

The Weekly Nativity Newscast

Let Jesus Be Your Compass

March 8, 2019

Upcoming Dates

March 8

- ❖ Q4 Club registrations due

March 10

- ❖ Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 11

- ❖ 2nd grade field trip

March 12

- ❖ 5th grade field trip

March 13

- ❖ Tiny Titans, 8:45-10

March 14

- ❖ All School Mass, 8:30 a.m.
- ❖ Vision and Hearing Screening

March 15

- ❖ Wear green shirts and uniform bottoms for Saint Patrick's Day

March 18

- ❖ End of 3rd Quarter
- ❖ Parish Blood Drive, 3-6:30, P.C.

March 19

- ❖ Q4 Clubs begin

March 20

- ❖ Tiny Titans, 8:45-10

March 21

- ❖ All School Mass, 8:30
- ❖ MS Musical, 1:30 and 6:30

March 22

- ❖ Report Cards issued
- ❖ K-5 Awards in church, 9:15
- ❖ 6-8 Awards in church, 2:30

March 25-29 Spring Break

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Daylight Savings Time Begins Sunday Morning



Rice Bowls Are Coming Home

The second graders have worked hard counting rice bowls for each student and making posters to hang in each classroom. The rice bowl money goes to Catholic Relief Services and the money is used here in Indianapolis and around the world. The money helps the poor to get food and clothing.

It would be great if every child used their own money or earned some money to give during this Lenten season. This is our Almsgiving event for Lent. Please return all rice bowls with money inside or in an envelope marked rice bowls by Good Friday. Please bring the money to the office. The second graders delivered the rice bowls and spoke to each class for a few moments about this event. Please check backpacks for your Rice Bowl!

Nativity Catholic School 2019 Survey Results

Thank you to everyone who thoughtfully considered and responded to the Nativity Catholic School 2019 Surveys. Your answers allow us to evaluate Nativity Catholic School and provide statistical feedback on how we are progressing towards our school's improvement goals.

For each survey, you will find the 5 highest scoring items and the 5 lowest scoring items below and the response from the faculty and school commission to the survey responses.

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2019 Survey Results continued

Parent Survey

137 responses

Overall score: 4.17/5.00

Highest Scoring Items

OUR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION EFFECTIVELY CARRIES OUT ITS RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE AREAS OF FAITH FORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP.

4.42

OUR SCHOOL PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM FOR STUDENT FAITH FORMATION, AND PARTICIPATION IN RETREATS, PRAYER, MASS, SACRAMENTS, AND OTHER SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCES.

4.42

OUR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION TAKES RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEVELOPMENT AND OVERSIGHT OF SCHOOL PROGRAMS, PERSONNEL, AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS.

4.44

OUR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION HAS AUTHORITY TO REALIZE AND IMPLEMENT THE SCHOOL'S MISSION AND VISION.

4.44

OUR SCHOOL MISSION CLEARLY EXPRESSES A COMMITMENT TO CATHOLIC IDENTITY.

4.67

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Lowest Scoring Items

EVERY ADULT IN THE SCHOOL SUPPORTS THE FAITH LIFE OF THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

3.95

OUR SCHOOL MAINTAINS AND SHARES A TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT PLAN.

3.93

OUR SCHOOL'S FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT, AND TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT PLANS ARE DESIGNED TO ENHANCE TEACHING AND LEARNING.

3.91

TEACHERS VARY THE TYPES OF ASSESSMENTS THEY USE TO MONITOR INDIVIDUAL AND CLASS-WIDE STUDENT LEARNING.

3.91

AT OUR SCHOOL, TEACHERS USE DIFFERENT TEACHING APPROACHES TO MEET THE DIVERSE NEEDS OF ALL STUDENTS.

