Dress Down Days...
Dress Down Day for Catholic Charities FRIDAY, January 3.

On Friday, January 3, students may dress down for a $1.00 donation for Catholic Charities! Bring your dollar in to school that day if you are dressing down.

Dress down days generally take place the first Friday of the month, unless pre-empted by another event: check the Cougar News!

Please bring in your $1 on dress down days. No dollar, no Dress-Down!

Second week of Advent, December 8-14.

10 things about Nativity of Mary to know RIGHT NOW!

1) North Pole Shop is Wednesday, December 18th during the school day: see flyer on page 7, and don’t forget to send in shopping money and lists.

2) We will be having our Advent Meeting in the gym on Friday, December 20th at 8:30 AM. Please join us! Following the Advent Meeting, we will distribute Academic Awards for the First Trimester.

3) Many families can’t afford a nice Christmas for their kids—can you help them? Call Mrs. Chrissy Erbacher, head of our Adopt-A-Family program, at 560-1580 to find out what you can do for a family in need. See the flyer on page 6 for more information. You can also email Chrissy at erbacher@verizon.net

4) ‘Tis the season to buy GIFT CARDS! Finish your Christmas Shopping all in one place and benefit our school at the same time! See page 3 and flyer on page 6 (about the Applebee’s and Delta Sonic Gift Package!) for details. See page 3 for special Christmas Hours—this week is your LAST CHANCE to buy! BUY THEM TO DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING WITH, TOO, or for that LAST Christmas Gift!

5) NEW DATE: Trivia Night, January 18th, 7 PM! Get your team together—registration information will be available soon! The theme for this year is TV Through the Decades! Start thinking about your COSTUMES!! From ANY TV SHOW—FUN!

6) Catholic Schools Week is January 26th—February 1. Our Open House is Sunday, January 26th from 10:30 AM to 12 Noon. We will celebrate a special Mass at 9:30 and then come over to school! There will be guests that day as well, as this is a recruitment day where we expect to get a chance to visit with potential students and parents. Please make them feel welcome.

7) Please volunteer to speak at a mass on the weekend of January 25-26. Call Mrs. Sutter for details. Alumni are welcome. We are also looking for students to be Nat the Cougar at Open House—see Mrs. Sutter!

8) Did you know that we are having a TALENT SHOW to close out Catholic Schools Week 2/1? It is for ALL Ages—kids, parents, teachers, plan to sign up your act! Heather Schieder, event chairperson, will have more information on this event RIGHT after the holidays. Sure to be fun for performers and audience!

9) Our virtue to practice for the month of December is PERSEVERANCE. The saint to model is St. Monica.

10) Fri., 12/20—special DRESS-UP day: see column at left for details!

Next HSA Meeting: January 16th, 7 PM

December 16, 2019

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Cougar News

IMPORTANT DATES AT NATIVITY OF MARY SCHOOL:

12/18: North Pole Shop during the school day (see page 7)
12/20: Advent Meeting in the Gym, 8:30 AM, whole school.
       11:30 Dismissal, Christmas Recess
12/25: Merry Christmas!
1/1: Octave of Christmas—Happy New Year!
1/2: School Resumes: Welcome Back and Happy New Year!
1/9: Virtue Awards before Mass (8:45)
1/16: HSA Parent Meeting, 7 PM
1/18: Trivia Night: TV Through the Decades: 7 PM
1/20: Martin Luther King Day—No School
1/26: OPEN HOUSE, 10:30—12 Noon
1/26-2/1: CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!
2/1: ALL-AGES TALENT SHOW, 7 PM
For printable two-month calendar see page 4.

Pre-K 4 Collects Toys for Those Less Fortunate

There is an old saying that “God loves a cheerful giver!” These little children couldn’t been more cheerful as they donate toys to those in need!

Our Pre-K 3’s donations are being sent out to others tomorrow and is an equally impressive selection!

“Our children are learning that they can help others, and they’re learning to think about the concerns of others. This goes beyond just a Christmas collection and is an important lesson our children learn,” said Mary Lauchert, our Pre-K 3 and 4 teacher.

