



Let Jesus Be Your Compass

The Weekly Nativity Newscast

May 24, 2019

Upcoming Dates

May 24

- ❖ Field Day in the afternoon (see attachment)
- ❖ Wear Class Color T-shirt

May 27 – Memorial Day, no school

May 28

- ❖ June birthday out of uniform
- ❖ 8th Grade Class Trip
- ❖ New Server training, PC, 3:25

May 29

- ❖ July birthday out of uniform
- ❖ 8th Grade Graduation, 6:30

May 30 – Last Day of School

- ❖ Quarter 4 ends
- ❖ Everyone out of uniform
- ❖ All School Mass, gym, 8:30
- ❖ K-7 Awards following Mass
- ❖ Dismissal at 3:15 p.m.

June 6

- ❖ Report cards mailed

June 3-7 Vacation Bible School

August 8 First day of class

August 16 & 17

- ❖ Augustravaganza Festival

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Great Endings and New Beginnings

The 2019-20 school year has flown by! But as we traveled through the year day by day, our students and teachers have truly lived our theme and kept Jesus as our compass! Throughout all the necessary transitions, I have been so impressed with the resilience exhibited by our students, staff, and families. Through the difficult times, our school family pulled together and came through with a stronger sense of unity and community.

Although it is a hectic time of year, it is the time when I most realize how fortunate we all are to be part of the ministry of Nativity. Parents and teachers commit their time and energy every day toward creating a nurturing environment in which children can thrive!

We wish our thirty-three eighth grade students all the best as they journey on to new places. Eighth grade graduation is a time for celebration and reflection on the impact faith-based education has made on each student. Parents proudly see their child as a Nativity Graduate rooted in CHRIST.

I wish you all a very happy, safe and enjoyable summer. Please be sure to take time as a family to talk, play, and pray together. I look forward to seeing you all in August.

In Christ's peace,
Terri Bianchini
Principal

Report Cards, Medicine, Summer Hours

Report Cards will be mailed the first week of June to all families whose accounts have been paid in full. Next year's homeroom assignment will be included on the report cards.

All medications need to be picked up from the office by an adult.

Summer office hours will be **Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.**

Highlights of the 2018-19 School Year

Our Faith Journey

- Focused on our Faith through school-wide Advent and Lenten activities
- Proudly celebrated Catholic Schools Week
- Forty Nativity Catholic School students celebrated their First Reconciliation and First Communion
- Students kept "Jesus as their Compass" by serving others with 11 service projects – each one organized by a grade level. Projects included: marker recycling, a canned food drive, collection of plastic bags to be made into mats for the homeless, writing letters to veterans, collecting bed linens for pediatric cancer patients, and baby items for Birth Line.
- Each student received a birthday blessing in church during their birthday month
- School-wide "Lighting of the Advent Wreath" ceremony was held to welcome the Advent season
- Last Supper reenactment, led by the fourth graders, was appreciated by all students, staff, and many of our parents
- Seventh Grade led the school in the "Living Stations" on Good Friday
- Sixth Graders led Dickensian Christmas carols on the day before Christmas break
- Eighth Graders crowned Mary on the Friday before Mother's Day.
- Grandparents were honored and celebrated during our Annual Grandparent's Day Mass

Academic Journey

- Students read over 77,665,954 words and took over 7,276 Accelerated Reader Tests with a 93% pass rate.
- Eighteen students earned Millionaire Reader Leader status, reading over one million words. Four of these students are double millionaires!
- Fourteen students in grades K-2 earned Junior Reader Leader status.
- Nativity students in grades 1-5 spent 1,636 hours working 520,828 math problems on IXL Math (web-based math site). These problems covered 7,380 skills!
- First Grade students spent 349 hours and 26 minutes working on 112,107 Language Arts questions and mastering 2,140 skills!
- Nativity students checked out 10,253 books from our library and the Shared System of IMCPL this year
- One Nativity Eighth Grader was awarded the Presidential Scholarship at Roncalli for scoring in the top ten (out of over 300 students) on the High School Placement Exam
- Every student participating in the CYO Music Contest earned a first-place rating
- Nativity students participated in the Scripps Spelling Bee and National Geographic's Geography Bee
- The second annual Gallery Art Show was a huge success this year!

