



News & Notes

Dear Nativity Families:

Happy Earth Day! Today after Mass students swept across the Nativity of Mary Parish campus to clean up debris, twigs and trash. This is just the school's way to help care for the beautiful campus that God has blessed us with! I hope that your Easter was filled with additional blessings as you enjoyed time with family and friends and welcomed the warmer weather.

THANK YOU: Thank you for the emails, your questions, and the prayers and kind words to our staff after last week's announcement of staff reductions. We are blessed by all of you and want only the best for our staff and the students and families of Nativity.

TESTING BEGINS ON MONDAY! It's hard to believe that we are nearing the close of another school year. As our year wraps up, we will begin our end-of-year assessments with the national NWEA Map test. Please be sure your child is rested and ready for testing. Results will be sent home at the end of the year.

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. The BASH is their big fundraiser for the year. In exchange for helping, CSCOE will give the Nativity PTO a \$5,000 grant. We have around 40 volunteer spots to fill over the course of these days. **WE NEED TO FILL THESE SPOTS!!** Please sign up. If you have questions, contact Kate Barkow at nompto@nativitybloomington.org. Thank you for supporting PTO: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0444a8a728a4fa7-help>

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
- Rita Duerr (K-8): Call 952.881.8160 ext.#102
- Kelly Headington (K-5): kheadington@nativitybloomington.org

KINDERGARTEN HOSTED A "JELLY BEAN PRAYER" SERVICE: Nativity Kindergarten hosted the spring "Jelly Bean Prayer" service this week where each color has a special meaning to help us learn about our faith. This prayer was shared with all Preschool to Grade 2 students and bookmarks with the symbols of each color went home. What a beautiful way to reflect and share our faith!



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.

APRIL 25: NEWSLETTER

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APRIL 26: Mid-Tri

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

MAY 1 – Parent Meeting 6:30 pm –School Cafeteria

MAY 3: Spirit Wear Day!

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4th Grade Band - Parent Meeting: Dr. Rule will be holding an in-person registration meeting on Monday, May 6 at 7:00 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. You will have an opportunity to ask questions, register for summer lessons, and students will have an opportunity to try the instruments.

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.

NATIVITY FUNDRAISERS & SERVICE PROJECTS:

- **RAFFLE WINNERS:** April 21–Mary Lessard-\$100;
April 28–Cleo Amaro-Luna-\$500
- **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](#)

KUDOS: Special thanks to Wanda Hagerty – We celebrated her today on the National Administrative Professional Day! Thank her for all she does for our staff, our families and our school.

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”–April 30th & May 21st.

SUMMER CAMPS:

- **Holy Angels:** <https://www.academyofholyanimals.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 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](#)



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 three of our staff attended a Blended Learning conference in Chicago to learn from other schools’ experiences.

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