**Dress Down Days…**
**First Dress Down Day for Catholic Charities Friday, Sept. 6**
On Friday, students may dress down for a $1.00 donation for Catholic Charities! Bring your dollar in to school on Friday, September 7 if you are dressing down.

Dress down days generally take place the first Friday of the month, unless preempted by another event: check this corner of the Cougar News weekly to find out when the next dress down day is!

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**Paul Effman Music Service Band Assembly on 9/11**
Paul Effman Music Service will once again be available to provide instrumental lessons and our Band Program to students in grades 3—8. There will be an Assembly on 9/11 at 1:45 to explain the program. **Parents are cordially invited!** Registration flyers will be distributed at the assembly; students may also be registered at:

- www.pemusic.com/join

**Registration is due 9/18/2018. Instrumental music lessons resume in October—date coming soon! For fees, please consult Paul Effman website.**

**Ten things about Nativity of Mary to know RIGHT NOW!**

1) Tomorrow is the first day of school for everyone except our PreK 3s—they start on Thursday. It is a UNIFORM DAY. If you ordered your child’s uniform and it did not arrive yet, please dress them in neat “Sunday best” clothing—this is NOT a dress-down day.

2) School opens at 8 AM. Students not registered for the Before School Program cannot enter the building before that time.

3) We would like to introduce Mrs. Christine Barnas as our new Lunchroom Manager. Christine is with the Sodexo company (as was Dom last year). She would like you to know that BREAKFAST tomorrow starts at 8 AM (see prices on page 5); HOT LUNCH will begin tomorrow, and it is PIZZA (hot price is $2.75).

Snacks have gone up to 60 cents.

4) The lunch menu is on page 4 and also will be up on the website shortly. LUNCH ROOM MONITORS ARE ALSO ON THIS MENU—CHECK TO SEE WHEN YOU ARE SCHEDULED!

5) BEFORE SCHOOL PROGRAM: If you are registered for the Before School Program, please enter at the PreK Door (front of the building, near church parking lot: door #2). If your child is in KR, report to Mrs. Hamilton’s room for Before School. If your child is in PreK 4 OR in grades K—8, please report to Mrs. Lauchert’s room for Before School. (Both are in the PreK Wing.)

6) There are many new families this year, and Mrs. Sutter is hoping to give each of them a Mentor, especially those in upper grades. If you can help by being a Mentor family, someone who is willing to call a new parent or have them call you with questions, please let Mrs. Sutter know by email.

7) PLEASE TEXT THE WORD YES to 67587—this will enroll you to receive text messages for the coming year.

8) PLEASE TEXT ME BACK the words “got it!” if you have not already done so, so that I know you are receiving school communications.

9) There will be a flu shot clinic held right at Nativity Church on Thursday, September 19th from 9:45a-12:30p. Jamie Keller, PharmD from Tops Pharmacy, will be setting up in the back of church first to offer vaccines to parents and community members and then will come set up in the health office for teachers and staff. This is for adults only (18 and older).

10) **ALL IMMUNIZATIONS FOR YOUR CHILD MUST BE CURRENT for them to attend school. Please get a copy of your immunizations/current physical to School Nurse Hana Muller if you have not already done so. See pg for more information.**
Gearing up for school!

Teachers received a blessing at Mass and then it was off to many Professional Development meetings, including a workshop on CPR and Defibrillator use; all teachers had to demonstrate that they knew how to perform these important skills.

Munching on refreshments and meeting up with old and new friends after the Blessing of the Backpacks Mass!

Important Dates at Nativity of Mary School:

**SEPTEMBER:**
- 9/4: First Day of School, 4-year-olds & K-8: Full Uniform
- 9/5: First Day of School, Pre-K 3, Opening School Mass
- 9/8: Feast Day of the Nativity of Mary
- 9/11: Band Information Program (1:45 PM, Gr. 3-8)
- 9/12: Gala Meeting, 8:30 AM
- 9/18: School Picture Day
- 9/19: Parent Night (Grades 5-8), 7 PM
- 9/26: Parent Night (Grades 1-4), 7 PM
- 9/27: Regional Professional Development Day—No School

**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!

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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 makes a difference to your child’s school, education and faith.

HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION NEWS & EVENTS

GALA MEETING 9/12 A general Gala Meeting will take place on Thursday September 12 at 8:30AM in the Cafeteria. This meeting is for all those who would like to be involved with helping with our Nativity Gala coming on November 8 at Samuel’s Grande Manor, and for those already involved! Come, share ideas to make our Gala a “Grande” Success! Can’t make the 8:30 AM meeting? Meet us that night at Murphy Brown’s at 8 PM.

Plan to attend Parent Nites on Sept. 19 (grades 5—8) and Sept. 26 (grades 1—4): Meet new teachers, greet the teachers you know, find out the latest news, meet other parents! See and be seen—Hear and be heard!