Legacy and Bison Foundation Information

Legacy Applications are now available to apply for scholarship/grant money from our parish. The deadline for applications is 3/31/2020, and require tax information from the end of this year, but the forms are available now (see pages 9-11). This fund is available only as donations to the fund are received.

We have also received word from the BISON Foundation that the BISON Scholarship application will be available at their website on January 1st, and is due by February 28th. See the flyer on page 8 for more information.

Submissions to Cougar News:
The Cougar News is sent out each MONDAY. E-mail contributions to:
Mrs. Kathy Sutter
ksutter@nativityofmaryschool.org
Deadline for articles: each Friday at 2 PM!

Lunch Menu

Look for our lunch menus on our website:
click on Lunch Menu at the top of homepage!
LUNCH MONITORS: YOUR SCHEDULE IS ON THE MENU, TOO!

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

**GIFT CARD NEWS** *(See our flyer, page 6)*

Don't wait! This is your last chance to pick up gift cards for Christmas gift giving!

Still Available for Christmas:

- **Delta Sonic & Applebee's Promotion** - The ever popular Delta Sonic & Applebee's Christmas promotion is available for purchase through Nativity! The promotion includes 3 Delta Sonic car wash certificates that comes with Dinner for 2 at Applebee's (up to $20 value). Prices: Touchless - $30, Super Kiss - $45.

- We also have individual car washes for sale.

- **We now carry Delta Sonic gift cards in $25 denominations, available all year long**

- **Russell's Special Promotion:** Available while supplies last, receive a $25 bonus certificate with the purchase of $100 in Russell’s gift certificates. Makes a great gift!!

- **Special Low Denominations Cards are here!** We will have a limited number of special small denominations gift cards available, perfect for stocking stuffers and holiday gift-giving! These low denomination gift cards make great gifts for the special people in your life. These cards will only be available while supplies last, so don't wait to place your orders. The following cards are available: [Amazon.com] $10, Barnes & Noble $5, Panera Bread $5, Starbucks $5, Target $10, Tim Hortons $5 (not limited) & Walmart $10.

**Extended Hours**

Week of 12/16: M - Th 8:30 - 2, F 8:30 - 11:30 am

Thanks for your Support! And MERRY CHRISTMAS! We hope we helped make your Christmas Shopping easier!

Judy Bergman and the Gift Card Team

If EVERY FAMILY in the SCHOOL bought $200 worth of Scrip Cash Cards each month (to use for their own groceries, gasoline, and other necessities), our school would earn about $17,000!

(Last year, scrip sales sold to school families earned a profit of approximately $6,500.) Scrip/Gift Cards are the way to contribute to your school without spending an extra penny—please support Gift Cards!

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!
### December-January Calendar

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<td>Virtue Awards before Mass (8:45 AM): Virtue of Responsibility</td>
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<td>The Christmas Marketplace has been cancelled.</td>
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<td>2nd Sunday of Advent</td>
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<td>Feast of the Immaculate Conception (moved to the 9th this year; not a Holy Day of Obligation)</td>
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<td>No School: Parent/Teacher Conferences</td>
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<td>Christmas Concert, 6 PM (Children must arrive by 5:45)</td>
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<td>Advent Morning Meeting—8:30, Gym</td>
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<td>Auditions for School Spring Musical: Aladdin! 3-4 PM</td>
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<td>North Pole Shop (during school day)</td>
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<td>Announcement of Knights of Columbus Coloring Contest Winners (before Mass, 8:45 AM)</td>
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<td>11:30 Dismissal for Christmas Recess! Staff Christmas Luncheon</td>
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<td>Trivia Night! 7 PM—<strong>THIS IS A NEW DATE</strong></td>
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<td>Theme: TV Through the Decades (Cash Raffle will be held in May)</td>
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<td>1/24-25</td>
<td>No School: Martin Luther King Day</td>
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<td>Set up for Catholic Schools Week Open House</td>
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<td>Catholic Schools Week Mass: 9:30 AM</td>
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<td>Open House: 10:30 AM – 12 PM</td>
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<td>All Ages Talent Show! 7-9:30 PM</td>
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Giving for the Holidays

Our school is once again doing an Adopt a Family Program this year.

