

The Weekly Nativity Newscast

Let Jesus Be Your Compass

January 25, 2019

Upcoming Dates

January 28-February 2

- ❖ **Catholic Schools Week**
- ❖ 2019-20 Registration begins for current school families

January 31

- ❖ All School Mass, 8:30 a.m.
- ❖ Last day to order \$15 yearbook

February 1

- ❖ 1st Friday, Spirit Wear Day
- ❖ Yearbook increases to \$20

February 4

- ❖ Registration begins for parishioners

February 5

- ❖ Science Fair

February 7

- ❖ All School Mass, 8:30 a.m.

February 11

- ❖ Registration begins for non-parishioners
- ❖ Open House, 9-10 a.m. and 6-7:30 p.m.

February 16

- ❖ Snowflake Ball, 5:30-8 p.m.

February 18 – No School/Snow Make-up Day -- Presidents' Day

February 19 –

Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences
-- No classes

March 1

- ❖ Registration fee increases to \$125

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Registration Begins Monday!

Families of students now attending Nativity Catholic School will be awarded the first chance to register for the 2019-20 school year. Beginning **Monday, January 28th**, current school families may enroll in Kindergarten through 8th grade either online at <https://school.nativityindy.org/enrollment-for-grades-k-8> or with paper forms in the school office. (Current 3-year-old Preschool students may be enrolled in 4-year-old Preschool at <https://school.nativityindy.org/enrollment-for-preschool>) or in office.

The early-bird registration fee is \$100. There will be a \$5.00 processing fee added to the registration fee for all online registrations. Registrations can be submitted to the school office if you prefer to pay by check or cash. Please register by **Friday, February 1st** to ensure a spot for your child, as this process is on a first come, first served basis.

Beginning **Monday, February 4th**, registration will open to Nativity parishioners who do not currently have a child attending Nativity Catholic School. New families must register in the school office.

On **Monday, February 11th**, registration will be open to everyone.

The registration fee will increase to \$125 for those registering after **February 28th**.



Inclement Weather

When we have a 2-hour delay, there will be **No Morning Care** and **No Morning Preschool**. The doors to the school will not open until 9:45 a.m. Classes will begin at 10:15. In case of a 2-hour delay or school closure, we will send texts through Jupiter grades and announce through local TV news stations. Please look for Nativity Catholic School; we do not follow Franklin Township or Roncalli.

Catholic Schools Week Activities

We will celebrate Catholic Schools Week next week. We appreciate the student lighthouse team and teacher team for planning our week for us!

Sunday: Celebrating Our Parish -Students who attend Nativity Masses on the weekend of **January 26-27** should wear their Nativity uniform to Mass.

Monday: Celebrating Our Community- Pajama Day- Come in PJs, but please brush your teeth! (Sweats allowed)

Tuesday: Celebrating Our Students-10 Year Challenge- Students can dress like what they think they will look like in 10 years or what they looked like 10 years ago. (Sweats and jeans allowed)

- Silly Safari brings Amazon John! (THANK YOU PFO!!!)

Wednesday: Celebrating the Nation - Favorite Team Day- Students can dress in their favorite high school, college, or professional team. (Jeans and sweats allowed)

- Student Lighthouse members in grades 1-5 will attend Mass with the archbishop.
- Nothing says America quite like BINGO- School-wide Bingo begins at 1:30!

Thursday: Celebrating Vocations- Sunday Best Dress Day- No jeans or sweats allowed

- Students will present Father Eric with a classroom card or personal letter at Mass.
- Teachers will pass out breakfast to parents at drop off.

Friday: Celebrating Faculty, Staff, and Volunteers - Nativity Spirit Day- Students can wear their best Nativity gear or dress like a Nativity faculty member. (Jeans and sweats allowed)

- Celebration Ceremony for Mr. English- An Office of Catholic Schools representative will present him with recognition at school assembly at 1 p.m.
- 8th Grade vs. Teachers Volleyball game at 1:45 p.m.