In cooperation with Fowler’s Chocolates, Nativity School will host its CANDY BAR SALE beginning Monday, September 9 and continuing through October 25. We are very excited about the potential this sale has to earn money towards the Home School Association budget line! We thank Sarah Jankowski for chairing this important event, which raised over $6400 for our school last year. This year the cases will hold 52 bars to sell at $1 per bar.

We are starting by asking each FAMILY to sell ONE box of candy bars. When you sell that box, bring in your money and take a second box. We will allow you to sign out more than one box AFTER you sell your first box and return the payment. Once you take boxes, you must return payment to get MORE boxes. BOXES CANNOT BE RETURNED TO THE CHOCOLATE COMPANY so we will be keeping our order as lean as possible. You can return unopened boxes to the school and we will try to send them out with other families. You cannot return OPENED boxes.

We will meet our financial goal if each family sells TWO boxes of chocolate bars.
PRIZES: ALL FAMILIES who sell their first box of chocolate will be entered into a drawing to receive a $100 gift certificate to a local bike store. The top seller will get a $300 gift certificate to a local bike store. In addition, there will be a mid-way drawing for a VIP tour of Fowler’s Chocolates! GOOD LUCK!

PS: If you are on our list of people with Tree Nut Allergies, please call Mrs. Sutter at 633-7441, extension 317.

"Many ideas grow better when transplanted into another mind than the one where they sprang up." – Oliver Wendell Holmes

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!
• Visit the TOPS website and link your Bonus Card to Nativity School! (TOPS will also be here at parent meetings to help people link their cards.)
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
School Lunch Menu
September 2019

- Welcome -

Supply Drop Off Day
8:30 am to 10:30 am

Pizza
Celery & Carrot Sticks
Romaine Salad
Nemmer/Hoertz/Dorn

Hamburger or Cheeseburger
w/Lettuce & Tomato
Baked French Fries
Steamed Beans
A. Bergman/Cullinan

Grilled Cheese Sandwich on WG Bread
Tomato Soup
Carrot Coins
Hartman/J. Greene

Chicken Nuggets
with Seasoned Pasta
Sweet Peas
Mixed Vegetables
Groulette/Van Deusen

Taco in a Bag
w/Rice & Toppings
Corn Niblets
Vegetarian Beans
Koziel/Bodensteiner

Mozzarella Sticks
w/Dip & Rotini Pasta
Green Beans
Cauliflower
Hughes-Lepovich/Erbacher

French Toast Sticks
with Syrup & Sausage
Hash Browns
Steamed Broccoli
Cox/Krey

All grains are whole grain rich. A complete Breakfast is served at all schools.

Bacon Cheeseburger
on a WG Bun
Sweet Potato Tots
Cucumber Slices
Callahan/Capozzolo

Nachos Grande
with Rice & Toppings
Black Beans
Carrot Coins
Staffeldt/Kolbert

Roasted Turkey
& Gravy with Biscuit
Mashed Potatoes
Steamed Corn
J. Bergman/Erbacher

Chicken Nuggets
with Dinner Roll
Green Beans
Roasted Cauliflower
Brennan/J. Greene

Ham & Cheese
on a Pretzel Bun
w/Chicken Soup
Broccoli Florets
Carrot Coins
Purdy/Stein

Garbanzo Beans
Corn Niblets
Scheider/Ratcliff

Regional Professional Development Day
No School

Lunch Price - $2.75
Entrée Only - $2.00
Milk - $.50
Side Dish - $1.00
Snacks & Ice Cream - $.60

Included with meal:
Fresh Fruit, Prepared Fruit and Milk

Daily Alternate Lunches:
Hot Dog on a WG Bun
Julienne Salad w/WG Roll
Peanut Butter & Jelly on WG Bread

A reimbursable meal consists of at least 1/2 cup of fruit or vegetable and two other items.

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Breakfast!

- Assorted Cereals: 0.60
- Breakfast Bars: 0.60
- Cinnamon Buns: 0.60
- Assorted Fruits: 0.60
- Juice: 0.60
- Milk: 0.60
- Bottled Water: 0.60
- Bagels: 0.50
  - w/Cream Cheese: 1.00
Summer's almost over and school is back in session! Before you send those kids back onto the bus, get your scrip and make sure they're ready for the first day of class with new clothes, supplies, and everything else a student needs.

- adidas
- Amazon.com
- American Eagle Outfitters
- Barnes & Noble
- Bed Bath & Beyond
- Best Buy
- The Container Store
- Dick's Sporting Goods
- Gap
- iTunes
- Kohl's
- L.L.Bean
- Lands' End
- Macy's
- Nike
- Office Depot
- Office Max
- Old Navy
- Staples
- Target
- Under Armour
- Walmart