Nativity Gala

Tickets: Don’t forget to order your tickets online! See your invitation for directions. An invitation is on page 10 of this Cougar News for your reference.

Donations: Please continue to send in your donations for Gala: information was sent home. Remember: whom do you know that would donate an item to support Nativity because it’s important to YOU!

GOLDEN TICKET (see pg. 11): Back by popular demand! A limited number of Golden Tickets will be available for purchase; the winner gets to pick ANY live auction item of your choice before the auction begins. Get your ticket online!

Meetings: There will be a Nativity Gala meeting tomorrow at 8:15 AM in the cafeteria OR at 7 PM at Murphy Brown’s. Come with your great ideas and your willingness to help!

10 things about Nativity of Mary to know RIGHT NOW!

1) Blessing Bag Contribution Deadline is this THURSDAY—don’t forget the homeless! Please see the attachment on page 7 which tells you all the items you can send in, and try to support 4th Grade’s worthwhile service project.

2) Band starts this week! Se Paul Effman Music schedule of lessons, page 5.

3) Drama Club will have its first meeting of the year on Thursday, October 17th from 2:45 to 3:45.

4) Candy Sale Updates! The first three PK3-KR classes to have each family in the class sell ONE box of candy will receive a special treat. The first 3 classes in grades K-8 to do this earn dress down passes! See page 14 for details on where your children’s classes stand! The top two students sellers in the school will receive a $300 and a $100 gift certificate to Tom’s Bike Shop. THERE ARE STILL 47 families who have not sold their first box, so please work on that. You can sign up to sell in the church after Masses. NO ONE has signed up yet to do this! Call Mrs. Sutter for information. 59 boxes are in the office yet to sell—the candy sale ends October 25th.

5) GALA is only one month away! All of you received Gala packets—please help our school reach its goal of $98,000. Plan now to come to Gala; review the donations lists to see what you can help with; spread the word to family and friends! Let’s see how many STATES will have residents who bid on our Gala items! Can our small school reach all 50? See pages 10-11 for Gala news

7) Trunk or Treat is October 25th—start planning your trunk decorations now! See pages 8-9 for information on this FUN family event!

8) Our virtue for October is GENEROSITY and our saint to model is Bridget of Ireland. Take a moment to Google this amazing woman.

9) On October 16th, we will be having a very special speaker, Sally Yager from the Buffalo Council of Alcohol and Substance Abuse, speaking on the topic of “Roots and Wings—Raising Resilient Children.” The talk will discuss ways in which we as parents can equip our children to deal with the many challenges kids face today. See page 16.

10) The school has begun its new leadership program, THE SEVEN HABITS, and the children have begun thinking about the first one: BE PROACTIVE. Visit the link https://youtu.be/PD3-tufAxHU to see Dr. Cluckey’s message about this new initiative in our school! Thanks to Mrs. Nicole Richard for putting this program together for us.

SIGN UP TO SELL CANDY BARS IN CHURCH AFTER MASS: A FAST WAY TO SELL ALL YOUR CANDY BARS! Call Mrs. Sutter—633-7441, ex. 317
Learn the 7 Habits you need to know to be a successful student and leader!

Registrations for NEXT YEAR Beginning Soon!
Although we are very early in the school year, our Advancement Director is now thinking about what NEXT year will look like! In just a short time, our Open House for prospective students in Pre-K 3—Kindergarteners will be held, on November 12-13. Because you are already part of the Nativity Family, you get a head start on registration. Registration packets will come home on Friday, November 1st. If you can’t register this far in advance, all you need to do is return the Letter of Intent to Register, which will be included in that packet on November 1st. You can even include younger children who may not yet be attending Nativity on your Letter of Intent.

This will secure your space until the January 26th OPEN HOUSE FOR ALL GRADES, at which time our Open Registration begins for all those interested in Nativity School.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION: NOT A THING OF THE PAST!
Yes, Nativity Family, we are still doing Box Tops for Education! Third Grade Teacher Mrs. Laura Taggart has graciously agreed to take over this fundraiser, and there ARE still certain products that require you to cut the box tops out to send in.