Sale on Yearbooks Until January 31st

Yearbooks ordered by **Thursday, January 31st** can be purchased for \$15. The price will increase to \$20 for yearbooks ordered **February 1st through 15th**. Order at www.inter-state.com/yearbook, use code 32907Z. Or, you may use the paper order form and pay by check to Nativity Catholic School.



Star Students January 2019



The following students have been observed demonstrating Christ-like behavior during the month of January. Congratulations and keep leading with terrific behavior!

Bobby Adams, Caroline Agresta, Colin Budewitz, Emma Jaskela, Geryan Mirasol, Violet Perry, Ben Smith, Lucas Walke, Rosie Widner, Govi Rembusch, Dawson Staton, Gavin Deardorff, Luke Hayes, Johnny Kitley, Dillon Welt, Ella Johnson, Lily Heisserer, Caleb Smith, Kaitlynn Smith, Mary Schoettle, Lucy Perry, Micaela Ward-Cortez, Macen Hendrix, Noah Kurz, Audrey May, Theresa May, Gianna Miller, Alex Parrott, Mary Renshaw, Maggie Smith, Brady Waugh, Page Boyle, Aubrey Silcox, Drew Beard, Ian Eldridge, Alejandro Gomez-Alejo, Ryan Nohl, Anthony Paynter, and Josh Renshaw

Spelling Bee a Smashing Success!!!

On Thursday, January 24th, the Nativity gym was the site of a keen competition – the school-wide Spelling Bee. Thirty-nine students from fourth through eighth grades went head-to-head in a very tough competition!

Students competed in their individual homerooms to earn the right to participate in the school's spelling bee. When they arrived at the gym, they were given final instructions and pulled numbers to decide the random order in which they would spell. Sitting in their numerical order, the students eagerly anticipated the start of the competition.

The spelling bee started with a practice round and then the competition began in earnest. Our students competing this year were all excellent spellers – and we went through a couple rounds not losing many students at all. The words gradually become more difficult, and as that began to happen, a few more students went out in each round. For the fourth year, vocabulary words were interspersed between the traditional spelling rounds where the students had to define vocabulary words to stay in the competition.

Finally, we were down to five students: Evan Meer, 8th, Eli Aldrich, 7th, Madeline Daming, 6th, Alex Beard, 5th, and Abby Helfrich, 4th! In the last round, Evan was the only one to spell correctly so he became champion on his final word “chivalrous.” Then we had to have a spell-off to determine our runner-up. Alex Beard won that round! Our student audience was very well behaved and supported all of our spellers very well.

Mr. Meer will be an awesome representative for Nativity Catholic School at the District Spelling Bee! If successful at the district level, he can proceed to the Regional competition. The regional winners travel to Washington DC for the national Scripps Spelling Bee competition. Our 5th grade runner-up, Alex Beard, will compete should Mr. Meer be unable to attend.

The spelling words used in our school-wide competition are provided by the Scripps Howard national organization. We use the words from this list in the order that they are provided, although we can jump to different sections based on the level of difficulty. The vocabulary words and multiple-choice answers were also provided by Scripps.

Thank you to Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Mendoza for their assistance as judges. And congratulations to the following students who participated in our spelling bee:

4A Lily Daming
Cullen Deardorff
Eli Kulenkamp
Lauren Miller

4B Abby Helfrich
Sariya Kitchen
Danna Lopez
Karol Molina-Gomez

5A Anna Fisher
Bennie Leffler
Alex Toth
Brayden Treadwell

5B Alex Beard
Becca Engel
Taylor Gregg
Logan Neyenhaus

Spelling Bee, continued

6A	Jaxon Calhoon Joey Hicks Audrey May Melody Miller	6B	Grace Daming Madeline Daming Sydney Kirkhoff Avalyn Mosconi
7A	Eli Aldrich Nathan Miller Alex Roy Aubrey Silcox	7B	Eli Fitzgerald Jackson Maples Vinny Shives
8A	Drew Beard Evan Meer Blake Vennall Luke Vennall	8B	Olivia Bognar Ethan Render Harry Schoettle Sean White

How Can We Serve You Better?

