



NATIVITY^{of}MARY

SCHOOL

NATIVITY NEWS AND NOTES – Thursday, January 23, 2020

Hello Nativity Families!

We are getting excited around school for all the activities for Catholic Schools' Week next week! The highlight of the week will be when the entire school participates in a day of service on Thursday. Our students will be packing supplies for People Serving People, making blankets for Children's Hospital, writing letters to our troops, making sandwiches for the Sandwich Project, and more! It is a great way to model the importance and value of service and highlights the whole-child education that Catholic schools offer. I must admit, I am also excited about the teacher vs. 8th grade volleyball game!

Registration is now open for the 2020-2021 school year! Returning families need to use the link sent from TADS on January 20 in order to register for next year. The registration fee is \$100 per child until February 28. Every family is important at Nativity! Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns as you go through the registration process.

Sincerely,
Ryan Pajak
Principal

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK MASS HELPERS NEEDED

Sunday, January 26 is the beginning of Catholic Schools Week. Students attending Mass at 8:30 am or 10:30 am on Sunday are encouraged to wear their school uniform.

We are in need of students to help hand out bulletins and bring up the gifts at both Masses. If you are interested in helping, please see an usher before Mass.

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.

CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL RAFFLE

Enclosed in next week's communication folder you will find information and raffle tickets for the Catholic United Fund Raffle. This is a voluntary fundraiser and tickets are only \$5 each. All proceeds stay with Nativity of Mary School. Grand prize is a 2020 Buick Encore or \$20,000 cash and many more prizes such as Family Getaways to Breezy Point, Twins Tickets, Gift Cards. If you do not wish to participate, please return the tickets to the school office. Thank you!

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.

BOOK FAIR CO-CHAIRS NEEDED

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 if interested.

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-3rd (age 5-9 years). Please consider donating gently used or new. There will also 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.

CATHOLIC YOUTH CAMPS

In celebration of Catholic Schools Week, Catholic Youth Camp is offering \$25 off the cost of registration until February 7. Simply use code: "CSW25" during sign-up to save! Catholic Youth Camp offers one-week sessions of overnight camp for youth 7-17, June-August. Archery, canoeing, swimming, campfires, games, and more in a faith focused environment. Give your child the gift of lifelong memories. Visit www.CYCamp.org for more information.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

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

Monday, January 27 – Pajama Day

Tuesday, January 28 – Red, White and Blue Day

Wednesday, January 29 – Movie Character Day -

Dress as your favorite character from a "kid's" movie.

Thursday, January 30 – Mass Day – Wear your uniform.

Team Jersey Day after Mass.

Bring your favorite team jersey and change after Mass.

Friday, January 31 – Clash Day

Volleyball Game 8th Graders vs Teachers 9:45 pm

Talent Show 1:30 – 3:30 pm