



NATIVITY^{of}MARY

SCHOOL

NATIVITY NEWS AND NOTES – Thursday, February 6, 2020

Hello Nativity Families!

We had a tremendous Catholic Schools' Week last week and are now back to our normal routines! We recently finished our winter MAP testing session and have been diving into the data to identify their growth thus far and what they are ready to learn next. Please see below for a summary of what our data showed this winter- it was incredible!

With the calendar turning to February, I want to remind everyone to please 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.' 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 me with any questions or concerns regarding the enrollment and/or financial aid processes!

Sincerely,
Ryan Pajak
Principal

MORNING DROP OFF

If you plan to walk your child to the door or into the building during morning drop-off, we ask that you park in a parking spot and cross at the crosswalk by door #12. The coned area is to be used by families dropping off their children while staying in their vehicle only. Please also remember that door #12 locks at 9:30. Students arriving after 9:30 need to use the door to the main office to enter the building (#14). Thank you for helping to keep our drop-off process running smoothly!

SAFETY AUDIT

As mentioned in our Mid-year Update, representatives from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety who work in the School Safety division came in mid-January to provide a review of our procedures and an evaluation of our campus. I am happy to report that our overall report was very positive with no immediate changes necessary. The auditors were impressed with many aspects of our campus and felt that we were a step ahead of many schools in our safety and security. That's not to say that we don't have areas we can improve though and a committee will be formed to address those opportunities for improvement.

WINTER MAP TESTING

Wow! Our winter MAP testing results are incredible! As you know, we implemented blended learning in grades K-8 this year because we saw the potential in this method of teaching to really individualize education for our students and help them to grow. Our winter MAP tests have shown that we achieved incredible growth across every grade level at Nativity! Here are some highlights.

- The number of students meeting or exceeding their expected growth has almost doubled from our data from last spring.
- Nearly 90% of our classrooms outpaced their expected growth by at least 36%.
- Almost 75% of our classrooms ranked in the 96th percentile or above in growth nationally.
- Growth was seen regardless of achievement level with many of our students falling in the "High Growth, High Achievement" quadrant.

We are so proud of the growth that we have seen already this year and are motivated to continue utilizing the data we have and helping our students achieve extraordinary gains. We will be sending home winter MAP test scores next Thursday in our communication folders.

CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL RAFFLE

Enclosed in today'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, 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!

3RD ANNUAL MESSY ART NIGHT

Looking to make plans for your Presidents day weekend in February?

Do your kids love art projects but you hate cleaning up the mess? Please join the PTO and other Nativity families on Sunday February 16 from 4:00-7:00 for our 3rd annual Messy Art Night. This fun filled evening will include 10 art stations full of messy, slimy and creative ideas for your little ones to compose their "Picasso like" projects. Food and beverages will also be available for sale. So take the night off and let the kid's release some of that pent up energy during these long winter weekends. Please mark the date, this is a FREE event; more information will be coming on the event in next week's communication folder. If you have questions, please email the PTO at nompto@nativitybloomington.org.

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

SAVE THE DATE!! – SPIRIT OF SPRING

What: NATIVITY'S SPIRIT OF SPRING AUCTION

When: Saturday, April 18, 2020

Where: Nativity of Mary School

Join us for a fun "Knight" under the lights at Nativity's biggest fundraiser of the year! It is the 20th Anniversary of the spring auction and one you will not want to miss. Spread the word and come join your friends and meet new ones! Stay tuned for more information in the next few weeks on this fun-filled event that supports all Nativity students.

52 CLUB WINNERS

February 2 - Jocelyn Brieschke

February 9 – Kathy Schoenecker

Thanks for supporting Nativity of Mary School!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, February 16 – Messy Art Night

Monday, February 17 – NO School

Wednesday, February 19 – PTO Meeting

Friday, February 28 – Nativity Family Dance 6:00-9:00 PM

Friday, April 3 – Men's Club Fish Fry

Saturday, April 18 – Nativity Spirit of Spring