



# The Weekly Nativity Newscast

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

## Upcoming Dates

December 8, 2017



**December 8 Immaculate Conception**  
❖ Holy Day Mass at 6:00 p.m.

### December 11

- ❖ First Reconciliation, 6:30 p.m.
- ❖ Parish Penance Service, 7:15 p.m.

### December 11 & 12

- ❖ Student Reconciliation & Adoration

### December 13, 14, 15

- ❖ Kids Holiday Shop

### December 14

- ❖ Q3 Club Registrations due

### December 17

- ❖ K of C Free Throw Championship

### December 18

- ❖ Stage Set-up

### December 21

- ❖ Christmas Program, 1:30 & 6:30

### December 22 Last day before break

### January 8 Classes Resume

### January 11

- ❖ Report Cards Issued

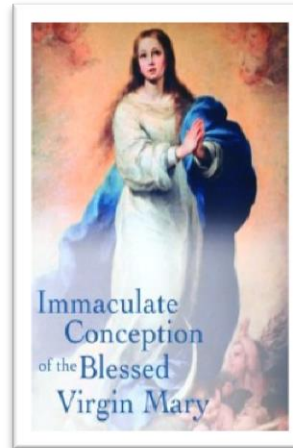
### January 12

- ❖ Spirit Wear Day

### January 15 ML King Day

**No school/Snow Make-Up Day**

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**December 8<sup>th</sup>** is the day we celebrate the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On this Holy Day of Obligation, we commemorate that Mary was conceived in Saint Anne's womb without original sin, so that she could be the undefiled vessel, the arc of the new covenant, the mother of Jesus. In addition to attending Mass this evening, praying a joyful rosary is a wonderful way to celebrate.



## Brrr... December Service Project

With the winter season bringing the cold, we recognize that not everyone is fortunate enough to have the necessities to stay warm outside. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade will be collecting various winter outer wear for the Salvation Army. Please bring any new or gently used items such as scarves, hats, gloves, and coats to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade homerooms. Thank you for your generosity during this Christmas season!



## Santa's Helpers Needed!

The PFO is sponsoring Kids' Korner Gift Shoppes at Nativity on **Wednesday, December 13th through Friday, December 15th**. Gift items start at less than \$1, with most in the \$1 to \$5 range. **The PFO needs volunteers to help with the shop.** Will you please help out? Volunteers are needed for 2-3 hour increments. Please sign up at <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/4090e45a9ad2aaafc1-santa3> If you have any questions, please contact Molly Perry at [Mollyrush@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Mollyrush@sbcglobal.net) or Kathleen Nill at [Kat.Nill@certusmg.com](mailto:Kat.Nill@certusmg.com). Thank you!

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Club Registrations Due Thursday

Check out the new clubs for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter! The Spring/Easter Craft Club, The Kindness Rocks Project, and the Knitting Club are all new additions your child will love! There are a total of 11 clubs from which to choose. Registration forms and money are due **Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**. The clubs will begin as soon as we get back from Christmas vacation, the week of January 8<sup>th</sup>.



## Charlie Schoettle Wins Geography Bee

Congratulations to Charlie Schoettle for winning Nativity's National Geographic Bee! The 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students watched the competition and cheered on the contestants. Congratulations to Isaac Kappes, our second place finisher! Charlie will represent Nativity by taking an online test, with the chance to advance to the regional and state contests.

## Dress for the Weather

Now that it seems the cold weather has finally arrived, please send your child with appropriate cold-weather attire such as winter coats, gloves, and hats. Students will go outside for recess if the wind-chill is above 15°. Also please remember to label each item as best as you can. We will be donating items on the lost and found table to St. Vincent DePaul at the start of Christmas break.

## Thank you Mr. Mendez!

We wish to extend our gratitude to Mr. German Mendez for painting Nativity's scoreboard on the football field! It looks refreshed and ready for another winning season!



## Help!! Mrs. Hamm Needs Some Folks to H-E-L-P!!

Calling all those parents who can help set-up the stage for our upcoming Christmas Concert! We will need lots of help! We will be setting up the stage on **Monday, December 18th, starting at 6:00 p.m.** If we have enough help, we should be able to get everything set up in about an hour. Many hands make light work. There is some heavy lifting, so dads especially are needed to help. High school students needing service hours for next year are also welcome.

If you can help, please email Mrs. Hamm at [mhamm@nativityindy.org](mailto:mhamm@nativityindy.org) to let her know you will be available. We can't do the show without the stage! If your child is in First, Third or Fifth Grade – or in one of our bands or choirs, we could really use your help. Thank you!!!

Mrs. Hamm, Music Educator

P.S. We will tear the whole stage down after the concert on **Thursday, December 21st**. We will need a group of people willing to help with that strike as well!

## Information for Nativity Students in the Christmas Concert

In case you missed it in last week's Newscast, the Christmas Concerts are on **Thursday, December 21st**. We will do **TWO** performances: **1:30 p.m.** and then **again at 6:30 p.m.** It is very important that all participating students are present for both performances. The classes and ensembles included in this concert are: the **1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grades**, the Beginning and Advanced **Bands**, the **Recorder Choir** and the **4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir**. (Our spring concert will feature students in Kindergarten, Second and Fourth Grades as well as the Middle School Choir.)

Performing students should wear their concert clothing to school on December 21<sup>st</sup>. For the evening performance, **students should report to their classrooms by 6:10 p.m.** The girls should wear Christmas dresses in red, green, white, gold or silver. They can also wear a Christmas sweater or top with a skirt. If they wear a dress or top with spaghetti straps, please wear a little sweater over the top. Most of the students are doing movement so they should be able to dance in their shoes (be careful of high heels). If the shoes are slick, put duct tape or masking tape on the soles.