Academic Journey continued

- Seventh and Eighth grade students participated in Roncalli's Quest for Excellence with the help of parent and teacher coaches
- Wee Mail Program was established in Kindergarten through Second grades giving students the opportunity to learn how to write friendly letters and address envelopes. Students learned how to use the US Mail system and were able to send letters to other students under the guidance of their teachers.
- Students in grades K-5 enjoyed our new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) lab and activities
- Fifth and Seventh grade students used the scientific method to produce outstanding science fair exhibits
- First Grade planted and tended their garden throughout the year meeting science standards and learning about leadership

Leader In Me Journey

- The Lighthouse Team played an integral part in planning Catholic Schools' Week, organizing a service project, giving tours, and eliciting ideas for The Leader In Me Program in their classrooms.
- DEAL (Drop Everything and Lead) Days were implemented monthly and were favorite days to many of our students.
- Nativity hosted our first ever Leadership Day with educators from across the state of Indiana attending. Visitors left praising our students' leadership abilities.

Our Safety Journey

- Teachers and Staff participated in Active Shooter Training and Suicide Prevention Training
- Extended Care safety protocol was established and implemented
- Two separate safety audits were conducted by outside resources
- Twenty-eight students and twelve adults received CPR training
- Screenager Program was offered to families of all South Deanery Grade Schools
- An anonymous hotline made available to students to report bullying, harassment, fighting, vandalism, etc.
- Strategically placed vehicle barriers were installed outside of door #1 and in front of students' dismissal area
- Shades installed on the interior of classroom doors and work areas to block visual access during an emergency
- A new and improved outdoor camera security system installed
- The interior door to the academic wing remains locked and is accessible only with a "fob"
- Grant written to help provide funds for "Phase Two" of Nativity Catholic School's safety plan
- School Safety Specialist attended two days of advanced training

Other Milestones

- Parent, Staff, and student survey results confirmed the many positive aspects of our school and helped establish the school's future goals.
- Celebrated National Anthem Day
- Using their data/leadership binder, students participated in the second annual Student-Led Conferences
- Honored the Veterans from our community with a Veterans' Day Program
- The Titan Café served close to 27,000 nutritious lunches
- Knights of Columbus prepared a fresh, delicious breakfast for ILEARN test takers
- Nativity artwork was displayed at the Central Library
- Two eighth grade students were awarded the K of C scholarship
- Students shared their God given talents while performing in the Christmas and Spring Programs, the Talent Show and the Middle School Musical (Beauty & the Beast)

A Friendly Reminder

With the end of school quickly approaching, all accounts must be paid before students leave for the summer. This includes lunch, extended care, library, and tuition. If you are not sure of your balance please call Mrs. Lee in the school office at 317-357-1459 or email dlee@nativityindy.org for more details.

Remember, all fees must be paid before report cards and next year's homeroom assignment are released. Records cannot be released until all accounts are paid in full.

We appreciate your timely response in this matter!



Altar Server Training

Nativity is currently accepting new Altar Servers for the upcoming school year! Students in grades 6-8 during the 2019-20 school year are eligible. Altar servers serve at weekend Masses 1-2 times per month. Scheduling is flexible. For more information, contact Lisa Render at (317) 513-5390 or via email at lrender0823@gmail.com.

To sign up, [click here](#) to complete a Google Form. There will be a training for new servers immediately after school on **Tuesday May 28** in the Parish Center.

Out of Uniform

Tuesday, May 28th is the out of uniform day for **June birthdays**.

Wednesday, May 29th is the out of uniform day for **July birthdays**.

Thursday, May 30th is out of uniform for everyone.

And the Winners Are ...

There were many thoughtful, imaginative and creative entries for the Calendar Contest using next year's theme, "Building a Bridge of Faith". We appreciate all the time and talent involved. The winning entries were created by soon-to-be 8th grader Alice Smidebush and a team of future 4th graders consisting of Ethan Richardson, Dominic Verow, Matthew Stevens, and Eli Crooke. Their creations will be featured on the front and back covers, respectively of the 2019-20 color calendar.

Lost and Found Will Soon Be Gone

Please be sure to check the Lost and Found table for your child's belongings. Anything not claimed by the last day of school will be donated.

Accelerated Reader News

Elijah Vickrey has read over 100,000 words and is a Junior Reader Leader! Congratulations Elijah! Please encourage your children to read over the summer and log into Accelerated Reader to record their accomplishments. The site will be reset in early June so summer reading will count for next school year.

Yearbooks are Here!

If you did not order one, we have some extras in the office. The cost is \$20 per yearbook.

Empty Water Bottles Needed for VBS

VBS is in need of your empty drinking water bottles. Please bring to them to the Parish Center. VBS greatly appreciate your help! If you have any questions please contact Erin Laffoon. Thanks in advance!