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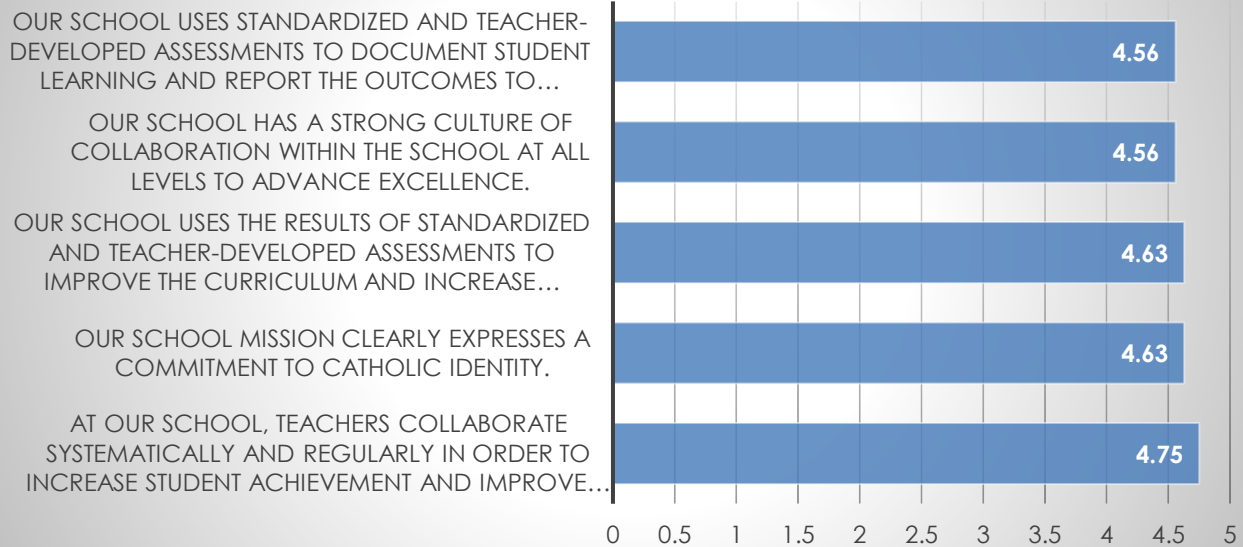
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Staff Survey

