



The Weekly Nativity Newscast

Making a World of Difference, One Habit at a Time

Upcoming Dates

February 3

- ❖ Reverse Raffle

February 4

- ❖ Eucharistic Adoration, 1-4 p.m.

February 5

- ❖ Registration begins for Nativity parishioners w/o current students

February 6

- ❖ Science Fair

February 8

- ❖ All School Mass, 8:30 a.m.

February 9

- ❖ Yearbook Online Order ends

February 12

- ❖ Open House, 9-10:30 a.m. and 6-7:30 p.m.
- ❖ Registration open to all

February 14 Ash Wednesday,

- ❖ Lent begins
- ❖ All School Mass at 8:30

February 19 – Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

February 22

- ❖ Mass at 8:30, all welcome
- ❖ Box Tops for Education Due
- ❖ Group Photo for yearbook, 9:30

February 24

- ❖ Quest for Excellence at RHS
- ❖ Father-Daughter Snowflake Ball

March 1

- ❖ Registration fee increases to \$125.

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Catholic Schools Week

By Mary Luebke, 7th grade

At Nativity Catholic School, Catholic Schools Week is one of the students' favorite times of year. Students grow in faith with fun activities every day. We are a Leader In Me school, which means that Catholic Schools Week is full of leadership activities. We use our faith to bring us together every day, and certainly during Catholic Schools Week. We explore what we believe in through our friends and teachers.

On Monday of Catholic Schools Week, we worked together with another grade to do an activity, game, or craft. This is part of the Leader In Me seven habits, synergize. The two grades taught each other new things. We celebrated our school community by working with and for each other. We also got to wear our pajamas to school, which is a student favorite.

Celebrating our students was on Tuesday. This was a day when students get to do something fun. Every year, Silly Safari comes to show us cool animals from all over the world. It was also Generations Day, so we dressed up like different age groups. For example, preschool through 2nd graders dressed like senior citizens.

On Wednesday, we celebrated our nation. Every year, we play a school wide game of bingo. If we get a bingo, we go to the office to get a prize. This year, we dressed up like our favorite Super Hero or Villain. It is always fun to see who everyone dresses up like.

On Thursday, we attended Mass, and the 8th grade led us in the rosary afterwards. This was a time to reflect on our lives as Catholics. We also gave Father Pat cards to show how much we appreciate his vocation to the Church. We wore our favorite sports team apparel to school. Father Pat played sports when he was younger and still loves them. We focused on our faith a lot on Thursday with activities in our classroom.

Friday was full of fun and Titan spirit. We wore any Nativity Titans apparel or dressed up like a faculty member. This was a fun day for the 8th grade, since they played a volleyball game against the teachers in front of the entire school body. The students made posters and signs in the morning to support who they wanted to win. At drop off, the teachers passed out breakfast to the parents to show how much we appreciate them.

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Catholic Schools Week by Mary Luebke, continued

Nativity Catholic School is a school that expresses our faith every day as well as Catholic Schools Week. The students lead their peers through our activities to become leaders and good people. The teachers help the students achieve that. Catholic Schools Week is a week to get students and faculty excited to learn about our faith. We love to grow in faith and learn leadership skills.



Breakfast is a good thing!

When students need to take achievement tests, schools strongly urge them to eat breakfast first on testing days. Why? Because we know that when students eat breakfast, they perform better and are better able to concentrate. Yet on "normal" days, many students fail to eat breakfast; they're too busy, too tired, or just don't know what to eat.

Let's help students to perform better every day, by making sure they eat a healthy breakfast at home or at school. Breakfast is available everyday 7-8 a.m. in the gym.



Science Fair This Tuesday

Nativity's 5th and 7th grade students will display their scientific acumen at our Science Fair on **Tuesday, February 6th** in the Parish Center. Science Fair participants will be dressed for success as they present their findings to the judges. The exhibits will be on display from 3:30-6 p.m. On Wednesday during the school day students and parents will have their last opportunity to view the exhibits. Participants will take their projects home on Wednesday after school.

Accelerated Reader News

Congratulations to Callie Elrod for becoming a Reader Leader by reading over 1 million words! She is invited to the Millionaire Breakfast on Monday.

We would also like to congratulate 2nd graders Addisyn McNeely and Devon Collett for reading over 100,000 words! They enjoyed lunch with Ms. Bianchini.

Please encourage your children to read!



Valentine's Day Parties to be on February 13th



Because Valentine's Day coincides with Ash Wednesday this year, our Valentine's Day parties will be held on **Tuesday, February 13th**.



Did You Order Your Yearbook?

The 2017-18 Yearbook sale ends next Friday. The full-color yearbook costs \$15. If you prefer to personalize the cover with your child's photo and name, the cost is \$20. You may order and pay by credit card online before **February 9th**. To order visit: www.inter-state.com/yearbooks and enter code **24083J**.

PFO Meets February 15th

Please join us for the first Parent-Faculty Organization meeting of 2018. The PFO will meet on **Thursday, February 15th at 6 p.m.** in the Parish Center. New parents are always welcome! It is an easy way to get involved with the school. If you have any questions, contact Shannon Campbell at scampbell@levyrestaurants.com.

Have You Secured Your Timeslot for PTS Conferences?

Our Parent/Teacher/Student conferences will be held on **Monday, Feb. 19th from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.** Tuesday, February 20th will be a normal school day.

Each student and parents will meet with the student's homeroom teacher for 20 minutes. Please choose your time at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044caaae2ca02-20181>.