That being said, Mrs. Taggart encourages EVERYONE to sign up for the Box Tops for Education app. Once you’ve signed up with the app, choosing our school as your recipient, all the products that are now doing the program digitally will be so much easier for you to submit. You’ll just have to swipe the barcode on the bottom of your receipt with your phone and you’ll be done!
DID YOU KNOW: YOUR TUITION pays about 60% of what it costs to educate your child at Nativity. An additional 25% comes from the parish. An additional 15% comes from the fundraisers that the HSA hosts. HSA provides essentials, not extras. Your involvement with HSA make a difference to your child’s school, education and faith.

GIFT CARD NEWS (See our flyer, page 6)

- **Have you made your Gala donation?** If you still need to make a donation and don’t know what to get, consider buying gift cards to donate. Or buy gift cards to use for your purchase!

- **Low Denomination Cards** - We currently have a number of Barnes & Noble, Panera, and Starbucks $5 & $10 cards. We also have a selection of other $10 cards. Pick up a few for your Gift card donation for the Gala. If you need any of these, email us at sales@nativitygiftcards.com

- **Get an early start on your Christmas shopping.** Order your gift cards now and beat the rush! Purchase cards as gifts or use gift cards for your own shopping. We have a wide of variety of cards available.

- **Stop by the Gift Card Store,** Tuesdays and Fridays, 8:30 - noon. Send in a paper order with your child. Or go to shopwithscrip.com and place your order. It's quick and easy-- and we'll take of the rest!

Thank for your support!

Judith Bergman and the Nativity Gift Card Team

THANKS TO THE DORN FAMILY for taking over Trunk or Treat! Thanks to Danessia Warren for co-chairing Father Daughter Dance with Jenn Kilmer. Any helpers for Mother-Son Night?

We are still looking for a Craft Show Chair and we are running out of time; please let’s not lose this $3000 fundraiser, and all the momentum built up over the last several years.

*Doing the best at this moment puts you in the best place for the next moment.* — Oprah Winfrey

Nativity Gala
Friday, November 8th, 7—11 PM
Samuel’s Grande Manor * 8750 Main Street
Your presence will make it a GRANDE evening!
Want to help? Contact Erik Hoertz: nativitygala@gmail.com

Check out these easy ways to support your school with what you already do:
- Our UNITED WAY Donor’s Choice # is 3872—put your UW Dollars to work for Nativity!
- Turn in your Dash’s Receipts We get $25 for each $1000 of receipts turned in!) and your pre-cut BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION! Or enroll online and do this electronically with your receipt!
- Visit the TOPS website and link your Bonus Card to Nativity School!
SEPTEMBER:
9/26: Parent Night (Grades 1 – 4), 6 PM
9/27: No School: Regional Professional Development Day
9/28: Fall Fiesta and Gala Gift Giving Party—Grades K, 1, 2

OCTOBER:
10/3: Virtue Awards before Mass (8:45 AM)
10/4: Emergency Drill Date: 15 minutes early dismissal
10/11: No School: Principal’s Holiday!
10/14: No School: Columbus Day
10/16: Speaker Night for Parents: “Roots and Wings” Sally Yageric, Buffalo Council for the Prevention of Alcohol and Substance Abuse, 7 PM, Gym
10/16-18: Fall Book Fair
10/25: Trunk or Treat, evening event
10/25: LAST DAY OF CANDY BAR SALE
10/29: Kids Auction (in-school event for the kids!)
10/31: Halloween-wear a costume!

NOVEMBER:
11/1: All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation); School Mass
11/1: Letters of Intent/Re-Registration forms come out for 2020-2021 school year: Check the backpacks!
11/5: Picture Retake Day
11/7: Virtue Awards before Mass (8:45 AM)
11/8: Nativity GALA!
11/11: No School: Veteran’s Day
11/12: Pre-K-Kindergarten Open House, 5:30 – 7:30 PM
11/13: Pre-K-Kindergarten Open House, 9 – 11 AM
11/14: Home School Association Parent Meeting
11/27-29: Thanksgiving Recess

Last Updated: 9-23-2019
Nativity, Williamsville, NY
Director: Mr. Walling jeffreypwalling@yahoo.com 716-713-7556

XR or XP Next to your name indicates that you have paid and an instrument will be delivered at the 1st lesson.
S Next to your name indicates that you continued your rental and fees were remitted this past spring.

