



# The Weekly Nativity Newscast

**Making a World of Difference, One Habit at a Time**

## Upcoming Dates

### September 1 First Friday

- ❖ PFO Fall Mum Sale begins

### September 4 – Labor Day

- ❖ No School

### September 7

- ❖ Variety Show Auditions, 3:30-5:30, Music Room & Library

### September 10

- ❖ PFO Flower Sale ends

### September 14

- ❖ PFO Meeting, 6:30, PC

### September 18

- ❖ Blood Drive, 3-7, PC
- ❖ PFO Flower Pickup, 3-5, PC

### September 21

- ❖ Variety Show Rehearsal, 3:15-5:30, back room of church

### September 27

- ❖ Variety Show Rehearsal, 2:30-5:00, Gym

### September 28

- ❖ Variety Show, 6:30 in Gym

### September 29

- ❖ Grandparents Day, 12:15-3
- ❖ Last day to wear uniform shorts

### October 4

- ❖ Picture Re-takes & PK 2-day

### October 6 First Friday

- ❖ Spirit Wear Day
- ❖ Walk-a-Thon in afternoon

### October 9-13

- ❖ Fall Break

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## Laptops for 8<sup>th</sup> Graders

In 2015, the Nativity Technology Committee submitted a grant proposal to the James P. Scott Capital Improvement Endowment Fund maintained by the Catholic Community Foundation – Archdiocese of Indianapolis. The goal of the grant request was to expand the use of technology capabilities to Nativity's middle school students beginning with our eighth grade class of 2016. In order to purchase the laptops, charging cart, and upgrading our infrastructure to accommodate the additional wireless accesses, we requested \$55,000 as part of our proposal.

We were overjoyed to receive notification that we received \$27,750 (one half of the amount needed) from the James P. Scott Award to begin this process. In order to make this dream come to fruition, the school matched the grant amount and the computers were purchased and the infrastructure upgraded.

Last Friday, each member of the Nativity Class of 2018 was presented with his/her own computer to use throughout the school day.

*Terri Bianchini*  
*Principal*



## Nativity PFO Fall Plant Sale Starts Today!

The annual Nativity PFO Fall Plant Sale is now open! Gorgeous mums and ornamentals are now available to order in many colors from Heidenreich's Greenhouse. Visit <https://nativityflowersale.wufoo.com/forms/nativity-pfo-fall-mum-sale-2017/> to place your order. Flyers were sent home today.

Online ordering is available until the end of the day on **Sunday, September 10th**. Payment by cash or check is due when you pick up your order on **Monday, September 18th from 3 to 5 p.m.** at the south entrance of the Nativity Parish Center.

If you have any questions or need to make special arrangements to pick up your order, please contact Holly Dexter at [holly.dexter@gmail.com](mailto:holly.dexter@gmail.com), 317-862-0976 or Trish Wlodarczyk at [trishwlodarczyk@hotmail.com](mailto:trishwlodarczyk@hotmail.com), 317-460-8945.

## Birthday Blessings

At the end of each month, students and staff will receive a birthday blessing during Mass from Father Pat, as well as a birthday prayer card. This week we celebrated August birthdays. The students and staff members were called by name to come forward to receive a blessing.



## Accelerated Reader News

Congratulations to Samantha Durm, our most recent Reader Leader! She read over one million words and will get to attend the first millionaire breakfast on **September 11**. You can see pictures of our Reader Leaders outside the library doors. We are also working hard this year to reach our goal of reading over 100 million words before the end of the school year. So far, we have read over 15 million words. The Accelerated Reader website is <https://hosted278.renlearn.com/117570/> to take AR quizzes. Thank you for encouraging your child to read each day!

## Sporting News

The Nativity CYO Cross Country team will run against Holy Spirit (Indy), Our Lady of Lourdes, and Cardinal Ritter Junior High on **Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m.** at Saints Francis and Clare. Good luck and Run Fast!

The 3/4 Nativity Red Kickball team will face St. Jude-Black at St. Jude (front) on **Wednesday September 6<sup>th</sup>**. They also play on **September 7<sup>th</sup>** against Mt. Carmel-Navy at Nativity Kb (back). Both games begin at 6:00. Good luck and play well!