Anyone interested should contact Chrissy Erbacher at 560-1580 or erbacher@verizon.net

and she will assign them to a family or an item.
Thank you!

You can place your donations under the Nativity Scene in the cafeteria.
DELTA SONIC & DINNER FOR 2 AT APPLEBEE’S
CHRISTMAS PROMOTION

The ever popular Delta Sonic & Applebee’s Christmas promotions are now available for purchase through Nativity. The promotion includes Delta Sonic car wash certificates that come with dinner for two at Applebee’s (up to $20 value).

We will be offering these packages at the same price Delta Sonic sells them for at their stores (rounded to the nearest dollar). However, when the package is purchased through Nativity, we will earn a profit percentage anywhere from 8 to 16.7% on each package purchased.

This is for a limited time only.

All orders must be placed on or before December 16, 2019 in time for Christmas delivery.

You may purchase these packages online at www.ShopWithScrip.com or return the completed order form below Attn: Gift Card Program. Your order will be ready by December 20, 2019 for pick-up in the school, rectory or after any of the Weekend Masses until Christmas.

We will be placing weekly orders with Delta Sonic every Monday starting 11/18 thru 12/16. Family orders will be ready by Friday of each week.

This package makes a wonderful Christmas present while supporting Nativity at the same time! Thank you!

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<td>Delta Sonic – 3 Super Kiss Plus Washes and Dinner for 2 Includes 2 FREE Super Kiss washes in 2 weeks. Tire Dressing, RainX, Body Glass &amp; 30 Day Hand Wax also included</td>
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Totals

Name ____________________________ Delivery Method ____________________________

Phone # __________________________ Email ____________________________

Check# __________________________ Amount $ __________________________ Cash $ __________________________

(please make check payable to “Nativity HSA”)
North Pole Shop!

The date for North Pole Shopping is Wednesday, December 18th!

VOLUNTEER PARENTS NEEDED TO HELP YOUNGER STUDENTS SHOP AND TO WRAP GIFTS. CONTACT JILL SPEAR AT jspear105@gmail.com

The children truly enjoy shopping for loved ones, and we have great gifts for Mom, Dad, Grandparents, Siblings, Friends, Pets and anyone else special your children want to shop for!

Most items are $1, and we have some $2 gifts this year.

Please have your child bring in an envelope with their name, grade, and amount they can spend written on the envelope, with their shopping list and cash, not to exceed $20, inside. Each class will have about 15-20 minutes to shop; knowing who to shop for helps a lot!

Merry Christmas!

--Nativity School HSA’s North Pole Shop Committee
I hope you had a great Thanksgiving!

The K-8 Pre-Application form for the 2020-21 school year will be available online at www.bisonfund.com beginning on January 1st. The deadline to apply is February 28th. The maximum K-8 award will remain at $2,100 per student for the 2020-21 school year.

The BISON Children’s Scholarship Fund wishes you and your family a very happy holiday filled with peace and blessings of the season.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 716-854-0869 ext. 1 or cmcdonald@bisonfund.com.

Regards,

Cindy
About the Nativity Legacy Fund Tuition Grant Program

The Nativity Legacy Fund Tuition Grant Program provides tuition assistance for Nativity of Mary School families. The Nativity Legacy Fund is financed through parishioner donations and bequests. The Fund is managed by a committee comprised of both parishioners and staff. The committee annually determines the amount of funds available to the Tuition Grant program.

Who is Eligible

Current and new families with students in Pre-K through 8th grade at Nativity of Mary School are eligible to apply annually for an award that is applied directly toward tuition. Awards are granted based on family financial need as measured by household income and/or based on financial hardship.

Household income eligibility levels for the 2020-21 application are as follows:

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For families whose income exceeds the income amounts in the above schedule but who are experiencing financial hardship (for example due to the loss of a job, extraordinary expenses or family situation such as divorce) are encouraged to fill out an application and attach supplemental information describing the hardship circumstances for consideration for tuition assistance through the Legacy Fund Tuition Grant program.