If you would like to meet with a teacher other than your child's homeroom teacher, please send her/him an email to arrange a meeting for a later date.



Registration Opens to All Parishioners on Monday

Registration for the 2018-19 school year has begun. We appreciate all of the parents who have enrolled this week! Nativity parishioners who do not currently have children enrolled at Nativity will begin registering **Monday, February 5th**. Any spots not already filled will be open to the public on Monday, February 12th.

The early-bird registration fee is \$100. It will increase to \$125 on March 1st. Current Nativity families can register online (credit card with \$5 fee) or in the office (cash or check). Registration forms are attached for your convenience. Parents of New Students will need to complete additional forms in the office and bring a copy of the student's birth certificate and immunization record.



Please invite friends and family who might be interested in attending your school of choice to our Open House, which will be held on **Monday, February 12th**. The Open House hours are **9:00 to 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.**

Spring CYO Registrations are OPEN!!

If you are itching for Spring, never fear, CYO Spring Sports are around the corner! The athletic committee is excited to announce that online payments are now being accepted and registration is open!

Register online here: <http://nativityindy.org/registration> Registration will close **February 14th**.

Spring Sports are as follows:

Boys Baseball (6th - 8th) - \$75

Girls Softball (6th - 8th) - \$75

Girls Kickball (3rd - 8th) - \$65

Co-Ed Soccer (5th-8th) - \$90

Co-Ed Track (3rd-8th) - \$60

If you have questions regarding registration, please contact Jennifer Elrod @ jelrod@nativityathletics.org or Staci Hicks @ stacimhicks@gmail.com



Box Tops For Education



It's time for another successful Box Tops for Education drive! Please find, clip, and send in as many Box Tops for Education as you can. Ask your grandparents, neighbors and friends to contribute. Every student who brings in at least 10 Box Tops for Education by **February 22nd** will earn a reward!



Snowflake Ball



The much-anticipated, always enjoyable, Father-Daughter Snowflake Ball will be held on **Saturday, February 24th**. Girls in Pre-School through 5th grade and their fathers (or Grandfather, Godfather, or Uncle) may attend. Please contact Mrs. Mendoza at mmendoza@nativityindy.org if you have any questions.

Camp Invention 2018

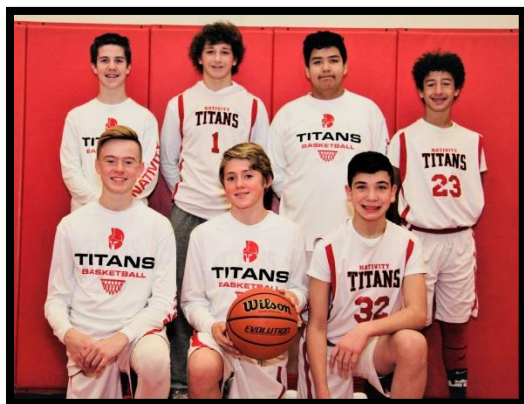
Same great camp, same great directors. Different Location this summer. More info to come. Camp Invention will be held at Bunker Hill Elementary, **June 4-8**, for incoming Grades K-6.

Nativity Titans Headed to the City Semi-finals

Nativity's Cadet A Boys Basketball team is scheduled to play their City Semi-final game on **Sunday, February 4th** at Scecina Memorial High School at **1 p.m.** When they win, they will play for the City Championship on **Tuesday, February 6th at 7 p.m.** at Scecina Memorial High School.

Our Cadet B Boys Basketball team is scheduled to play their City Semi-final game on **Sunday, February 4th** at Our Lady of Lourdes at **1 p.m.** When they win, they will play for the City Championship on **Monday, February 5th at 7 p.m.** at Our Lady of Lourdes.

Come out and support these highly successful teams. Come cheer on our Titans to a victory!!! Let's go Titans!!



Junior High South Deanery Youth Rally

All Nativity Middle School students are invited to the South Deanery Youth Rally on **Saturday, February 3rd** at Roncalli High School. The Junior High Youth Rally theme this year is "The Great Adventure....What's your story and What's God's story for you?" The keynote speaker, Scott Boyle's topic will be "Remember Who You Are: Disney, Pixar & Life In Christ". Dinner served in the RHS cafe and a Concert by We Are Leo are just a couple of the extra bonuses of the day! Registration fee is \$30 until January 27, \$40 after January 27 or at the door.

Click here to find out more information and to register. <http://www.nativityindy.org/jr-high-youth-rally> Contact Maureen Hutt @ mhutt@nativityindy.org for questions.



Chik-Fil-A Night

Save the date -- **Wednesday, March 7th** for Nativity Night at Chik-Fil-A. Details to follow.

You May Qualify for a Tax Deduction for Tuition

Do you qualify for an Education Expense Deduction? If you have a dependent child enrolled in K-12 private school or who is home-schooled, you may qualify for a deduction based on education expenditures for that child. Expenditures include tuition, fees, textbooks, and school supplies. If you are eligible, this deduction is \$1,000 per qualified dependent. Details can be found at <http://www.in.gov/dor/reference/files/ib107.pdf>.

Attachment

Nativity Catholic School Mission Statement

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

Love rooted in Christ;

Education focused on academic excellence and service to others;

Achievement through personal effort and perseverance; and

Development 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.

Please patronize our 2017-18 Walk-a-Thon Sponsors:

Gold Sponsors: Alpha Systems, Beck Service Center, Hightower Graphics, Inter-State Studio, Roncalli High School

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