



# NATIVITY<sup>of</sup>MARY

SCHOOL

## NATIVITY NEWS AND NOTES – Thursday, January 16, 2020

Hello Nativity Families,

It has been a roller-coaster week for weather! With the impending snowstorm, Bloomington Public Schools has informed us that they are anticipating an early release tomorrow. If Bloomington calls an early release, Nativity will release at 2:00. Bloomington will send buses to Nativity at 2:00 and parents whose students are not riding a bus will be asked to pick up students by 2:15. Please monitor your communication channels for any news regarding an early release and refrain from calling the school office for information. As soon as we find out about an early release, we will inform you via email and text. We will also post on Facebook and our website.

Also, registration begins Monday! **All families are required to register**, as we are not offering automatic registration this year. Current families will receive a personalized email from TADS that morning. Please know that current families must use the personalized email to register and must follow the link and complete the short form. Registration fees are also due at the time of registration. If you have a financial need regarding the registration fee, please contact me.

Thank you for your support!  
Mr. Pajak

### **2020-2021 TUITION INFORMATION**

Enclosed in today's communication is information about Nativity tuition for the 2020-21 school year. This information was also be sent to all Nativity families via email.

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Do you have an extra hour to spare? Please considering signing-up to volunteer with recess (11:25-12:15) or lunch (11:45-1:00). If you have never volunteered in these positions before, know that someone will be with you to give you direction. Thanks in advance!

Recess: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0444a8a728a4fa7-nativity18>

Lunch: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d4faaad2aa2f58-lunch>

## **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Nativity! This is a reading event that brings the books kids want to read right into our school. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits. The Book Fair will run during Catholic School's Week. Book Fair dates: 1/26, before and after 10:30 mass, during Mass times, 1/27 – 1/31 during school hours. Special event: Donuts at Drop Off, 1/29, 8:30-9:30 am.

Volunteers are also needed to set up, take down and sell books during our event. Click on this link to sign up. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b044aafae22a02-nativity5>

If you are unable to attend the Fair in person, we invite you to visit our online Book Fair at <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/nativityofmary>. Our online Fair is available from 1/19 to 2/1.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! Remember, all purchases benefit our school.

## **RETAKE PICTURES**

Retake pictures have arrived!!! If your child had retakes in October, the pictures were sent home today in communication folders.

Lifetouch sincerely apologizes for the delay and will be processing refunds for all those who ordered retakes. You should see the refund next week.

## **ATTENTION MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS**

Matt Birk, former Minnesota Viking, will be at Nativity on Monday, January 27 at 7:00 pm in the Gathering Space to talk to students and parents about Unity High School. Unity is located in the south metro and offers a liberal arts, plus math and science curriculum in a thoroughly Catholic environment.

## **BOOK DRIVE**

Imagine not ever having any books to call your own! The students at Nativity of Mary School are sponsoring a VEAP Book Drive the week of January 25-31.

VEAP has been providing books for children who come to their building with their parents but is always in need of more books. After being told he was able to take the book home, one young boy said, **"This is the first book I can call my own."**

They will be collecting books for children grades K-3<sup>rd</sup> (age 5-9 years). Please consider donating gently used or new. There will also be a box in the school office the week of January 27-31. If you do not have any books but would still like to contribute, the school's annual Book Fair will be running that week and books can be purchased there. A box will be labeled and located near the checkout desk. You can also donate money in the office and books will be carefully selected and purchased for the VEAP Book Drive. Books will be delivered by Nativity of Mary students and staff.

## **PTO REMINDERS**

### **Snow Tubing at Buck Hill**

Families are invited to this annual PTO event on Sunday, January 19, 4:00-6:00 PM. All reservations with payment need to be in the office Friday morning. See flier in the communication folder for more information.

### **Love books? Love seeing students excited about books?**

The chair of the Scholastic Book Fair is in her last year and we are looking for two people to co-chair the event for next year. Prep work for this year's fair is already happening- jump in now and learn from the best. The book fair runs during Catholic Schools Week (January 26-31). Please contact [nompto@nativitybloomington.org](mailto:nompto@nativitybloomington.org) if interested.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Friday, January 17 – Ski Club

Sunday, January 19 – PTO Snow Tubing

Monday, January 20 – NO SCHOOL - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Day

Monday, January 20 – Registration for the 2020-21 school year opens

Thursday, January 23 – Middle School Open House

Sunday, January 26 – Friday, January 31 – Catholic Schools Week

Monday, January 27 – Matt Birk, Unity High School Presentation