



# NATIVITY<sup>of</sup>MARY

SCHOOL

## NATIVITY NEWS AND NOTES – Thursday, February 13, 2020

Hello Nativity Families,

It may be hard to believe, but spring is just around the corner! Our largest, most impactful, and most exciting fundraiser will be here before we know it. The Spirit of Spring fundraiser is something that has been a tradition at Nativity for the past 20 years. This fundraiser has been instrumental in helping Nativity provide the resources our students need to thrive. Last year, we raised almost \$80,000 in total!

During the Fund-a-need portion of the event last year, we raised almost \$30,000 to help furnish our classrooms with ViewSonic interactive boards, helping to create classrooms of the future. Our teachers have used the boards this year to help enhance lessons, provide an interactive classroom experience, and utilize collaboration.

This fundraiser is an exciting event and we would love for you to be there! The Nativity gym is transformed into a beautiful space to enjoy the evening. It's a night of delicious food, games, a silent and live auction, entertainment from dueling pianos, and fellowship with Nativity families, alumni, and parishioners.

Whether or not you plan on bidding on auction items or just attend to enjoy the camaraderie, we want you there! Tickets are \$30 if purchased in advance and \$35 at the door. Our theme this year is 'A Knight Under the Lights' which will highlight the bright future for our students at Nativity.

If you are unable to attend the event but would like to support the school, monetary donations can be made to the fund-a-need. In addition, if you or your company would like to make a donation or help sponsor the event, you can also do that on the attached form. We are also currently seeking donations for our silent and live auction. If you are interested in donating an item(s) or basket check out our Wish Lists below at Amazon and Target.

**Amazon:** <http://tiny.cc/NativitySOS2020>

**Target:** <tgt.gifts/NativitySpiritofSpring2020>

Please watch for a formal invitation, and check our school Facebook page for more information in the days and weeks ahead. You can find us at <https://www.facebook.com/nativityofmary>.

I am so excited to experience my first Spirit of Spring event, especially after seeing so many volunteers who have already put in hours of work and planning. It's guaranteed to be a fantastic event and I'm sure there will be lasting memories made. I hope to see you at A Knight Under the Lights!

Sincerely,  
Ryan Pajak  
Principal

### **PARENT DRIVE DAY**

Tomorrow, Friday, February 14 is a Parent Drive Day. There is no bus service in Bloomington. Last name A – L, drop off and pick up in the North parking lot. Last name M – Z, drop off and pick up in the South parking lot.

### **REGISTRATION FOR 2020-2021**

Please remember to register for the 2020-2021 school year. We need all returning families to register either by clicking on the TADS email that was sent on January 20 or by simply logging in to your TADS account and clicking 'Enrollment.' Financial agreements will sent at a later date. Below are some important dates to know.

- **February 18:** Application closes for [Aim Higher Scholarships](#). Families who have received this scholarship in the past must apply each year. Any family can apply! Click the link for more information.
- **February 28:** Deadline to apply for financial aid through Nativity. The application is done through TADS. Families must apply for financial aid each year it is requested. The registration process must be completed to be considered for financial aid.
- March 1: Registration fee increases to \$150 per child.
- April 16: Registration fee increases to \$200 per child.

Please contact Mr. Pajak with any questions or concerns regarding the enrollment and/or financial aid processes!

### **REVISED FEBRUARY LUNCH MENU**

Enclosed in today's communication folder is a "REVISED" February lunch menu. This menu shows a meatless option for Ash Wednesday 2/26 and the first Friday of Lent 2/28.

### **DRIVE UP COFFEE CANCELLED**

Free drive up coffee on Friday, February 14 is cancelled due to the expected cold weather.

### **MESSY ART NIGHT**

Please join the PTO and Nativity families on Sunday, February 16 from 4:00-7:00 PM in the school cafeteria. Ten art stations will keep your kids excited and engaged. Food and beverages will be for sale. This is a FREE event – come ready to create and to get messy! If you have questions, please email the PTO at [nompto@nativitybloomington.org](mailto:nompto@nativitybloomington.org).

PLEASE NOTE: We need of egg cartons and Pringles cans. Please drop them off in the bin in the school office. Thanks!

### **PTO MEETING: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 7:00-8:00 PM**

Please join us in the Gathering Space for the February PTO meeting. We will discuss volunteering, including what has worked well, the challenges, and what it might look like next year. Other topics for the meeting include Teacher Appreciation Week and how the PTO raised funds can be used to support the school. Come and be part of the conversation!

The PTO co-chairs are both finishing their terms at the end of the year and we are looking for co-chairs for next year. Please contact [nompto@nativitybloomington.org](mailto:nompto@nativitybloomington.org) ASAP if interested.

### **CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL RAFFLE**

All sold and unsold raffle tickets and payment are due in the school office by Friday, February 28, 2020.

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, and Gift Cards. The top student seller will win an OLYM Kick Scooter! The top selling classroom will win a pizza party! If you do not wish to participate, please return the tickets to the school office. Thank you!

### **UNITY HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

Unity High School will be hosting a final open house of the school year on Tuesday, February 25. Whether you have an 8th grader still considering high school options or a student below the 8th grade and planning ahead, we welcome you to attend our event. If you are unable to attend but would like to learn more, contact us to schedule a meeting with our Principal and see first hand, Unity High School students at work! Save the date:

Tuesday, February 25 --Doors open at 6:30, presentations begin at 6:45

\*RSVPs are appreciated but not required.

Email: [admin@unityhighschoolmn.com](mailto:admin@unityhighschoolmn.com)

Located at Mary, Mother of the Church  
3333 Cliff Road East  
Burnsville, MN 55337

### **52 CLUB WINNER**

February 16 – Rose and Steve Underhill  
Thanks for supporting Nativity of Mary School!

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Friday, February 14 – **PARENT DRIVE DAY** – No bus service

Sunday, February 16 – Messy Art Night

Monday, February 17 – NO School

Wednesday, February 19 – PTO Meeting  
Wednesday, February 26 – Ash Wednesday  
Friday, February 28 – Nativity Family Dance