



## Girls Scouts & Chess Club

Dear Nativity Families:

**Blessings to our 2nd Grade students who have or will be receiving their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion over three weekend Masses.** These beautiful Sacraments are an additional blessing for all of our students as they grow in their faith. Along with the Sacrament of Baptism, the Sacrament of First Holy Communion is one of the three initiation Sacraments. We are blessed to celebrate our faith with our students. Join us in praying for all 45 school and parish children receiving the Sacrament.

**PARENT MEETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Thank you to all of our parishioners, school families and staff who attended the Spring School Update meeting last evening. We appreciated the open feedback and thoughtful questions. Parish and School Leadership look forward to building a richer partnership through additional communication events and feedback surveys. If you missed this meeting, Parish and School Leadership shared the state of the school, financial context, decision process for staffing reductions, and plans. In addition, our Strategic Plan progress and Goals for 2019-20 were discussed. You may review the presentation online on the school SAC web page ([Click](#)).

At the meeting, Father Gjengdahl also shared that he will be re-assigned. His letter is in the most recent parish bulletin from last weekend and you can review this online at: <https://container.parishesonline.com/bulletins/02/0031/20190428B.pdf> Nativity of Mary Parish will welcome Father Nathan Laliberte as our new pastor on July 1, 2019.

**HELP THE PTO RAISE \$5,000 FOR NATIVITY- VOLUNTEER MAY 10, 11 or 12th:** Volunteers are needed to work at Catholic Schools Center of Excellence (CSCOE) BASH. Please sign up. If you have questions, contact Kate Barkow at [nompto@nativitybloomington.org](mailto:nompto@nativitybloomington.org). Thank you for supporting PTO: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0444a8a728a4fa7-help>



May Day

**MAY DAY at SUMMER HOUSE!** Nativity of Mary 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade classes and several of our Middle School Musical characters traveled to Summer House to spread spring greetings and share a musical preview with Summer House Residents. This is an ongoing service project by our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students.

**TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION:** Next week we will be honoring our staff. Please see the enclosed flier to help recognize our wonderful teachers and staff!

**SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMP 5-8<sup>th</sup> GRADE (June 24-27, 2019):** Sign your child up for a summer camp to build skills and fundamentals. The sign up is online ([CAMP](#)).

**SUMMER TUTORING:** Several of our teachers are available over the summer to assist your child with specific learning needs and to help stop the "summer drain." If you are interested, here is their contact information:

- Megan Thorpe (K-3): [mthorpe@nativitybloomington.org](mailto:mthorpe@nativitybloomington.org)
- Rita Duerr (K-8): Call 952.881.8160 ext.#102
- Kelly Headington (K-5): [kheadington@nativitybloomington.org](mailto:kheadington@nativitybloomington.org)



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

**APRIL 23, 27 or 28:**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade First Communion Workshops (Choose one)

**APRIL 26:** Mid-Tri

**APRIL 29:** MAP Testing K-8 Begins this week through May 10.

**MAY 3:** Spirit Wear Day!

**MAY 4-5:** 1<sup>st</sup> Communicants at Masses

**MAY 6<sup>th</sup>:** 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Band Meeting-7 p.m.

**MAY 10 & 11:** Middle School Musical

**MAY 10, 11 & 12-** Nativity volunteers at BASH!

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

**4th Grade Band - Parent Meeting:** Dr. Rule will be holding an in-person registration meeting on Monday, May 6 at 7 pm in the band room. Enter at door #10 (playground door) and walk through the cafeteria and down the hallway to the band room. Any interested parents and students are invited to attend.

### **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>

**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](mailto:lmillenacker@nativitybloomington.org).

### **NATIVITY FUNDRAISERS UPDATES:**

- **RAFFLE WINNERS:** Lori Dubbledee-\$200 winner.
- **FUND-A-NEED:** We have currently reached \$29,400 in Fund-A-Need gifts. Thank you for your generous support.
- **BOX TOPS:** Thank you for collecting Box Tops. We have received \$144.70 just this last week!
- **ANNUAL FUND:** The Annual Fund is an important way to support our school. To date we have raised \$55,401 toward our goal of \$70,000. If you can donate, or an extended family member, please consider a gift. Click to: [DONATE!](#)

### **REMINDERS:**

- **TESTING CONTINUES NEXT WEEK:** Please be sure your child is rested and ready for testing. Results will be sent home at the end of the year.
- **SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMP:**

**KUDOS:** Nativity of Mary School is so thankful to Girl Scout Troop 16873 who over this weekend, built a Gaga Pit for our parish and school. Special thanks to Anne Dempsey and Jason Kapsner for donating their time and talents to coordinate this effort with the girls. The supplies were purchased with 2018 Fund-A-Need donations, so thanks to all of our families who supported our "Arts & Activities" Fund-A-Need last year. Nativity students are excited to learn the rules and enjoy the Gaga Pit for years to come!

**PRAY WITH US:** Pray for the family of Rosemary Werner, the grandmother of Emma & Ethan Demspey.

**Blessings – Mindy Reeder, PRINCIPAL** [mreeder@nativitybloomington.org](mailto:mreeder@nativitybloomington.org)

### **8th GRADE EVENT DATES:**

Join these youth events on: “Guys Night”–May 17<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30 p.m. (St. Boni’s Youth Room); “Ladies Night”– May 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **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](http://cadets.com/summer)
- **Catholic Youth Camp:** Go learn more about this great camp opportunity at [www.cycamp.org](http://www.cycamp.org)



### **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](mailto:jgrimme@nativitybloomington.org)



### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

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

[RECESS](#)



### **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.

This week our BLAST Team attended the Bush Foundation seminar bringing public, charter and private schools together for educational change.

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