

# The Weekly Nativity Newscast

Let Jesus Be Your Compass

February 1, 2019

## Upcoming Dates

### February 1

- ❖ 1<sup>st</sup> Friday, Spirit Wear Day
- ❖ Yearbook increases to \$20

### February 4

- ❖ Registration begins for parishioners

### February 5

- ❖ Science Fair

### February 6

- ❖ 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to ISO

### 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 14, St. Valentine's Day

- ❖ All School Mass, 8:30 a.m.

### February 16

- ❖ Snowflake Ball, 5:30-8 p.m.

### February 18 – No School

- ❖ Presidents' Day

### February 19 –

Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences  
-- No classes

### February 20

- ❖ Tiny Titans, 8:45-10

### March 1

- ❖ Registration fee increases to \$125

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## How May 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](mailto:tbianchini@nativityindy.org)



## Science Fair This Tuesday

Nativity's 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will display their scientific acumen at our Science Fair on **Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>** 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 3:30-5:30 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.

## Please Sign up for Conferences

Once again this year, you will have the privilege and opportunity to marvel as your child explains and demonstrates his or her advances in learning. The Student-led Parent and Teacher conferences will be **Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**. Please reserve your spot on Sign-Up Genius at [www.signupgenius.com/tabs/4307FDE00A7CCEE2-2019conferences](http://www.signupgenius.com/tabs/4307FDE00A7CCEE2-2019conferences)

## Spelling Bee Winners



We congratulate our final five spellers, Alex Beard, Eli Aldrich, Evan Meer, Abby Helfrich, and Madeline Daming, for their terrific spelling and competitive skills! In case you missed Mrs. Hamm's article in last week's Nativity Newscast, 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!

8<sup>th</sup> grade student Evan Meer was the winner and will represent 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 5<sup>th</sup> grade runner-up, Alex Beard, will compete should Mr. Meer be unable to attend.

## Snow Make-up Day Will Be May 30<sup>th</sup>

Due to frigid weather, our school was closed Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. The snow make-up day will be added onto the end of the school calendar. Therefore, at this time, the last day of the school year and the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter will be **Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**. If we have any more snow days, make-up days will be added to the end of the year. Presidents Day will not be used as a snow make-up day this year. 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation will remain Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>.

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Begins February Service Project

Nativity's Sixth Grade students are the sponsors of February's Service Project, a canned food drive. Grade levels will compete to see who can collect the most cans. The winning grade level will receive an extra recess. Our needy brothers and sisters will receive extra days without hunger. God bless you for your generosity!

## Accelerated Reader News

Congratulations to Sam Smith and Mrs. Kurz for reading over 1 million words, tracked by Accelerated Reader! They will get to attend our monthly Millionaire Breakfasts. Their pictures are also hanging on the Reader Leader wall outside of the library. Congratulations and thank you for being Reader Leaders!

## Did You Forget to Order Your Yearbook?

Never fear! Yearbooks may be ordered for \$20 from **February 1<sup>st</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup>**. Order at [www.interstate.com/yearbook](http://www.interstate.com/yearbook), and use code 32907Z. Or, you may use the paper order form and pay by check to Nativity Catholic School. There is an extra \$5 charge if personalization is desired.



## Registration Opens to Nativity Parishioners

Beginning **Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**, 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 11<sup>th</sup>**, registration will be open to everyone.

If you have not already registered, please do so soon. The Preschool morning classes are filling up fast. The registration fee will increase to \$125 for those registering after **February 28<sup>th</sup>**.



Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to our Open House on **Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**! 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 11<sup>th</sup>** 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: Five years from now your local paper does a story about you. They want to interview three people – a parent, a brother or sister, and a friend. What would you want them to say about you?

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](mailto:tbianchini@nativityindy.org) for more information.

## Reverse Raffle Is Tomorrow

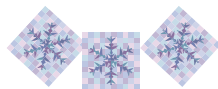
Tickets are now on sale for the reverse raffle, which will take place **Saturday, February 2!** They are \$40 each and can be purchased at the doors of church after all the Masses or at the parish office. We are also currently collecting live and silent auction items for the event. If you or someone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

## Camp Invention's Biggest Discount Ends February 8<sup>th</sup>

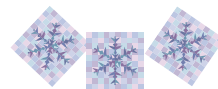
Check your child's backpack for the Camp Invention discount flier. All students going into Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to register for Camp Invention which runs **June 3-7, 2019**. Register at [www.invent.org/programs/camp-invention](http://www.invent.org/programs/camp-invention) or 800-968-4332. Contact Mrs. Dunn at [gdunn@nativityindy.org](mailto:gdunn@nativityindy.org) for more information.