The symbols below indicate that fees are due.
Feas must be mailed to the Syosset address above or given to your director.
Do not leave fees with the classroom teacher or school office.
If payment is given to your director,
your instrument will be delivered at the next lesson.

R Next to your name indicates that you are renting and that a rental agreement is enclosed.

P Next to your name indicates that your instrument is a purchase. Purchase fee is due in order to receive instrument.

* Next to your name indicates that the 1st tuition payment ($65, $105, $129) & $35 registration fee have not been paid.

B Next to your name indicates that the $35 registration fee has not been paid and should be brought to the 1st lesson.

Please note your lesson group and time each week. Notify your director in the event of a class conflict & you will be rescheduled.

All instruction is on Wednesdays First lesson is on Oct. 9 FULL Exp BAND: STARTS Oct. 16 @2:40 (C, D, E)

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Group A
Matthew Trzepacz 3 dr
Victoria Cox 3 dr
Claire Kilmer 3 fl XR

Group B
Jack Spear 3 sax XR
Madeline McDonald 3 cl XR
Iggy Thoman 3 cl XR
Andrew Dorn 3 cl XR

Group C
Chucky Trzepacz 6 tpt
Riley Hughes-Lepovitch 4 tpt
John Bishouty 4 sax XP
Olivia Ogilvie 4 dr
Nicholas Cox 8 dr

Group D
Guiliana Bishouty 6 fl
Bella Wickenhiser 4 fl XR
Charlotte Carlson 4 cl

Group E
Brodie Carlson 6 tpt
Isabella Hoertz 6 sax
Matthew Hudl 6 sax
Sarah Meyer 8 fl
Jillian Hahn 7 cl
Forget Selling! Start Shopping!

*Scrip makes fundraising a breeze. You won’t have to worry about selling a thing!*

To fundraise with scrip, all you have to do is continue making your everyday purchases. Instead of paying with cash, credit, or check, you purchase gift cards to your favorite retailers. These gift cards carry a rebate that goes towards our non-profit organization. The rebates can add up quickly. Take a look to see how much you can raise per year just by shopping:

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We have over 140 families in our school—imagine the possibilities if we all used GIFT CRDS for our everyday purchases!
September 6, 2019

DEADLINE FOR DONATIONS

OCTOBER 10!

Dear Parents,

Each year, fourth grade students participate in a service project. This year in religion, we will be discussing the importance of treating others the way Jesus would. In an effort to be more like Jesus, the fourth graders will be collecting items so we can put together blessing bags for the homeless. Examples of items we will be collecting are:

- Toothbrushes/toothpaste
- Hats
- Gloves
- Socks
- Deodorant
- Hand sanitizer
- Chapstick
- Brush/comb
- Baby wipes
- Candy bars
- Cough drops
- Peanut butter
- Plastic utensils
- Small packages of tissues
- Rain poncho
- Granola bars
- Small shampoo & conditioner
- Crackers with peanut butter or cheese

If you wish to participate, items can be dropped off in the fourth-grade room or sent in with your child. We will be collecting from Monday, September 9th until Friday, October 10th. After items have been collected, I will put the bags together for distribution.

Thank you and God Bless!

Mrs. O'Brien and the Fourth Grade Class
Nativity of Mary’s 7th

TRUNK OR TREAT

Sponsored by HSA

Treats * Costume Parade and judging * Games in the Gym *
and, of course, VOTING for
THE BEST DECORATED TRUNK!

Friday, October 25th, 2019
5:45 - 7:30

Front Parking Lot
Gym/Cafeteria

See additional flyer below for details and schedule!
Nativity of Mary School 7th Annual Trunk or Treat!
Friday, October 25th, 2019

Schedule:

5:30-5:45 PM:
Front Parking Lot opens for trunk decorators only (other cars please park in the back lot or in the church lot). Parking lot will be blocked off during event, so that spectators can look at the decorations safely: decorated cars cannot leave the parking until 6:45.

5:45:
Trunk or Treat begins (Note: in the event of rain, tables will be set up in the Gym and families can use their car decorations to decorate a table.)