Families play an important role in the school success of children. There are many different ways that you can become involved and support your children's learning. Whether you attend Parent-Faculty Organization meetings, volunteer in your child's classroom, help with the book fair, or just review homework assignments with your child at home each night, you are making a contribution that will help your child do well in school.

The educational programming is strong at Nativity Catholic School, but we'd like to make it even better and make sure that our program meets the needs of families, students, and teachers. You can help us form better academic programming by answering the questions on a survey. This survey can be accessed by clicking on the link below.

<https://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/94156/6677>

If you have any questions about the survey or about our school's current educational programming, please don't hesitate to contact Ms. Bianchini at 317-357-1459 or tbianchini@nativityindy.org

Accelerated Reader News

Congratulations to Luke Vennall (8th) and Will Fox (3rd) for becoming Accelerated Reader Millionaires! Also, congratulations to Emma Jaskela in kindergarten for reading over 10,000 words! Emma will enjoy lunch with Ms. Bianchini. Luke, Will and Emma will have their pictures placed on the AR Wall outside the library. All of our Millionaire Readers are invited to the next AR Millionaire Breakfast on **Monday, February 11th.**

OPEN HOUSE

Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to our Open House on **Monday, February 11th**! Wouldn't it be wonderful to have more family and friends here to share the great learning experiences, positive atmosphere, and rides to Nativity? We will offer two convenient sessions, **9 to 10 a.m. and 6 to 7:30 p.m.** Coincidentally, **February 11th** is also the first day that 2019-20 registration is open to the public!

Leader In Me Family Card

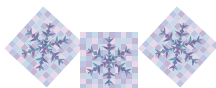
This week's Family Talk Card: Everyone has one or more talents. What are your talents? How do you and can you use your talents?

Each week, we will be adding a Leader In Me Family Talk Card. The purpose of the Talk Card is to give you an opportunity to open conversation with your children. During the discussion, listen for hints of the seven habits!

1. Be Proactive
2. Begin With the End in Mind
3. Put First Things First
4. Think Win-Win
5. Seek First to Understand, then to be Understood
6. Synergize
7. Sharpen the Saw

After Care Workers Needed

Do you love working with children? If you are available from 3 to 6 p.m. a few days per week, and would like to earn \$10 per hour, please contact the school office at 317-357-1459 or email Ms. Bianchini at tbianchini@nativityindy.org for more information.



Snowflake Ball



Want a fun way to spend a Dad and Daughter evening? Join us for the ever popular Snowflake Ball on **Saturday, February 16th from 5:30 until 8:00 p.m.** The event is for fathers and daughters in Preschool through 5th grade. If Dad is not available, Grandfather, Uncle, or Godfather will be held in Weilhammer Hall (gym) and feature a balloon artist, DJ, photos, and a wide variety of snacks, treats, and drinks. Professional photos by Holly Dexter will be available for \$10 (cash or check). The cost is \$20 per Dad, which covers all of his daughters in Preschool through 5th grade. If Dad is not available, Grandfather, Uncle, or Godfather may come in his place. For questions regarding the dance, email Mrs. Mendoza at mmendoza@nativityindy.org. For questions regarding photographs, email Holly Dexter at holly.dexter@gmail.com. Permission slip is attached.



K of C Free Throw Winners

Congratulations to the following winners in Nativity's Knights of Columbus Council 13105's free throw competition held in the Nativity gymnasium on January 12, 2019! They will go on to represent Nativity in the regional competition.

Girls: Lily Daming - Age 9, Elliot Leffler - Age 10, and Mary Renshaw - Age 11

Boys: Sam Smith - Age 9, Isaac Gomez-Alejo - Age 12, and Alejandro Gomez - Age 13

Spring Sports Registration Is Open Now

Registration is now open for the following Spring sports:

Soccer (56 and Cadet)
Track and Field (Grades 4-8)
Spring Kickball (Grades 3-8)
Softball (Grades 6-8)
Baseball (Cadet)

Registration will close **February 18th**. All fees need to be paid prior to close of registration for your athlete to be placed on a team.