## Chick-fil-A Challenge

Nativity families are always ready for a Chick-fil-A challenge! Mark your calendar for the week of **February 18<sup>th</sup> through 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Details to follow.



## Snowflake Ball



Want a fun way to spend a Dad and Daughter evening? Join us for the ever popular Snowflake Ball on **Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 until 8:00 p.m.** The event is for fathers and daughters in Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. If Dad is not available, Grandfather, Uncle, or Godfather can fill in. The ball 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 5<sup>th</sup> grade. For questions regarding the dance, email Mrs. Mendoza at [mmendoza@nativityindy.org](mailto:mmendoza@nativityindy.org). For questions regarding photographs, email Holly Dexter at [holly.dexter@gmail.com](mailto:holly.dexter@gmail.com). Permission slips were sent home today.

## Spring Sports Registration Ends February 18th

Registration is now open for the following spring sports: Co-ed Soccer (56 and Cadet), Track and Field (Grades 4-8), Spring Kickball (Grades 3-8), Softball (Grades 6-8), and Baseball (Cadet)

Registration will **close February 18th**. No registrations will be added after the 18th so please register TODAY! Please contact these sports coordinators if you have any questions:

Soccer: Linda White [goofy68@sbcglobal.net](mailto:goofy68@sbcglobal.net)

Track and Field: Jeff Keller [jeff@jeffkeller.com](mailto:jeff@jeffkeller.com)

Spring Kickball: Ali Leffler [nali4412@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nali4412@sbcglobal.net)

Softball: Jeff Silcox [jeffsilcox@gmail.com](mailto:jeffsilcox@gmail.com)

Baseball: Bill Babcock [billbabcock@sbcglobal.net](mailto:billbabcock@sbcglobal.net)

Any payment questions can be directed to Jennifer Elrod [jelrod@nativityathletics.org](mailto:jelrod@nativityathletics.org)

## High School Volleyball Tournament ... One Day Only



Any high school student interested in representing Nativity Titans in a 1-day double elimination COED VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT @ St. Roch, email Maureen Hutt @ [mhutt@nativityindy.org](mailto:mhutt@nativityindy.org). Space is limited. Reserve your spot ASAP.

**DEADLINE TO SIGN UP: Wednesday, February 6th.** (remember space is limited)

Team entry fee is \$65... so depending on number of Nativity players depends on individual cost. Hoping to have 2 Nativity teams in the tournament!

**DATE OF TOURNAMENT: Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup>** Start time: 5:30 p.m.

Each team is guaranteed at least 2 matches. All games will be played to 13.

**CONTACT** Maureen Hutt if interested in playing.



## Roncalli Honor Roll

Nativity students continue to excel as students at Roncalli High School. Congratulations to the following Nativity alumnus for achieving High Honor Roll or Honor Roll status! We are proud of you!

**High Honor Roll:** Cole Beckman, Nathan Cleveland, Aidan Curtis, Sydney Geibel, Catherine Guilfooy, Keelin Harrington, Evan Koch, Christina Kurz, Meredith Mader, Sara Mescall, Katy Minton, Ainsley Newett, Tyler Newett, Alex Payne, Veronica Phillips, Sarah Prusa, Sophia Prusa, Eliza Rail, Joseph Schubach, Sydney Silcox, Trace Solonka, Celia Whisler, Grace Whitaker, Sarah Wiley, Cara Wlodarczyk, Alana Young, and Carlie Young.

**Honor Roll:** Stella Agresta, Madison Aldrich, Brian Bobko, Thomas Brownfield, Elijah Buening, Hunter Burge, Luke Dill, Savannah Evans, Andrew Geibel, Gabe Horn, Livia Ianni, Jake Kappes, Lexie Keller, Bryce LaMarca, Thomas LaMarca, Jazmyn Lawry, Aidan Leffler, Madeline Mader, Ethan McGuire, Sam Meer, Logan Mercuri, Ben Minton, Aidan Newett, Ben Rooks, Erin Rooney, Abbey Scheil, Charlie Schoettle, Caterina Sergi, Jenna Shearer, Alexandra Stallings, Zoey Webb, Kai Wisler, and Lili Wisler.

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! Please contact Director of Admissions Allie Ross at [aross@roncalli.org](mailto:aross@roncalli.org) or (317) 787-8277, ext. 243 with any questions.

### Nativity Catholic School Mission Statement

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.

### Please patronize our 2018-19 Walk-a-Thon Sponsors:

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