Games in the Gym: Candy Corn Guessing Game (winner gets the jar of candy corn), Simon Says, Ball Toss, Guess the Weight of the Pumpkin (winner gets the pumpkin), Corn Hole

6:30:
Winner of Best Decorated Car will be announced: First Prize and Second prize will be awarded a $20 and a $10 gift card of their choice from our Gift Card Table (let us know what you would like and we will arrange for it to go home with your child. Please pick a card that enables us to give you the correct amount!)

6:45:
Costume Parade and Judging in the Gym: prize for Most Creative, Best Movie or TV Character, and All-Around Best Costume. (Dress Down Passes for the winners!)

7:00:
Costume winners announced.

7:15:
Parking lot opens for departure: All students must be indoors by this time.

Rules:

- Only NBVM School Families may Trunk or Treat
- All families interested in participating in the Trunk or Treat portion of the event must RSVP by Monday, October 21st to reserve their parking space: text Dawn Dorn (716) 830-1504
- Costume Parade and Judging: participants do not have to register
- Trunk or Treat participants: your “registration fee” is one bag of candy! Please drop it off at the Nativity School Office by Monday, October 21st.
- Parking spaces will not be pre-assigned—it is first come, first parked!
- In addition, decorate your car and bring candy to hand out. Participants must bring enough candy/treats for all participants (Plan on 150 pieces).
- ONE VISIT per car, one treat per child per car—please be considerate!
- All UNDECORATED CARS must park in the back or side lots.
- Costumes are not required but are highly recommended!
- NO TOY WEAPONS, GUNS, KNIVES and NO ADULT MASKS in car decorations or costumes
- All car decorations must be contained within your parking space. (If we need to move inside we will make allowances for overflowing table space.)
- No open flames, fireworks, flammable liquids, etc.
- NO GORE ALLOWED: Please keep your costumes and decorations “Kid-Friendly”
- Cars must be turned off for the duration of the event
Nativity Gala
Friday, November 8, 2019
7-11 pm at Samuel’s Grande Manor
8750 Main Street, Clarence
(Doors Open At 6:30pm)

$75 per person
Proceeds to benefit Nativity of Mary School

Join us for an evening of hors d’oeuvres, food stations, open bar, desserts, music, and auction items, brought to you by

Northtown Automotive

~ Cash Bar & Music/Dancing to follow the Live Auction ~

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~ FOR THE SECOND YEAR ~
We are using an online auction site that allows you to purchase tickets and bid online!

To register please go to NBVMGala.givesmart.com
(or text nbvmsgala to 52182)

Once you are registered, you may purchase tickets online. You will also be able to bid on auction items online, even if you can’t make it to the actual event.

Please Register By Friday, November 1st
Nativity Gala

~GOLDEN TICKET RAFFLE~

A limited number of “Golden Tickets” are being sold!

The winner will receive their choice of ANY Live Auction Item, BEFORE the Live Auction begins!

Tickets are $50.00 (pre-sale at: nbvmgala.givesmart.com)
OR
$60.00 (at the door/night of the Gala)

You will receive your special Golden Ticket identifier when you arrive at the Gala.

Questions? Email: nativitygala@gmail.com
or call Erik Hoertz (716) 408-6167
Kids Auction!!

Donations are now being accepted for the Nativity Kids’ Auction to be held Tuesday October 29th 2019
(To be held during the school day)

Donation Ideas Include:
Art supplies   Bath & body items
Candy (Peanut free)   Toys
Sports Items   $5 or $10 gift cards
Any item you think the kids would like!

Please label your donation "Kids’ Auction" and send in prior to October 22nd 2019

What is the Kids’ Auction?
As part of our Gala Fundraiser, we put on a basket raffle for the students in school. We use your donations to put together great prizes that the children can win. More information on how to purchase your children’s tickets will be coming closer to the event.
Please contact Sharon Hartman at sharonh8899@gmail.com for more information or with questions.
NBVM Fall Book Fair is October 17-18!

