

NATIVITY OF MARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2011



From the Principal's Desk:

Nativity of Mary School

Founded in Faith
United in Family
Joined in Service
Enriched in Wisdom
Celebrated in Success
Values for Life

The week of November 7th-10th three Chinese teachers will be visiting Nativity School. They will be observing us as a Catholic School and they will, also, be teaching and interacting with our students. These teachers will share their language, culture, art, and answer student questions. They will spend time with each of the grades

As the swim season draws to a close I would like to extend my gratitude and appreciation to Miss Colleen Adams for volunteering to coach the swim team. Thank you, also, to all our parents who helped to make this a successful season. I know your extra hands and eyes on deck were greatly appreciated. Thank you to those who took on the task of scheduling meet line ups. It is quite a challenge which you did so well. The all day championship meet at UB is on Sunday, November 13th.

Report cards will be coming come on Tuesday, November 29th. We are piloting the new report card for the Diocese of Buffalo in grades K and 1. This report card is standards based and is very similar to the old report card, but it will be done electronically.

Our Virtues for the month of November are: *Charity and Gratitude*. **Charity** is a giving heart, a generous way of viewing others and caring for their needs. Charity springs from compassion for the suffering of others, even those we don't know. Charity moves us, and we respond to their needs, giving help and kindness. We make a genuine difference in their lives. When we are charitable, we don't judge others. Charity creates a circle of love. **Gratitude** is a constant attitude of thankfulness and appreciation for life as it unfolds. Living in the moment, we are open to abundance around us and within us. We express appreciation freely. We contemplate the richness of our life. We notice

small graces and are thankful for daily gifts. In life's trials, we seek to understand, to accept, and to learn. Gratitude is the essence of genuine happiness. It is a virtue we can never have too much of. Gratitude is a continual celebration of life.

On behalf of the entire Nativity of Mary faculty and staff we wish you and your families a blessed Thanksgiving.



Important Dates Reminder

Tuesday, November 1st: All Saints Day-School Mass 9:00am

Friday, November 4th: Nativity Gala-Salvatore's Italian Gardens at 7:00pm

Saturday, November 5th: 8th Grade Chicken BBQ

Tuesday, November 8th: Catholic Charities Dress Down Day-cost \$1.00

Wednesday, November 9th: Pre K, K Ready and Kindergarten Open House (9:30am-11:00am & 4:30pm-6:00pm)

Friday, November 11th:-No School-Veterans Day

Wednesday, November 16th:-HSA Meeting-7:00pm

Thursday, November 24th & Friday, November 25th:-No School-Thanksgiving Recess

Parent Conferences

Parent Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, December 1st. Schedules will be coming home on Wednesday, November 16th

Grades 4-8: we ask that the students in grades 4-8 come with their parents to their conferences.

Home School Meeting

All parents are invited to attend our Home School Meeting on Wednesday, November 16th starting at 7:00pm in the Cafeteria.

Pre K, K Readiness & Kindergarten Open House

Tell your family, neighbors and friends how great it is to attend Nativity of Mary School!

We will host an Open house for students ready to enter Pre K (3 & 4), K Readiness and Kindergarten for the 2012-13 school year.

Wednesday, November 9, 2011

Session 1-9:30am-11:00am

Session 2-4:30pm-6:00pm



Nativity Gala

The Gala will take place on Friday, November 4th at Salvatore's Italian Gardens from 7:00pm-10:00pm. It is always such a wonderful evening and so many Nativity families have worked very hard to make this a great event. Your support is greatly appreciated and very important to Nativity School and your children. Do not fret if you did not purchase your tickets-walk-ins are welcome!

St. Nicholas Day-December 6th

Please send in any variety of wrapped candy by November 29th. Leftover Halloween candy, candy canes or Christmas candy. The kitchen staff will be making goody bags for all the students. Thank you for your donations.

Poinsettia & Wreath Sale



The order form to purchase beautiful poinsettia plants and wreaths is available online. All orders with money are due to the Office by November 18th. Pick will take place on November 30th. Please contact Mrs. Bream if you have any questions.

Children's Auction

Thank you to the moms on the Gala Committee for giving all the children the opportunity to attend the Children's Auction. We had 68 children who took home gifts/baskets. Congratulations to all our winners!

Krolick's Chicken BBQ Sponsored by the 8th Grade Class



Saturday, November 5, 2011
3-7 p.m.

Eat In or Take Out

Drive Up Service Available

Bake Sale, 50/50 Split Raffle,

Theme Basket Raffle

(Winner need not be present to win)

Pre-Sale Tickets \$8.00

Tickets \$8.50 at the door

Congratulations to the November



Students of the Month



Kindergarten-Noah Suchyna

1st Grade-Kelly Del Regno

2nd Grade-Elizabeth Suchyna

3rd Grade-Jacob LaDuca

4th Grade-Sarah Hudi

5th Grade-Rebecca Ajtai

6th Grade-Noah Rullan

7th Grade-Hannah Falk

8th Grade-Joe Bienko

School Closing Information



As winter approaches please be aware that Nativity of Mary School closes when the Clarence School District closes. Generally after the Superintendent of the Clarence Schools calls Mrs. Ansuini, she will call WBEN-Radio 930 and Channels 2, 4 and 7 to have them announce that Nativity is closed. Text alerts are available with many of the TV & radio stations.

Classroom Happenings

Library



Library is off to a great start this year. We are enjoying that the catalog of books is fully automated. iPad's are coming soon to the library lessons so stay tuned!

1st Grade



Mrs. Kotlick is very pleased with the children's Reading and Writing in 1st Grade! The class continues to work on strategies for decoding and comprehension, and they are becoming more fluent. The children enjoy the weekly stories. This week the students are reading about how animals communicate through the five senses. The class is also tying in their weekly themes in Reading with Writing. The children will be writing a Thanksgiving Sensory Poem so make sure to stop by 1st grade to read the poems outside the classroom in the next few days!

3rd Grade



Mrs. Taggart's 3rd grade class will have a special guest visitor on November 10th. Mr. Daniel Heltzel, a Navy veteran, is coming to speak to the class and share his experiences on his time in the military. The class is also collecting items for the troops so please send in candy, Ramen noodles, drink mixes, and magazines.

5th Grade



Mrs. Cameron's 5th grade class created "Cereal Box Book Reports" as part of the Book-It program. The students chose a favorite book and used skills in reading, writing, crafting and drawing to create these wonderful projects.

7th Grade



Mrs. Casilio's 7th grade Religion class designed a lovely bulletin board in honor of the Rosary. The student researched facts and created a step by step process on how to say the Rosary.



Box Tops for Education

Each school may turn in Box Tops twice a year (October & March). We have great news to share-the October submission gave us **\$1,128!** Remember to keep saving those tops!