Boys should wear dress shirts with a Christmas tie, or a sweater appropriate for the season. They could also wear red, green, or white turtlenecks along with nice slacks. I would prefer dress shoes, but if all they have is athletic shoes, that is fine. No one should wear any fleece or jeans.

All of our students should dress up for this special presentation. I certainly do not expect families to purchase clothes for this concert, but please try to look your best for Christmas!

The students have been working very hard for this concert! I hope that you and your whole family can join us as we greet the season with a musical salute!

One final word, schedule conflicts for athletic practices and other repeat events should not take precedence over the school's official concerts. We want to make sure that both performances are awesome – and are presented as planned! (Especially for all those family members who can only come in the evening!)

Thank you for all you do to support your students in their musical education. Let's come together as our Nativity family to celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ! Merry Christmas! See you and yours on the 21st!!!

## Colonial Wax Museum



Nativity's 5<sup>th</sup> graders presented a Colonial Wax Museum for students and parents on Thursday. Each student was dressed in period costume and had a 30-60 second speech prepared. The kids loved having an audience! The visitors and other students were very impressed with the performances of our "living statues". Thanks to Mrs. Katie Jones and Mrs. Courtney Swift.

## 3rd Grade Titans Go Undefeated



Congratulations to the Nativity Titan 3rd grade girls' basketball team! The Titans played in the Holy Name South Deanery Basketball League and went undefeated for the season with a perfect record of 6-0. Players included Lucy Perry, Hailey Engel, Leah Clark, Ellie Render, Caroline Schoettle, Elliot Leffler and Lily Daming. The Titans were coached by Doug Clark and Chris Render. Great job girls!



## Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship

Calling all sharpshooters – boys and girls ages 9–14 – for the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The competition will be held **Sunday, December 17** in Nativity's gym. Registration begins at 11 a.m. with competition beginning promptly at 11:30. Nativity's winners will represent Father Louis Gootee Council #13105 in district level competition.

Participants compete within their own gender and age group. We will have a council winner for each age group for boys and girls. The winner of each category will be able to compete in the district level competition. Winners will be announced at the end of the competition. Participants can obtain an entry form from the school office or at gym the day of the event. All contestants must bring a photocopy of their birth certificate along with the signed entry form to be able to participate in the event. Any questions can be directed to Andy Minton at 317-525-1841 or [aminton@hcoarchitects.com](mailto:aminton@hcoarchitects.com).



## Archery Meet Success

Well over 200 archers from around the state gathered for a competition at Nativity last Saturday. From all reports, our visitors enjoyed Nativity Titan hospitality and competition. Our Titan Archers earned the 1<sup>st</sup> Place Trophy for Middle School and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Trophy for Intermediate. Congratulations to C



## Poinsettia Memorials

Remember a loved one who has died with a beautiful poinsettia in church at Christmas time. You may send names to the Parish office, either by mail or through the Sunday collection, along with \$10 per plant. A memorial list will be posted at the doors of church on Christmas. Contact Theresa in the Parish office with questions by calling 317-357-1200 or emailing [tmartin@nativityindy.org](mailto:tmartin@nativityindy.org).

## Donate While You Shop

Here's an idea to consider – shop this holiday at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/35-0893498> and Amazon will donate a portion to Nativity. Nativity received \$48.42 as a donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of AmazonSmile program activity between July 1 and September 30, 2017. Thank you!





## Nativity High School Ski Trip

Nativity high school students will be heading to Perfect North Slopes on **Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**. It will be a great time being with friends skiing, snow tubing and/or snowboarding! All high school students are invited to join us! No school on Monday, so you'll have time to recover!

More information can be found on our website: <http://nativityindy.org/high-school-ski-trip>

Register online by Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup> if you are interested in attending

Questions email Maureen Hutt: [mhutt@nativityindy.org](mailto:mhutt@nativityindy.org) Adult chaperones will be needed as well.

## News from Cathedral High School

Shadow at Cathedral High School: Come be a VIP—"Very IRISH Person"—for a day! We invite all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to spend a day in the life of one of our students, meeting teachers, attending classes and experiencing what being IRISH is all about! Visiting students will be hosted by a freshman student who has similar co-curricular interests and/or academic abilities. Follow this link to sign up: <http://bit.ly/2x6qeGU> or contact Maribeth Cloud at [mcloud@gocathedral.com](mailto:mcloud@gocathedral.com).

Cathedral High School band/choir concerts: Cathedral High School invites you to the Pride of the Irish Christmas Band Concert on Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the Joseph O'Malia Performing Arts Center.

Cathedral High School invites you to attend our Christmas Concert on December 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 [p.m.in](#) the Joseph O'Malia Performing Arts Center.

Cathedral High School Application Deadline: All applications for admission to Cathedral High School are due no later than December 15, 2017. These are submitted online at [www.gocathedral.com](http://www.gocathedral.com).

**Attachments** Quarter 3 Club info and registration

RHS Volleyball Winter Clinic registration info 122717

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Nativity Catholic School, a ministry of Nativity Catholic Church, will LEAD through:

**L**ove rooted in Christ;

**E**ducation focused on academic excellence and service to others;

**A**chievement through personal effort and perseverance; and

**D**evelopment of mind, body and spirit.

**Vision**

By inspiring greatness, all children of Nativity Catholic School will realize their worth and reach their fullest God given potential.

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