Vacation Bible School Safari

Join us on our Safari! Vacation Bible School will be **June 2nd through 6th from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.** The last day to register is **May 24th** at Nativityindy.org. We still have opportunities for teen volunteers and an adult volunteer for Kid Vid. Volunteers can register on the website. We also appreciate any donations. Please see the link for items needed. They can be dropped off at the parish center. Thank you. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4fa5a729a6ff2-2019>

Parents Night Out at Nativity!

Just what you have been waiting for! School will be out and parents need a break! Never fear, we have you covered! On **Friday May 31, 2019 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.** Nativity college students will be ready, willing and able to help your children have fun in the gym while you have a night out. Proceeds will help with the cost of the summer mission trip to Ecuador for the Nativity college student volunteers. If you have any questions, please contact Maureen Hutt @ mhutt@nativityindy.org

Summer Tutoring for PK – 8th Grade

Some of Nativity's terrific teachers are offering tutoring sessions over the summer. If you are interested, please contact the appropriate teacher listed below.

Mrs. Teresa Minton loves helping with kindergarten readiness, reading/phonics/writing/comprehension, and general tutoring in any primary subject areas in PK-2 to avoid that "summer slide".
tminton@nativityindy.org

Ms. Giennie Dunn will be available for summer tutoring on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10:00 until 2:00. She will be able to help children in grades K-2. Please email for more information to gdunn@nativityindy.org

Mrs. Ann Skirvin is looking forward to tutoring students in grades 1-3 in reading and math on weekday mornings. askirvin@nativityindy.org

Ms. Colleen Witte is offering summer tutoring for incoming 3rd and 4th grade students on Mondays and Tuesdays from June 3rd through July 30th in the areas of reading, comprehension, writing, math, and test taking skills. cwitte@nativityindy.org

Mrs. Rose Haltom is tutoring students going into 3rd through 6th grade for reading or math. Contact Mrs. Haltom at rhaltom@nativityindy.org.

Ms. Kristin Bischoff will tutor incoming 6th, 7th & 8th grade students in grammar, writing, and/or reading. Please email her at kbischoff@nativityindy.org.

Mrs. Carol Spillman, Reading Specialist (Orton Gillingham) will tutor through the summer. She can be reached at 317-459-2517 or carolwspillman@sbcglobal.net.

Mrs. Debbie Boles is willing to tutor all ages in math this summer. Her email is djboles@comcast.net
Mrs. Boles has 40 years' experience teaching math and has subbed at Nativity.

Camp Invention

Camp Invention 2019 will be held **June 3-7, from 9 to 3:30** at Bunker Hill. Secure your spot. Register at invent.org/camp or 800.968.4332. There will be extended hours for before and aftercare available.

Important Kickball Registration News

CYO kickball registration for the fall season of 2019 is open. Tryouts, registration and payment will be different for each age group. Everyone may register and pay online at:

http://www.cyoarchindy.org/Athletics_ParticipantRegistration.aspx

56 Fall Kickball Registration and payment deadline is **Monday, May 27th**.

34 and Cadet Kickball Registration and payment deadline is **Friday, July 19th**.

During registration, you will be asked to select a uniform top size. PLEASE make sure you choose a size that your daughters will be able to use for the Fall and Spring seasons. Please contact Kickball Coordinator, Ali Leffler, with any questions. She may be reached at [317-997-7046](tel:317-997-7046) or nali4412@sbcglobal.net

Athletic Committee -- Registration Open for Fall Sports

Late Summer/Early Fall Sports

Registration is open for the following sports:

Football (3rd - 8th)

Cross Country (3rd - 8th)

Fall Kickball (34 and Cadet)

Registration will close for these sports on July 19th. A late fee of \$25 will apply to any registration requested after this date. All fees will need to be paid unless an arrangement has been made with the sports coordinator and the Athletic Committee.

Please contact Bill Babcock for any football questions. (billbabcock@sbcglobal.net)

Please contact Ali Leffler for any kickball questions. (nali4412@sbcglobal.net)

Please contact Adam Smith for any cross country questions. (acsmith13@yahoo.com)

Late Fall Sports:

Registration is also open for these sports:

Girls Basketball (4th - 8th Grade)

High School Boys Volleyball

High School Girls Volleyball

These sports will start after our late summer/early fall sports, so there will be no conflicting schedules. We need to have our team submitted to the CYO office a little earlier this year, so registration has been moved up accordingly.