The Fall Book Fair is almost here and here are some helpful tips:

- Preview day is Thursday, October 17. Students will look at the items for sale and will bring home a printed list of the items they have selected and the cost with tax added. Parents are under no obligation to purchase any or all of the items selected by your child. Please cross off items you do not want to purchase and send in cash or a check for the rest.
- Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted. Checks must be made payable to Nativity of Mary school.
- Purchased items will be brought home on shopping day, Friday, October 18.
- Parents may shop with their children on either day. Students who will not be in school on Friday may purchase their items on Thursday.
- Please send in a note if your child is not permitted to purchase posters, pens, etc.
- We occasionally run out of popular titles. We can order out of stock items, or we can let your child choose something else at comparable cost. Please let us know if you have a preference.
- A note will be required for students in grades 5 and 6 to purchase books from the teen case.

You can order online starting October 11. Check out our homepage:  
http://www.scholastic.com/bf/nativityofmarysch

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**Candy Sale News:**
143 boxes paid
59 boxes in office
47 first boxes not yet paid
35 additional boxes not yet paid

The FIRST THREE CLASSES in Pre K and in K-8 to sell their boxes of chocolate will receive dress down passes (or a special treat for those who do not wear uniforms). Still in the lead for PreK is Mrs. Lauchert’s 3 Morning class. The K-8 Leader is still Mrs. Taggart’s class!

Money earned for school as of 10/7/2019: **$3788**

**GOAL:** **$7000**

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**Percentage of "FIRST BOXES" Sold:**

- Grade: 8
- Grade: 7
- Grade: 6
- Grade: 5
- Grade: 4
- Grade: 3
- Grade: 2
- Grade: 1
- Grade: Kdg
- Grade: K-1
- Grade: K-2
- Grade: K-3
- Grade: K-4
- Grade: K-5
- Grade: K-6
- Grade: K-7
- Grade: K-8
- Grade: PK
- Grade: KR
- Grade: PreK 3PM
- Grade: PreK 3AM
- Grade: Goal

**LEADER:** K-8

**GOAL:** 100%!!

Dress Down Passes for the class (special treat for younger classes.)
10 REASONS WE LOVE NATIVITY OF MARY SCHOOL!

1. **AMAZING TEACHERS!**
   Our Pre-K through 8th grade teachers are experienced professionals, committed to each individual student’s academic and spiritual development.

2. **A CHALLENGING PROGRAM!**
   At Nativity of Mary, every student is challenged to work to their potential. An on-staff Reading Teacher and Academic Intervention Services Teacher are part of our staff. STREAM programming, 7 Habits of Highly Effective Students program and 9th Grade Algebra, Earth Science, and Literature are also available.

3. **SPORTS, SPORTS, SPORTS!**
   Besides our strong in-school physical education program, we also have extracurricular sports including Basketball, Swimming, Track, Soccer, Softball and Baseball available for our students. Some teams begin as early as Kindergarten!

4. **A Passion for the Arts!**
   Students at Nativity of Mary take Music and perform a Christmas and Spring Concert. Our School Band, made up of all who take an instrument at school, is part of the concerts, too. Grades 1 – 8 can join our Mass Choir. Drama Club performs a Spring Musical! And students take art weekly and decorate the halls with their work!

5. **Nosotros hablamos español!**
   Our Nativity of Mary students begin learning Spanish vocabulary at Kindergarten, and continue learning the language through 8th Grade, allowing them to progress rapidly in the language when they reach high school.

6. **We do Tech!**
   Our students begin basic computer technology classes in Pre-K 4. Chromebooks are available for student use; LED Boards and a technology lab with current hardware and software enable our students to prepare for the future.

7. **Our families are part of our family!**
   We welcome our families’ involvement and keep them apprised of student progress through our Parent Portal and teacher conferences. Our parents celebrate together, volunteer together and visit our school often.

8. **Our class sizes are JUST RIGHT!**
   Our average class size in K-8 is 16, and classes range in size from 12 – 21. Classes are small enough to afford individual attention, and large enough where everyone can find friends! For PreK, class size caps at 10; 4-year old classes cap at 20.

9. **Before and After School Care**
   Parents who need to drop children off at 7:30 AM can register for our free Before School care program. Our Afterschool Kids Club, run by our teachers, is a pay-per-month program that runs on all full school days till 5:30 PM.