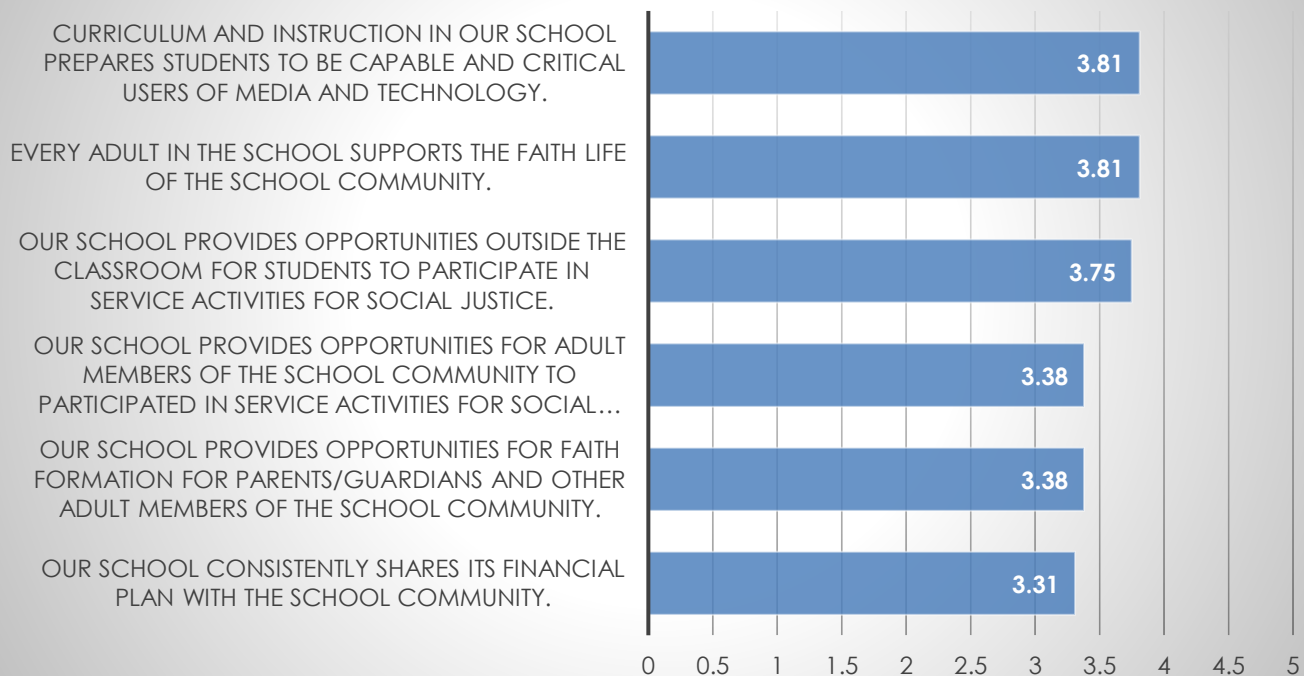
38 responses

Overall Score: 4.16/5.00

Highest Scoring Items



Lowest Scoring Items



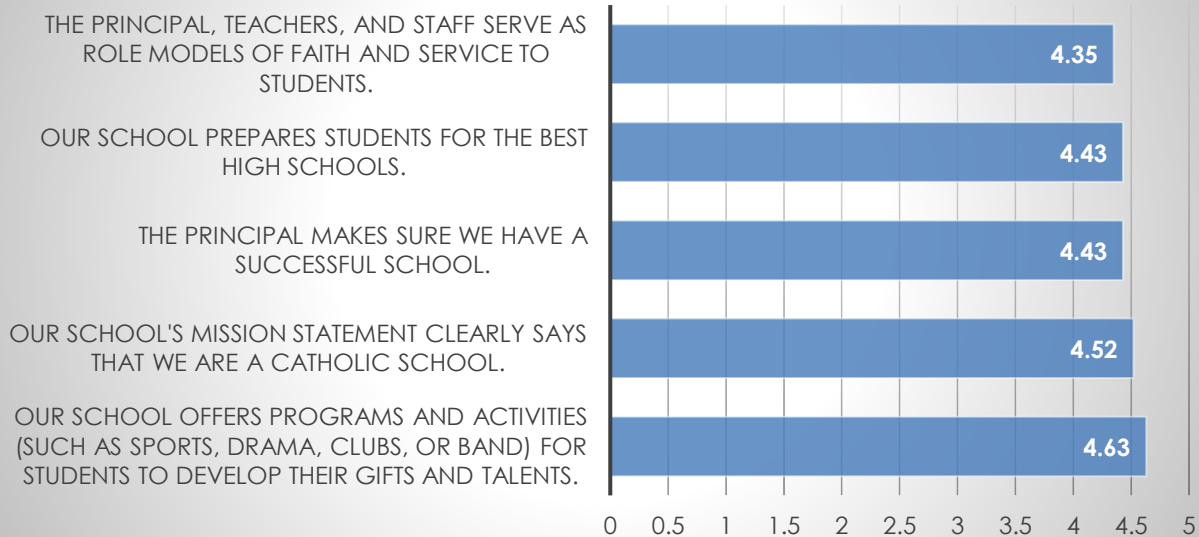
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Student Survey