Please contact these sports coordinators if you have any questions:

Soccer: Linda White (goofy68@sbcglobal.net)
Track and Field: Jeff Keller (jeff@jeffkeller.com)
Spring Kickball: Ali Leffler (nali4412@sbcglobal.net)
Softball: Jeff Silcox (jeffsilcox@gmail.com)
Baseball: Bill Babcock (billbabcock@sbcglobal.net)

Donations Needed for Jr. High Youth Rally

The South Deanery Parishes will be hosting the annual Jr. High Youth Rally on **February 2nd** @ Roncalli High School. This is a time for all middle school students to spend a day reflecting on their self and on their relationship with God. New this year, the students will be organizing a service project for St. Elizabeth Coleman Pregnancy and Adoption Services. All students are to bring donations day of. However, I am asking the parishioners of Nativity to help with this service project as well. Any donations may be left at the back of church after Masses OR dropped off in the parish center. Donations needed by **Thursday, January 31st**. Questions email: Maureen Hutt @ mhutt@nativityindy.org

Items needed are: paper towels, garbage bags, Windex, Clorox wipes, infant sleepers (0-3 months), baby wash, liquid dishwashing soap, Ajax cleanser, other household cleaning supplies

Maureen Hutt, Director of Youth Ministry, 317.357.1200

Reverse Raffle Ticket Sales and Donation Item Request

Tickets are now on sale for the reverse raffle, which will take place **Saturday, February 2!** They are \$40 each and can be purchased at the doors of church after all the Masses or at the parish office. We are also currently collecting live and silent auction items for the event. If you or someone you know has items/experiences to donate, please contact Daniel Dixon (317-357-1200) or Karl Knight (317-523-5873).

Camp Invention 2019

Register early for Camp Invention to save money. They will offer the same great camp, and same great Instructors as last year. The location will be Bunker Hill Elementary again this summer. Please see attached flyer for more details. The camp will be held **June 3-7 2019** for grades K-6.

Indy Junior Rebels Lacrosse

Interested in the fastest growing sport on two feet? Come see what lacrosse is all about! Indy Junior Rebels Lacrosse (the feeder program for Roncalli High School Lacrosse) is registering now for our spring season. Visit jirebellax.com or our Facebook page for more information. We currently have teams for boys and girls in grades 3-8. Questions? Contact Julie at juliealdrich@att.net or 317-496-7339.



Reminder: Roncalli High School Application

Roncalli is excited to welcome the Class of 2023 next Fall! With scheduling for freshman year starting in a month, if you haven't started the application process yet, you will want to get on that ASAP! The Application for Admission is now available online at <https://www.roncalli.org/application>. Once the application is complete and the \$100 registration fee is received, you may continue the registration process. Please contact Director of Admissions Allie Ross at aross@roncalli.org or (317) 787-8277, ext. 243 with any questions.



News from Cathedral High School

Congratulations to Nativity alumnus Lillian Cadwell for earning a spot on the Cathedral High School honor roll for the 2nd quarter! We are proud of you, Lilly!

Come be a VIP—"Very IRISH Person"—for a day! We invite all 8th 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. Go to gocathedral.com/shadow for more information or contact Maribeth Cloud at mcloud@gocathedral.com.

Attachments: 2019-20 K-8 Re-enrollment packet 2019-20 Preschool Re-enrollment packet
2019-20 K-8 New Enrollment packet 2019-20 Preschool New Enrollment packet
February menu Snow Flake Ball permission slip

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 2018-19 Walk-a-Thon Sponsors:

Gold Sponsors: Roncalli High School, Big Daddy's Bar & Grill, Hightower Graphics, MM Contractors LLC, Tri-Ax, Inc., and Beck Service Center

Silver Sponsors: Dexter Photography, Knights of Columbus Fr. Louis Gootee Council 13105, O'Riley Funeral Home, Griffith Flooring, Nate Knows Real Estate – WRG, and Wethington Law Office

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2019-20 Enrollment Begins Monday!