10. **We’re affordable.**
    Thanks to our Home School Association’s fundraising to keep tuition down, plus generous donations and support of our mission from the BISON Foundation, CTGP and our parish’s Legacy Fund, a Catholic education is more affordable than you think.

To find out more, or for a tour, contact the Advancement Office at 716-633-7441, Ext. 317!
Today’s children face a great deal of stress — academic performance, heavy scheduling, high achievement standards, media messages, peer pressures, and the availability of drugs and alcohol.

Join us:
Wednesday October 16, 2019
7:00 to 8:00 pm
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary School

and learn the secrets of raising resilient children with

Roots to be grounded and Wings to soar.

Refreshments to follow.

Speaker: Ms. Sally Yageric, CPP
Director of Community Programs
Erie County Council for the Prevention of Alcohol and Substance Abuse
Coaches Wanted

Dear Parents,

We are looking for basketball coaches or team helpers to volunteer their time to coach for grades:

3-4 (co-ed), 5-6 (girls), 7-8 (girls)

The winter season runs from November 1st to March 7th.

If you are interested please contact Mrs. Cornwell at ext. 628 or email at jcornwell@nativityofmaryschool.org

Please keep in mind that sport teams are only possible if we have volunteers.

Thank you.

Jean Cornwell
September 19, 2019

Dear Parents:

If your son/daughter is interested in playing basketball this year for Nativity in grades K-8, please sign them up by Friday, October 18th. Team rosters will fill up fast, please turn in this signup sheet as soon as possible before a team becomes full.

- **The fee for this year is $50 per child.**

*Please send cash or check payable to NATIVITY OF MARY SCHOOL. Please return all payments to Athletic Director.*

In order to participate, all players need;

- **A current physical** (physical expires 1 year from the date of the physical from the previous school year)

Please complete this form and the medical form(s) and return it with payment to Athletic Director

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We are looking for Parents to volunteer @ games to help with the following (circle all that apply);

- coaching
- running the clock
- gym set-up
- put chairs away

**Contact Information:**

Parent Name ____________________________

Phone ____________________________

Email ____________________________

Did you: (1) fill out the signup sheet _____ (2) return with payment _____ (3) fill out the medical sheet _____

**DUE BY:** Friday, October 18th
Parent Permission & Medical Release for Sports Participation

Student Name_________________________ Date __________

SEX: M____ F____ DATE OF BIRTH_____________ Current Grade_______

Name of Parent/Guardian(s) ________________________________

Address ______________________________________________________

Cell Phone _______________ Home Phone ____________ Work Phone__________________

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has my permission to participate in__________________________ SPORT
during the school year ______. He/she will be expected to attend all scheduled practices and
games. If needed, I understand that my son/daughter is responsible for all equipment/uniforms
issued, and if any of the equipment/uniforms issued are not returned in proper condition, I am
liable for their replacement value.

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY AND I CANNOT BE REACHED, CALL:

#1: Name_________________________ Phone___________ Relationship____________

#2: Name_________________________ Phone___________ Relationship____________

If I cannot be reached, I give my permission for the coach or a responsible school
representative to have my child treated by a physician.

My child has received a medical release to participate in________________________ (sport) and
he/she has been in good health since, having no accidents or major illnesses.

Please indicate any allergies or health conditions that the coach should be aware of:

____ Diabetes ______ Fracture __________ Regular medications:
____ Epilepsy ______ Dislocation ________________________________
____ Seizures _______ Knee Problems ____________________________
____ Asthma ________ Other Joints ______________________________
____ Hernia __________ Operations ______________________________
____ Heart Disease ___________ Lung Disease ______________________

ALLERGIES:

____ Pollen ______ Insect _____ Drugs (please list) ______________________________

____ Food (please list) ____________ ______________________________

____ Other (please list) ________________________________

Insurance Carrier_________________________ Policy #____________________

Family Physician_________________________ Phone_____________________

Parent Signature_________________________ Date ______________________

DUE BY: Friday, October 18th
ATTENTION:

All Parish Volunteers who currently interact with

Children or Youth in our Parish...