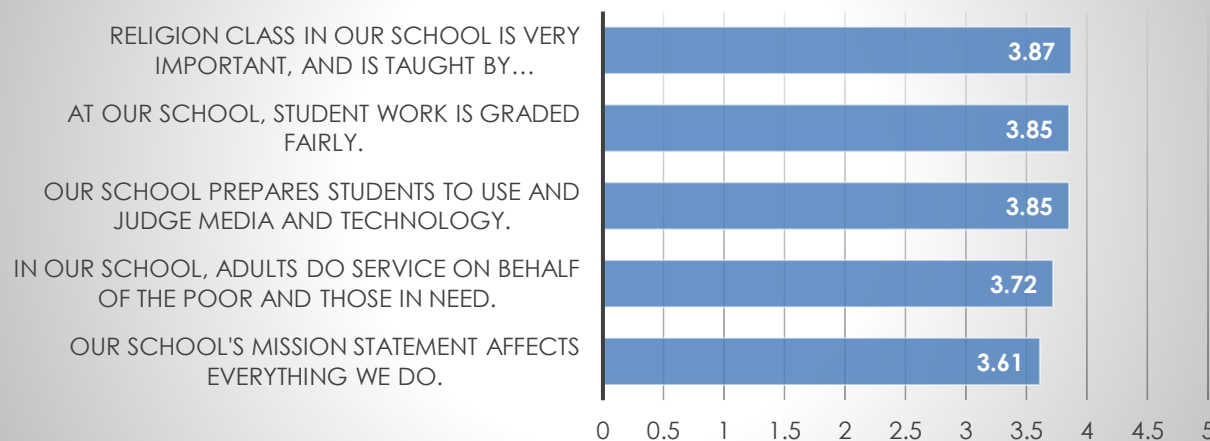
96 responses from Grades 5-8

Overall Score: 4.14/5.0

Highest Scoring Items



Lowest Scoring Items



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Survey Implications

The Nativity School faculty and the school commission have reviewed the survey results and have offered the following conclusions and implications.

Kudos

- Nativity's School Accreditation Team visitation was in October 2015. It was noted by the visiting team that our school mission statement was not well known by our community members. The 2019 survey results show that this weak area is now an area of strength.
- The score range was from 1 (Strongly Disagree) to 5 (Strongly Agree). It was so affirming to see that no score from parents, faculty, or students fell below 3.61.
- The Nativity faculty is using data from standardized and benchmark tests to develop the most effective curriculum & instruction to students at all levels of achievement.
- Students are prepared for High School. Below is a chart sharing our students' academic successes on the High School Placement test for Roncalli. Presidential Scholars scored in the top 10 of all students taking the exam.

Year	# of Presidential Scholarship Winners
2015	3
2016	4
2017	1
2018	3
2019	1

Opportunities

- Even though knowledge of the school mission statement was a strength, the students rated, "Our school's mission statement affects everything we do as the lowest ranking statement. We can take this opportunity to help our students understand that our mission is more than just something we recite every morning, but that it stands for all the things that we believe are important for our school community.
- It is estimated that less than 50% of our school families attend weekend Masses consistently. Encouraging families to attend weekend liturgies will enhance the value of a Catholic Education. Offering additional faith programs and opportunities for service for social justice to families and school faculty is needed. We do have monthly service projects led by grade levels. Our challenge is to find ways beyond collecting items for distribution to various agencies. Our students' safety is always a concern when looking for ways for our students to serve the community. If you have any ideas or suggestions for service projects for us, please let your child's teacher know!
- Adequate technology is always an area for growth. Each year, our technology budget increased. Not only do we have to budget for new technology but for the maintenance/replacement of the technology and infrastructure that we do have in place. We are so fortunate that Nativity families have ample technology in their homes for their children to use but we will keep striving to stay current here at school.
- Nativity Catholic School's financial information should be shared with the faculty and families frequently in a consistent manner.



Canned Food Drive Winners

A huge thank you to all who contributed to the 6th grade's February Service Project! 713 cans were collected in the canned food drive! Congratulations to the 4th grade who collected 213 cans and won the prize! The second place winners were the 2nd grade with 182 cans. The 6th grade came in 3rd with 109 cans contributed. A special thank you to Mr. English, who coordinated the drive, and Mrs. Roy who delivered the items to the local food bank!

Parish Lenten Retreat March 10 - 12

You are cordially invited to join us at the Parish Lenten Retreat **Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at 7 p.m.** in church. You will enjoy presentations by Father Justin DuVall, OSB, a Benedictine Monk of Saint Meinrad Archabbey and Vice-Rector of Bishop Simon Brute College Seminary. Sunday's topic will be Prayer, Monday, will be Fasting, and Tuesday topic is Almsgiving. A light reception will follow each night's session in the Parish Center.

