

All Saints' Day

News & Notes

Dear Nativity Families:

Happy All Saints' Day! Today we began our day with Mass. Thank you for joining us this past Sunday as students shared their Saint projects, served on the altar, brought up gifts, and hosted the Cub Scout Pancake Breakfast. This was a joyous day to celebrate our faith and our students.

A FOCUS ON SERVICE: This week middle school students served at Wealshire Nursing Home, 6th grade spent time with their 1st grade buddies, and on Saturday, many of our students and families will gather to serve in the greater Bloomington area as we rake lawns. Thank you for helping our school instill a lifelong love of service as we become the Hands and Feet of Christ!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **"Rake-A-Thon" – November 3:** Did you sign up to help this Saturday? If you forgot, please come to help and we will assign you a house to rake. Please enter at Door#10 at 8 a.m. for a light breakfast served until 8:30 a.m. We will give you a house assignment. **Remember to bring rakes and gloves!**
- **"Rally for Robertson" - November 9:** Nativity of Mary School students and staff are invited to be a part of the Fun Run to support Lynn Robertson who has served our school for 29 years. She has been hospitalized for the last five months and we are excited to announce that she returned home this past Saturday! **Please support Mrs. Robertson as she recovers! *See enclosed flier!**
 - **Want to see Mrs. Reeder run in a bunny suit?** Drop off your donations by Nov. 9 to see Mrs. Reeder run!
 - **Father Gjengdahl will work on the roof if the "Rally for Robertson" raises \$5,000!** You can participate by buying items or just drop off a donation!
 - **Please make checks to Lynn Robertson. Thank you for your support!**



NATIVITY APPAREL: Show your Nativity of Mary pride by wearing apparel and Spirit Wear with the Church and School logos! Visit www.apparelnow.com and use the "Find a Store" box to enter "Nativity of Mary" in the selection box. Selections include t-shirts, sweatshirts, bags, mugs and much more. Check it out! **All proceeds go to support fellow parishioner and Nativity of Mary teacher, Lynn Robertson through June 30, 2019 (See enclosed flier).** In addition, if you purchase your uniforms or Spirit Wear with Educational Outfitters, they will also make a donation back to support Lynn Robertson. Their website is: <http://www.educationaloutfitters.com/MN>

SCHOOL CONFERENCE DINNER SIGN UP: We are still looking for a few more folks to sign up to bring food to the teachers' dinner during parent teacher conferences on Nov 19th. We are looking for: 1-chicken fettuccini dish; 1- spaghetti bake; 2- pans of Lasagna; 2-loaves of garlic cheese bread. **If you are willing and able to bring any of the items listed above, please contact Kristi Rollwagen at sk5068@aol.com**

PREK-Grade 8 CONFERENCE SIGN UP FOR NOV. 15 & 19: New! We are signing up online! It's simple, go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0444a8a728a4fa7-nativity1>



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR BAND! Nativity of Mary School Middle School Band 5-6-7-8 was selected to perform at the Mall of America! They will be performing on Dec. 2 at 2 p.m. in the 1st Floor Rotunda. Come support our band at the MOA!

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NATIVITY
of MARY
SCHOOL

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.

NOV. 1: NEWSLETTER

NOV. 3: Rake-A-Thon! Families needed to support our community. Call to volunteer! 952.881.8160

NOV. 9: Rally for Robertson-2:30 p.m.



NOV. 11: Veteran's Day Program – 9:45 a.m.

NOV. 15 & 19: Parent Teacher Conferences

NOV. 21 – 23: Thanksgiving Break-NO SCHOOL

NOV. 28, 29 & 30: NO PM BUS – all families must make arrangements to pick up their child(ren). There is only morning bus routes for these days.



HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE: The Holiday Boutique committee is looking for vendors for our upcoming boutique on December 8th. If you'd like to showcase your business or know of someone else, please email the committee at: nompto@nativitybloomington.org and we will send you information.

PRESCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2019-20: Students who will be 4 next fall and in their last year of preschool, are invited to apply for scholarships. You are eligible to apply if: - *You will be enrolling in our Preschool for the 2019-20 school year at either the St. Edward's Campus or Nativity of Mary Campus - This will be your child's last year of preschool - You consider your family to have a middle income - You need a scholarship to help pay for your preschool tuition.*

Apply: <https://www.grantinterface.com/User/Register?urlkey=earlychildhood>

NATIVITY OF MARY SCHOOL IS EXPANDING ITS PRESCHOOL IN 2019: Nativity of Mary School and the Church of St. Edward have teamed up to open a Catholic preschool in West Bloomington at the Church of St. Edward. We will offer the same focus on excellence with a West Bloomington address. The first preschool class will begin September 2019. Please help us share this great news throughout the community. **An Open House is planned for January 13, 2019.**

CAREERS WITH NATIVITY:

If you are interested in working at Nativity of Mary School we have the following openings. Information about each position is posted online with the Archdiocese at: <http://careers.archspm.org/>

- Creative Clubhouse Coordinator
- Maintenance and Custodian Positions
- Middle School Language Arts Teacher
- Early Childhood Preschool Director/Teacher (St. Edward's Campus)

KUDOS:

- **Nativity of Mary School Volleyball Coaches and our Athletic Directors:** For a great volleyball season!
- **Nativity teachers & students for the beautiful Saint projects.**
- **Jim Gonnella – for reading at the 10:30 a.m. Mass**
- **52 Club Winners:** Shannon Dahl - \$200 winner!

REMINDERS:

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Blessings – Mindy Reeder, PRINCIPAL mreeder@nativitybloomington.org



Upcoming
**COMMUNITY
EVENTS**



HOLIDAY SHOPPING EVENT – Nov. 17, 2018: Start your shopping early! Come to Benilde-St. Margaret's and shop over 60 merchants from 10 – 3 p.m. The event is free; however, you can purchase a VIP wristband to receive exclusive offerings.



LUNCH UPDATES: Are you receiving free or reduced lunches?

PLEASE NOTE: The first meal is free or reduced for families that qualify. After that, families must pay for second helpings or a la carte items.

Do you know how to put money into your child's lunch account? Go to Educate.com and log in. Forgot your login? Call the school office or email Wanda Hagerty and she will resend an email for you to create a new password.

A La Carte Tickets: Does your child need an after school snack? For only .75, they can pick up an extra item during the lunch period. Tickets may be purchased in the morning.



HIGHER POWERED LEARNING PROGRAM 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. Their staff is working directly with our teachers, four this year, but all of our teachers over the next three years, to implement a personalized learning program for each child – referred to as Blended Learning.

What are our BLAST teachers doing now? Created more stations and lesson plans to personalize their Blended Learning classrooms. Teachers also assisted students in setting goals.

All Nativity Teachers? All Nativity teachers met in their Professional Learning Communities (PLC) during our MEA Workshop to review the October "Growth Mindset" Chapter from their Book Study. They each taught a lesson in their classrooms helping students to develop a growth mindset and set goals.