## Who Makes a World of Difference For You?

### My Mom by Callie Cromwell

My Mom has made a difference for me because she makes me laugh. Another reason my mom makes a difference in my life is that she always gives me hugs and kisses. The last reason my mom makes a difference in my life is that she can always make me happy. I am so lucky to have my mom.

### My Uncle by Colin Dexter

My uncle has made a world of difference for me because he makes me laugh. Another reason my uncle makes a difference is he took me to a drive-in theater. The last reason my uncle has made a world of difference is he lets me sleep at his house. This is why I love my uncle.

### My Friend Jada by Victoria Gomez

My friend Jada has made a world of difference for me because when I am sad she smiles at me and comes to hug me. Another reason is that Jada makes me laugh so hard by making funny faces. Jada always makes me happy. She always makes me smile. I like Jada so much and I am glad she comes to this school with me and all my friends and cousin.

## Variety Show

All students are welcome to audition for this year's Variety Show. The auditions will be **Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.** in the Music Room and Library. Rehearsals will be **Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> from 3:15 to 5:30** in the back room of the church **AND Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, from 2:30 to 5:00** in the gym. Participants **MUST** be available for both rehearsals! Please see the attachment for more details.

The Variety Show will be on **Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** in Weilhammer Hall (gym).

## Don't Miss the Parent Faculty Organization Meeting!

Are you looking to get involved at Nativity, but not sure where to start? The PFO (Parent Faculty Organization) is the perfect place to start. Come meet new families and see what fun programs we have to offer for the school, students, and staff. Our first meeting of the school year will be **Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** in the Parish Center.

PFO Save the Dates:

- **Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>** is Trunk or Treat
- **Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>** is Nativity Night at Chicago Pizza & Redline Frozen Yogurt

## Gift of Life



Nativity again hosts its Fall Blood Drive on **Monday, September 18, 2017 from 3 to 7 p.m.** in the Holy Family Room of the Parish Center. Donors must be 17 years of age (16 with a signed parental permission form), meet height/weight requirements, be in good general health and present a photo ID at registration. Very few medications make you ineligible for donating! Sign up via [www.donorpoint.com](http://www.donorpoint.com) for the Nativity Blood Drive. Direct questions to Scott (317-965-7670) or Mary (317-965-7651) Curren. We look forward to seeing you there!

Parents -- take advantage of this as you are picking up your children up from school!  
Thanks! Fr. Pat

## Tiny Titans Resumes September 11

Tiny Titans is a fun program for kids 5 and under at Nativity. Accompanied by a parent or caregiver, the little ones begin with open play at 8:30 a.m. on Mondays in the school library. The program begins at 9 and lasts until 10 a.m. We look forward to seeing you on **Mondays starting September 11!**



## CYO Football Night at Roncalli

Plan to join us on **Friday, September 8, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.** when the Rebels take on Plainfield. CYO players need to arrive (in uniform jersey) by **6:40** at the East (Team) Gate. Coaches and players/cheerleaders in uniform jersey will be admitted free of charge! All parents are expected to pay admission. The far Northeast Section of home bleachers has been designated as the CYO seating area. With five (5) minutes remaining in the first half, your team will assemble on the asphalt behind the East End Zone. Looking forward to seeing you there!

## CYO Football Night at Cathedral

Join the Irish Football Team and Fans **September 22** for CYO Night. Come meet the team, tailgate with the fans and receive free admission to the game (students only). Pre-register at [gocathedral.com/cyofootball](http://gocathedral.com/cyofootball).

### Attachments

September menu    Variety Show permission slip

#### Nativity Catholic School Mission Statement

Nativity Catholic School, a ministry of Nativity Catholic Church, inspires each student:

- to **grow** in the love of Christ
- to **achieve** his or her fullest potential academically, spiritually and physically and
- to **develop** as a faith-filled steward by serving others according to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

### Please patronize our 2016-17 Walk-a-Thon Sponsors!

**Gold Sponsors:** Peterman Heating, Cooling, and Plumbing, Inc., Beck Service Center, Roncalli High School, and Southport Discount Appliance

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## Enjoy the Labor Day Weekend!