Stations of the Cross

All parishioners are invited and encouraged to join us for the praying of the Stations of the Cross. Through this prayer we journey through the final moments of Christ's life, beginning when Pilot condemns Jesus to death and concluding with the burial in the tomb. We will pray the Stations of the Cross **at 6 p.m. every Friday of Lent, beginning March 8.**



Share the Gift of Life
LENTEN BLOOD DRIVE



THIS JUST IN....Blood Donors will receive a \$10 Buffalo Wild Wings Gift Card!! Nativity hosts its Spring blood drive on **Monday, March 18th from 3 to 7 p.m.** in the Holy Family Room of the Parish Center. All healthy individuals at least 17 years of age (16 with a signed parental form) are encouraged to choose the time that works best for their schedule to make a donation. Very few medications keep you from donating! Visit https://www.donorpoint.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/127970 Direct questions to Mary Curren (317-965-7651) or Scott Curren (317-965-7670). Thank you for considering this life giving donation!

Accelerated Reader News

Congratulations to Lucas Walke in Kindergarten and Brady Becker I 2nd grade. They read enough words to become Junior Reader Leaders. They will enjoy lunch with Ms. Bianchini and have their photo on the Junior Reader Leader wall.

Congratulations to 2nd grader Abby fox, for reading over 1 million words!! Abby is invited to the millionaire breakfasts.

Great job being Reader Leaders!

Titan Archers Aim for State

Nativity's Titan Archers will be participating in the State Tournament this **Saturday, March 9th** at the State Fairgrounds. The elementary team shoots at 9:50 and the middle school team is shooting at 12:10. Good luck Titan Archers!

Vision and Hearing Screenings Thursday

The Marion County Public Health Department's Community –Based Care team will provide Vision and Hearing screenings to Nativity students on **Thursday, March 14th**. Students in grades 1, 3, 5, and 8 will be screened for vision. Students in grades 1, 4, and 7 will be screened for hearing. The Health Department will not provide screenings for Kindergarten or Pre-School students. If you would like to have your child screened for vision or hearing and he/she is not in the above mentioned grades, please let Mrs. Lamott know next week. Also, if your child is scheduled to be screened, but you decline, please let Mrs. Lamott know in writing at plamott@nativityindy.org. Thank you!

Tuition Assistance is Available

Nativity Catholic School has a long history of making Catholic Education affordable for a widely diverse community. Nativity Catholic School and Parish are pleased to continue this tradition for the 2019-20 school year. Since tuition alone does not cover the cost of a Nativity education, all families receive some support from the yearly financial investment from Nativity parish. Each school year, Nativity parishioners support the school with over \$200,000.

In order to qualify for assistance:

- A student must be currently registered for the next academic year.
- There must be a demonstrated financial need for tuition assistance.
- A student's account must be in good standing.

Please read the attached Tuition Assistance Letter for more details. Requests are kept confidential.



Wearing of the Green on Friday



On **Friday, March 15th** students and staff will be allowed to wear green shirts with uniform bottoms in celebration of Saint Patrick's Day!

Do You Have Your ACTS Together?

It's easy to do! Just go to <https://www.nativityindy.org/annual-call-to-stewardship-acts>. If online is not your style, you can complete the attached 2019 ACTS form and send it to the office. All Nativity parishioners must complete the ACTS form in order to receive Parishioner Rate on tuition. Thank you!

Good for Kids; Good for Parents!

Some children don't eat breakfast at home and discover that they're hungry when they arrive at school. The School Breakfast Program provides a great option for parents. As you may know, a great breakfast is offered for all students at school. Studies have proven that kids who eat breakfast achieve higher academic scores, are more alert in class, visit the school nurse less often, and are better behaved in school. If morning meals are difficult for your family, let the School Breakfast Program help you out!

School Breakfast Information Serving Time: 7 – 7:45 am, Price: \$1.50 paid, \$.30 reduced*, free* (*if qualified) No advance registration necessary! All students are welcome every day

Beauty and the Beast, Jr. is Coming to Nativity! Two Opportunities to Support the Middle School Musical

The middle school musical is an extracurricular project and no school budget money is set aside to produce this show. We are offering special ads in our program to raise money to cover the expenses of the show. Our expenses are for our royalties, set, costumes (for 56 students), lights, props, and curtains. This show is a particularly big properties show, there are several sets, as well as a HUGE costume show. Can you imagine making 52 pieces of flatware? Therefore, we are trying to raise \$5,000 to cover our budget for Beauty and the Beast.

