOOK:** Thanks to David Long and the 8th grade students who created this year's 2018-19 yearbook. LOVE IT!

PRAY WITH US: Pray for our families, our staff, Cindy Keogh's husband (Creative Club Director) and Father Gjengdahl and Father Nathan Laliberte this spring.

Blessings – Mindy Reeder, PRINCIPAL mreeder@nativitybloomington.org

8th GRADE EVENT DATES: Join these youth events on: "Guys Night"–May 17th 6:30-8:30 p.m. (St. Boni's Youth Room); "Ladies Night"– May 21st.

SUMMER CAMPS:

- Holy Angels: <https://www.academyofholyangels.org/news-and-events/summer-experience.html>
- BSM Summer Camp 2019 Registration is Now Open! <https://www.bsmschool.org/summer-camps>
- St Thomas Academy Summer Camps: cadets.com/summer
- Catholic Youth Camp: Go learn more about this great camp opportunity at www.cycamp.org



LUNCH UPDATES

LUNCH BALANCES: Please make sure you are paid up before our school year ends!



VOLUNTEERS

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



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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.

This week our BLAST Team had a workshop with the University of Notre Dame.

All Nativity staff met in their PLC groups to discuss the April and May chapters in "Growth Mindset."

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