



The Weekly Nativity Newscast

December 13, 2019

Upcoming Dates

December 13

- ❖ Reconciliation
- ❖ Middle School Choir to perform at St. Paul Hermitage & Greenwood Park Mall.

December 16

- ❖ Stage setup, 6 p.m., gym

December 19

- ❖ School Mass, 8:30, all welcome
- ❖ Christmas Program, 1:30 & 6:30

December 20

- ❖ Last Day of School in 2019

December 21-January 5

- ❖ Christmas Vacation

January 6

- ❖ Classes Resume

January 8

- ❖ End of Quarter 2

January 9

- ❖ School Mass, 8:30, all welcome

January 15

- ❖ Report cards sent home

January 16

- ❖ School Mass, 8:30, all welcome
- ❖ Awards
- ❖ PFO Meeting, 6:30, PC

January 20 Martin Luther King Day

- ❖ No school

January 23

- ❖ School Mass, 8:30, all welcome
- ❖ Spelling Bee, 1:30

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Star Reading & Star Math Results

The results of Star Reading and Star Math tests were sent home with students today. Please be sure to check your child's backpack.

Where In The World Is ...

On Thursday, December 5th students from Nativity's 5th through 8th grades competed in the annual Geo Bee. Parents, grandparents, and 4th through 8th grade classes were in the audience to cheer on the participants. Every so often a roar of approval could be heard through the closed gym door down to the office. After a fierce competition, three contestants remained. Who would win the competition and represent Nativity?

We are pleased to congratulate 6th grader Taylor Gregg as our 3rd place winner! Capturing 2nd place was 7th grader Caroline Benson. 1st place winner was 8th grader Jackson Maples! Way to go!

Jackson will go on to test his skills representing Nativity to see if he qualifies for the state Geo Bee. Good luck, Jackson!



Geo Bee winners Jackson Maples, Caroline Benson, and Taylor Gregg



Making Spirits Bright

Thank you Kendra Clark, Aubrey Silcox, Erin Curtis, Claire Lindsey, Gabby Scheil, and Emmerson Oskay for decorating so many of our classroom doors. They truly brightened up our hallways and spirits!



National Junior Honor Society Thanks You!

A big thank you to all who donated to the National Junior Honor Society's Christmas collection. A total of \$394 was collected to help a needy family have a Merry Christmas!

Sending Money To School

Please use an envelope (or zip-lock bag) when sending cash to school. Please write on the outside of the envelope/bag your student's name, teacher's name (or room #), what the money is for, and how much you are sending. This will help avoid confusion as the money makes its way to the office. Thank you!

Quarter 2 Ends January 8th

There was a mistake on the original version of the school calendar sent out last summer. In case you did not receive the revised version, **the 2nd quarter will end Wednesday, January 8th**. Report cards will be distributed on **January 15th**. Awards will be presented on **January 16th**. We are sorry for any confusion.

No More Sandwich Bar

Effective **Friday, December 6th** the cafeteria no longer offers a sandwich bar.

Service Club Spreads Cheer To Seniors



Each week, the Service Club led by Ms. Tierney Vrdolyak has encountered and applied a different corporal work of mercy. As Christ encourages us to lead through serving, the club has tried to take on various local opportunities. On Thursday, the Service Club uncovered the fifth corporal work of mercy: visit the sick. The students visited residents of St. Paul Hermitage, a ministry of the Sisters of St. Benedict of Our Lady of Grace Monastery. They surprised the residents by singing, playing games, and visiting with them. What an opportunity to give and receive this Advent season!

Anna Fisher, Taylor Gregg, Grace Daming, Gianna Miller, and Mary Renshaw sing, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," along with three lovely ladies.



Anna Fisher, Lenica Molina-Gomez, and Fatima Muñoz-Rodriguez play War with Greg. Greg had a lot to teach them!



Next week will be the final session of the quarter. More info and images on how the students applied the sixth corporal work of mercy to come!

Quarter 3 Club Info

It's that time again, time to sign up for Quarter 3 clubs. Please see the attachments for information and registration. **Registrations are due Wednesday, January 8th.** Clubs start the week of January 13th.



Information for Nativity Students in the Christmas Concert

The **Christmas Concerts are on Thursday, December 19th.** We will do **TWO** performances: **1:30 p.m.** and then **again at 6:30 p.m.** It is very important that all participating students are present for both performances so we can do our best! Our audiences deserve the best performances no matter which concert they attend!

The classes and ensembles included in this concert are: the **1st** Grade, the **3rd** Grade, the **5th** Grade, the Beginning and Advanced **Bands**, the **Recorder Choir** and the **4th & 5th Grade Choir**. (Our spring concert will feature students in Kindergarten, 2nd and 4th Grades as well as the Middle School Choir.)