(School Parent Volunteers, Coaches, Teachers, Catechists, etc)

If you **have not** attended the diocesan mandated (one-time required) VIRTUS seminar, Protecting God’s Children, now is your chance!!!

We are blessed with so many new volunteers again this year, we will again offer a Protecting God’s Children Seminar here at Nativity for your convenience.

Tuesday, November 26, 2019

6:00pm – 9:00pm, in the School Cafeteria

To register please go to the VIRTUS website, [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org)

If you have any questions or concerns, please call

Kim Prisinzano, Parish Safe Environment Coordinator, at 716-634-3130 Ext 332,

or email me at: kimp@nativityharrishill.org.

*Thank you!*
September 26, 2019

TO: Grade 2 First Reconciliation Families

FROM: Maureen Rademaker
Coordinator Elementary Program & Sacraments

RE: Required Parent Meeting
Book & Material Pick-up

LFF SUNDAY CLASSES & LFF HOME BASED PROGRAM
Tuesday, October 15th @ 6:30 PM in school cafeteria

LFF MONDAY CLASS & NATIVITY SCHOOL
Thursday, October 17th @ 6:30 PM in school cafeteria

We need only to hear from you if you are changing your assigned meeting date.

Please email Mrademaker@nativityharrishill.org if you need to change evenings.
WHERE IS GOD LEADING US?
A Community Conversation
Sponsored by Nativity’s Lay Leadership Council

The Parish Community Needs your INPUT and VISION!

Whether you have been at Nativity for 50 years or 50 days, we invite you to help us all gain a clear direction for Nativity BVM Parish! Parishioners 16 and up are encouraged to join in the conversation.

Choosing from a date and time that works best for your schedule, we ask you to join us in late September/Early October to offer your ideas, concerns, hopes, and fears. On the page opposite this invitation you will find the four questions that will form the basis of the community conversation.

Registration is easy: complete the form below and drop it in the collection basket; or email it to amy@nativityharrishill.org or call Amy at 716-632-8838, ext. 403.

Name(s) ________________________________________________________________

Best way to reach you, either by phone or email _____________________________

Indicate which of the days and times given below would work best for you:

- _____ Saturday, September 28, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- _____ Monday, September 30, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- _____ Tuesday, October 1, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- _____ Thursday, October 3, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- _____ Saturday, October 5, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- _____ Monday, October 7, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- _____ Tuesday, October 8, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- _____ Thursday, October 10, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Light refreshments will be offered. If you will need childcare during the session, please let us know a week in advance.
WHERE IS GOD LEADING US?

Questions to Guide the Community Conversation

Feel free to make notes to help you prepare to participate in the community conversation. You can bring your notes to the session you will attend, and can turn them in if you wish. If you are unable to attend a session, you can drop your notes in the collection basket or at the Rectory office, so that your thoughts and ideas will be heard.

1. What’s working for you at Nativity? What keeps you here?

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2. What isn’t working for you at Nativity? What gives you pause?

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3. What changes would you like to see now at Nativity?

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4. Where would you like to see Nativity in five years?

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Experience Chesterton Night
A Joyfully Catholic, Classical High School

Ask about the benefits of a Classical Socratic Curriculum.

Where Happiness, Holiness and Lifelong Friendships are a part of Everyday.

Call 716/674-8101 to RSVP for the Experience Chesterton Night or to schedule a shadow

Thursday, Oct. 17th: 6:30PM
Thursday, Nov. 7th: 6:30PM
Thursday, Dec. 5th: 6:30PM

Ready for College… Prepared for Life!

A Member of the Chesterton Schools Network
www.buffalochestertonacademy.org
25 Mansion Ave. / Cheektowaga/ NY / 14206
Dear Parent(s) of 7th and 8th Graders,

The high school you and your student choose will have a tremendous influence in shaping who they become beyond high school. What are you looking for in a high school? Is it college readiness? Academic rigor? Lifelong friendships? Athletics? Or is it something more?

Chesterton Academy of Buffalo is a unique co-ed Catholic high school that provides an affordable integrated classical curriculum. Our education emphasizes four pillars: strong intellectual habits, high moral character, spirituality and physical wellness.