In good old theatre tradition, this year we are selling ads for the program to raise our funds. We can do three different size ads: Quarter page: \$25; Half page: \$50; Full page: \$100

If you own or work at a business that would like to be included in our program to help our music theatre students, please contact Mrs. Hamm (mhamm@nativityindy.org) or Ms. Bonnie Judkins (bonniejudkins28@gmail.com). Camera ready art for the business ads would be appreciated.

Families of students in the show are also able to place ads to support their young actor! "Break a leg," or "We love you" are common types of sentiments! Prices for the families are the same as the business ads.

The deadline to be included in this special program will be **Wednesday, March 13th**! Don't be left out! We know you want to support the performing arts at Nativity Catholic School!

Leader In Me Family Card

This week's Family Talk Card: If you could spend one day in a great library studying anything you wanted, what would you study?

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! Be Proactive, Begin With the End in Mind, Put First Things First, Think Win-Win, Seek First to Understand, then to be Understood, Synergize, and Sharpen the Saw.

Chick-fil-A Results

Thanks to all the Nativity families who took the Chick-fil-A challenge on February 19th and 22nd, we received a check in the amount of \$196.34 from Southport Chick-fil-A! Thank you for your support!

Calling All Inventors!

March 22nd is your last day to save \$25 on your Camp Invention registration! Sign up before Spring Break and time runs out on this great discount! Use Code: **INNOVATE25BM**. There is also a sibling discount. Use code: **SIBLING**. This gives \$25 off each child and valid all season. Camp Invention is a great STEM summer program for children entering grades K-6. This year's camp will return to Bunker Hill Elementary School during the week of **June 3rd - June 7th** led by our own Mrs. Giennie Dunn.

Attention Band Parents

The South Deanery Spring Concert is coming up on **Friday, May 17th**! Mr. Joel Humberd reports that things are going great and your students are working very hard. He is going schedule some extra after school rehearsals this month to get the kids together sooner and be able to hear what the whole ensemble sounds like more than just a few weeks before the concert. Also it will give the percussionists some extra practice time with all of the auxiliary percussion instruments.

Here is our upcoming schedule:

Beginning Band:

Tuesday, March 19, 3:45-5:00, Wednesday, April 3, 3:45-5:00, and Tuesday, April 16, 3:45-5:00 p.m.

Advanced Band:

Wednesday, March 14, 3:45-5:00, Tuesday, April 2, 3:45-5:00, and Wednesday, April 17, 3:45-5:00 p.m. (These dates will be "come as you can". If you can make them, great. There will be snacks provided.)

These are the REQUIRED after school rehearsal dates:

Beginning Band: **Tuesday, May 7, 3:45-5:00 and Wednesday, May 15, 3:45-5:00**

Advanced Band: **Wednesday, May 8, 3:45-5:00 and Tuesday, May 14, 3:45-5:00**

There will be a dress rehearsal at Roncalli the morning of **Friday, May 17**. We will bus the students to the high school in the morning and have them back to school by noon. The concert will be that evening, in the Roncalli High School Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. Call time for students will be **6:15 p.m.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to email Mr. Humberd at jhumberd@roncalli.org.

Summer Camps at Roncalli

Roncalli High School will again offer many different sport camps this summer for elementary age student athletes currently in grades K-8. These camps are conducted by members of the Rebel coaching staff and serve to provide fundamental instruction in each sport as well as a wonderful opportunity to have fun in a friendly and nourishing environment. Please see attachment.

Cathedral Trivia Night 2019

Celebrate Saint Patrick's Day weekend with Cathedral's annual Trivia Night, **March 23rd**, at the Northside Knights of Columbus! Trivia, games, prizes, surprise VIP guests, live band, and more! Wine and beer will be provided. Bring your own unique food or appetizers to share, rally a team of 10 together and decorate your team's table for added fun! Register at www.gocathedral.com/trivia.

Attachments: Blood Drive MOMO Online Safety Guide for Parents

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

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