Our first concert takes place during the school day. Students should wear their concert clothing to school on that day. For the evening performance, **students should report to their classrooms by 6:10 p.m.** so the teachers can get them organized and down to the gym to start the program on time.

The girls should wear Christmas dresses in red, green, white, silver or gold, or other dressy outfits that would be appropriate for a wedding or concert. They can also wear a Christmas sweater or top with a skirt. If they wear a dress or top with spaghetti straps, please wear a little sweater over the top. Most of the students are doing movement so they should be able to dance in their shoes (be careful of high heels). If the shoes are slick, put duct tape or masking tape on the soles.

Boys should wear dress shirts with a Christmas tie, or a sweater appropriate for the season. They could also wear red, green, or white turtlenecks along with nice slacks. I would prefer dress shoes, but if all they have is athletic shoes, that is fine. No one should wear any fleece or jeans.

All of our students should dress up for this special presentation. I certainly do not expect families to purchase clothes for this concert, but please try to look your best for Christmas!

The students have been working very hard for this concert! I hope that you and your whole family can join us as we greet the season with a musical salute!

One final word, schedule conflicts for athletic practices and other repeat events should not take precedence over the school's official concerts. We want to make sure that both performances are awesome – and are presented as planned! (Especially for all those family members who can only come in the evening!)

Thank you for all you do to support your students in their musical education. Let's come together as our Nativity family to celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ! Merry Christmas! See you and yours on the 19th!

Mrs. Margie Hamm, Music Educator

I Need Some Folks to H-E-L-P!

Calling all those parents who can help set-up the stage for our upcoming Christmas Concert! We will need lots of help!

We will be **setting up the stage on Monday, December 16th, starting at 6:00 p.m.** If we have enough help, we should be able to get everything set up in about an hour. Many hands make light work. There is some heavy lifting, so dads especially are needed and wanted to help. High school students needing service hours are also welcome.

If you can help, please email Mrs. Hamm at mhamm@nativityindy.org to let her know you will be available. We can't do the show without the stage! If your child is in First, Third or Fifth Grade – or in one of our bands or choirs, we could really use your help. Thank you!!!

P.S. We will tear the whole stage down after the concert on **Thursday, December 19th**. We will need a group of people willing to help with that strike as well!

Dedication Mass

The dedication of our renovated and expanded church is just over a week away! **Join us on Sunday, December 22, at 11a.m. for the Dedication Mass**, followed by a reception in Weilhammer Hall (school gym). During the Dedication Mass, Sacred Chrism Oil will be used to anoint the altar and walls of the church, accompanied by lighting of the altar, incense and sprinkling of the people. The Dedication of a Church and Altar is one of the most beautiful and rich liturgies of the Church, and one which many people do not have an opportunity to participate in – so we hope you can join us for this milestone moment in the history of Nativity Catholic Church. The Dedication will be the only Mass in the church that weekend; however, there will be Masses in the Holy Family Chapel in the Parish Center on Saturday, December 21, at 5:30 pm, and Sunday, December 22, at 8:00 a.m. (note special time).



Christmas Masses

Celebrate Christmas in the renovated church! The Christmas Mass Schedule will be:

- Christmas Vigil Mass - **December 24, 4:30 p.m.** (Children's Choir begins pre-Mass music at 4:00)
- Christmas Vigil Mass - **December 24, 7:30 p.m.** (Youth Choir begins pre-Mass music at 7:00)
- Christmas Mass in the Night - **December 24, 10:30 p.m.** (Service of Lessons & Carols begins at 10)
- Christmas Day Mass - **December 25, 10:00 a.m.**

Dedication Mass Preparation

A small group of volunteers is needed on **Friday, December 20, from 1-4 p.m.** to help move items from the Parish Center to the church and do other tasks to prepare the church for the Dedication Mass. If you are interested and available, please come to the Parish Center that afternoon for instructions and information.

Roncalli News

Roncalli is excited to welcome the Class of 2024 next fall! As a reminder, the Application for Admission is now available online at <https://apps.roncalli.org/application>. Once the application is complete and the \$100 registration fee is received, you may continue the registration process. Next you will schedule your appointment to meet with your counselor to create your freshman year schedule. 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

Cathedral Art of Christmas & Breakfast with Santa will be **Saturday, December 14th from 9 to 11:30 a.m.** in the Cathedral Cafeteria. Visit with Santa, enjoy a hot breakfast, cookie decorating and more. Register now at gocathedral.com/artofchristmas.

Cathedral Baseball Christmas Camp: Register now for K through 8th grade baseball camp at Cathedral High School, **December 27, 2019**. Camp begins at 9:30 a.m. and concludes at 3:00 p.m. \$65 fee includes a camp T-shirt. \$10 discount for siblings! Register at Gocathedral.com/athletics/baseball-christmas-camp.

Attachments: Quarter 3 club info and registration

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.

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