I would like to invite you and your student to attend the Experience Chesterton Open House Night on Thursday, October 17th at 6:30PM. You'll meet our faculty and find out how math, science and the humanities are intimately connected and how faith and reason are intertwined into every class. And finally, see for yourself, how our school has helped shape our students into articulate, critical-thinking, and, most importantly, joyful individuals.

Our mission does not end with merely getting students into college. We dare them to recognize evil in our society and challenge them to embrace the truth of why they exist. I hope you will take the time to come see why Chesterton is unlike most high schools. Call our Main Office at 716/674-8101 or visit www.buffalochestertonacademy.org to register for our Open House.

Sincerely,

Barbara Courtney
Director of Admissions & Advancement
(Attachment)

*Chesterton Academy of Buffalo, shining a light on our faith and future...*
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### HOLY LAND

- **3 Chances to Win Holy Land Trip for 2** (Apostles Club $1,500 or $125/month)
- **1 Chance to Win Holy Land Trip for 2** (Benefactor $780 or $65/month)

*Apostles Club contributors receive 3 chances, and Benefactor contributors receive 1 chance to win an all-inclusive trip for two to the Holy Land.* Walk in the footsteps of Jesus and Mary as you visit the Grotto of the Annunciation (the Annunciation), the Via Dolorosa (The Way of the Cross), the Garden of Gethsemane (Agony in the Garden), and much more. Grow in your knowledge of the Holy Land through expert tour guides Steve and Janet Ray and the best licensed Israeli tour guide. You’ll also experience great dining, fellowship, and entertainment. Plus all other gifts!

### 11-Inch Solid Wood Crucifix (Mission Partner: $360 or $30/month)

By giving at the Mission Partner, you’ll receive a beautiful 11-inch solid wood crucifix, which includes a hand-polished zinc alloy corpus and 14-karat gold plated accents. With a detachable wooden base, it can be used as either a wall cross or a beautiful desk accessory. Whether in your home or office, it will serve as a constant and powerful reminder of Our Lord’s sacrificial love. *Plus all gifts at the Sustainer level.*

### Seeds of Faith Auto Rosary (Sustainer: $144 or $12/month)

As a Sustainer donor or higher, you’ll receive this Seeds of Faith Auto Rosary. Made with genuine Pacun seeds from Latin America, it is 10 inches long with a lobster claw clasp. You can hang this beautiful rosary from your rear-view mirror to serve as a visible reminder of your faith. *Plus all gifts at the Supporter level.*

### Miraculous Medal and Second Coming Prayer Card (Supporter: $60 or $5/month)

As a donor at the Sustainer Level or higher, you’ll receive this high-quality, silver-plated Miraculous Medal, made in Italy! The beautiful blue background highlights the image of Our Lady and makes this medal stand out in an especially attractive way. At 1.25 inches, its slightly larger size shows an amazing level of detail. It comes with a Miraculous Medal prayer card. You will also receive a Second Coming Prayer Card.
GO COUGARS!!

SO YOU THINK YOU CAN DANCE, YOU CAN CHEER OR HAVE THE RIGHT MOVES?!?!? We have the newest Nativity Club for you. We are looking to bring back Nativity’s cheerleading squad! Open to Girls and Boys 5th-8th grade. Athletes will learn team chants with motions, a hello cheer and overall team spirit and sportsmanship. Athletes will cheer the Cougars Varsity Basketball team at home games.

Time commitment- practice 1 night a week and at Home Varsity Games. Practice begins mid-October.

Athletes will perform: Cheer chants with motions in the designated cheer area and a half time hello cheer.

Open to students in 5th to 8th grade. All levels accepted. Need a minimum of 6-8 athletes to form a team.

No prior experience needed All skill levels accepted. Athletes can perform various jumps, cartwheels, round offs and teddy bear cradles or half lip in groups.

Cost: TBD (we are hoping to restore and reuse old uniforms), otherwise we estimate no more than $50. Athletes will need white sneakers.

Athletes will perform at home Varsity games only.

We have a coach but need an assistant coach. No experience necessary. Open to moms or dads.

If you are interested, please attend the informational meeting on Wednesday 10/9 in the gym at 5:30pm. Once we confirm we have enough interest, details will follow. Go Cougars!!