Registration will close August 9th for these sports. A late fee of \$25 will apply to any registration requested after this date. All fees will need to be paid unless an arrangement has been made with the sports coordinator and the Athletic Committee

Please contact Kevin Kirkoff for any Girls Basketball questions. (kevinkirkhoff@comcast.net)

Please contact Jay Scheil for any HS Sports questions. (jays@utilpipe.com)

Augustravaganza 2019

Mark your calendars for the best church festival in town --Augustravaganza! It will be **Friday and Saturday, August 16th and 17th**. We are already hard at work with bands reserved and packets being prepared!

Here's where we need your help:

1. **Sponsorship** - We'd love to have your business or one you patronize be a part of the festival! Lots of levels to choose from and so many perks of sponsorship! There are also family sponsorship opportunities - Family Festival Friend (reserved parking, 4 shirts & dinner), Family T-shirt Sponsor (name on back of shirt & optional dry-fit shirts), & Pop Sponsor! More info: <https://nativityindy.org/sponsorship> Brochures also available at Parish Center entryways.

2. **Volunteer** - We have two positions open on our committee. First, we'd love a **volunteer co-chair** to assist in helping get volunteers & assist signing them in at the festival. Second, we could use some help contacting local businesses for **sponsorship** opportunities. Please email augustravaganza@gmail.com if you are available to help!

3. **Donations** - We'd love some kids' game prize donations. We are currently accepting 2 liters, Hot Wheel cars (or similar), stuffed animals (medium to large, new or gently used), "happy meal" type kids' prizes, and glassware (for the dime toss - no mugs or plastics, please).

4. **5K/1 mile fun run/walk** - Lace up those shoelaces!! Online registration is now LIVE!! ****NEW**** Grade School kids can enter this year for **\$10 online**!!! (\$30 day of registration). As always, under 6 years old are free. Here is the link: https://secure.getmeregistered.com/get_information.php?event_id=132246

5. **T-shirt Design Contest** - We have to say that our shirts are THE BEST every year!! And, every year, we've had different parishioners - even grade school kids - design them!! See the attached T-shirt Design Contest for details and upcoming June deadline for this and the opportunity to get your family name on the back of our awesome shirts!

6. Ideas? If you have any fun **kid game ideas**, we'd love to hear!! Please contact Lacey Albrecht at albrechtl@sbcglobal.net

7. **Bingo Callers, Monte Carlo Dealers, and Pull Tab Sellers!** We'd love to have more help with this! We need your name on a festival license by the end of June. Please contact Brian Boyle at brian_p_boyle@yahoo.com

7. Follow us on **Facebook at Augustravaganza** to stay up to date with all festival happenings!!

Field Day Friday

In case you missed it, Mrs. Geisendorff's updated Field Day Letter to Parents is attached.

Roncalli is the place to be for summer camps!

Roncalli will offer multiple academic camps this summer! A Photography Camp will be offered for the first time for grades 6-8 (10 campers max). An American Sign Language Camp is available for both beginners and more advanced students in grades 1-8. A Young Authors Camp will be offered for grades 5-8. Two sessions of a Robotics Camp will be offered for grades 3-8 and high school students. Two fun Math Camps will be offered for grades 3-5 and grades 6-8. Additional camps are in the works! Grades indicate the grade that students will be in for the 2019-20 school year. Please contact aross@roncalli.org for additional information. We have something for everyone!

Roncalli Boys Cross Country 2019

The Roncalli Boys Cross Country team is seeking incoming freshman boys who are interested in joining our team. Please contact head coach Jeff Buckley at boysxc@roncalli.org or 317-506-1821, or coach Rob Brown at rbrown@roncalli.org or 317-650-8893 for team and summer training information. Come and join us, no experience required!

Roncalli 50 year Summer Social

Roncalli High school will celebrate their 50th anniversary on **Saturday, July 27th**. Please join us for Mass, Family Friendly Activities, Indy's Hottest Food Trucks and LIVE party band "MixTape!"

Go to www.roncalli.org for more details and information.

Catholic Business Network Annual Golf Outing

The Catholic Business Network's annual golf outing will be **Thursday, June 27th** at the Prestwick Country Club. For details, registration, and sponsorship opportunities visit www.indycbn.org/golf-outing. For further questions, call 317-294-7400.

Catholic Business Network | 8063 Madison Avenue, PMB 261, Indianapolis, IN 46227

Attachments: Field Day Letter to Parents Partners in Faith Parents Night Out
Summer Meals Augustravaganza

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

Bronze Sponsor: Kridan Inc., UFit Fitness Studios, Buck Creek Winery, Cambria Hotel Noblesville, Mascari Cleaners, Nativity Girl Scouts, Redeemed Builders LLC, SPS Pro Services LLC, and Solvonex.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Classes Dismiss at 3:15 on Thursday, May 30th

Have a wonderful summer!