How to Apply

The 2020-21 application will be available February 14, 2020 and will be posted to the school’s website www.nativityofmaryschool.org or a paper application may requested by contacting the Business Office by phone at 632-8838 or by email at janet@nativityharrishill.org

*Please note that all families must apply annually and the student(s) must be fully registered in the school for the 2020-21 school year before the Legacy Fund Tuition Grant application will be processed.

More Information

Please contact the Janet either by email at janet@nativityharrishill.org or by phone at 632-8838 ext. 411 with any questions.
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

Legacy Fund Tuition Grant Application
For School Year 2020-21

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 3/31/20

Section 1: Parent/Guardian Information

*Father/Guardian Name ____________________________
First Name _______ Middle Initial or Name _______ Last Name _______

Address ____________________________________________ Apt. # _______ City _______ State _______ Zip _______

Home Phone (____) _______ Work Phone (____) _______ Other Phone (____) _______

Relationship to children: ☐ Father ☐ Stepfather ☐ Marital Status: ☐ Single/Widow ☐ Married
☐ Foster parent ☐ Guardian ☐ Divorced ☐ Legally Separated

Employment Status (check one): ☐ Full Time ☐ Part-Time ☐ Not Employed ☐ Disabled

*Mother/Guardian Name ____________________________
First Name _______ Middle Initial or Name _______ Last Name _______

Address ____________________________________________ Apt. # _______ City _______ State _______ Zip _______

Home Phone (____) _______ Work Phone (____) _______ Other Phone (____) _______

Relationship to child/ren: ☐ Mother ☐ Stepmother ☐ Marital Status: ☐ Single/Widow ☐ Married
☐ Foster parent ☐ Guardian ☐ Divorced ☐ Legally Separated

Employment Status (check one): ☐ Full Time ☐ Part-Time ☐ Not Employed ☐ Disabled

Section 2: Student Information

Please list all Nativity School students in your family for whom you wish to receive a grant from the Legacy Fund for tuition assistance.

Nativity Student First and Last Name (please print) ____________________________
Sept 2020 Grade ____________________________

(1) ____________________________ ____________________________
(2) ____________________________ ____________________________
(3) ____________________________ ____________________________
(4) ____________________________ ____________________________

Section 3: Family Income

Number of people in your household as reported on your 2019 Federal Tax Return or Budget Letter:

Total # of ADULTS ____________________________
Total # of CHILDREN ____________________________

Household Income Eligibility Scale for 2020-21

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*** please complete and sign page 2 ***
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<td><strong>TOTAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME</strong></td>
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Complete this section **ONLY IF YOU WILL NOT FILE TAXES** in 2019.

(Parents and guardians using a notary must also provide official documentation of all 2019 income, such as W2 forms, public assistance statements, child support documents, Social Security statements, and employer letter.)

Notary signature: ____________________________ Date: ______________

Notary name printed: ____________________________

Section 4: Certification

I certify that all the information provided on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I promise to pay my child’s school account in a timely manner and comply with the standards of Nativity of Mary School. I understand that failure to comply with the above statements will result in the loss of my family’s tuition assistance. Finally, I agree to release the Legacy Fund from any and all liability in its efforts to provide this tuition assistance.

Parent / Guardian Signature: ____________________________ Date: ______________

Please Send Completed Forms and documentation to:
Nativity of the BVM Church
Business Mgr/Legacy Fund
4375 Harris Hill Road
Williamsville, NY 14221

All Information is kept strictly confidential. Please Include 2019 Federal Tax form and schedules with this application.

Questions?
Contact Parish Business Manager
Email: janet@nativityharrischill.org
Phone: 716.632.8338 ext 411
LEARN TO SKATE & LEARN TO SKATE HOCKEY
Winter II Session 8-weeks Jan. 11 - Feb 29

Directed by
Joseph N. Druar (1988 Olympian)
FOR AGES 3-12
NICHOLS SCHOOL ICE ARENA (colvin & Amherst)

30-MINUTE SMALL GROUP INSTRUCTION AND 20-MINUTE PRACTICE TIME**
Helmets are required (Hockey, Bike, Ski)
YOU MUST HAVE YOUR OWN SKATES (NO DOUBLE RUNNERS)

Saturday’s Only 10:40 am - 11:30 am
Jan. 11, 18, 25, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

8-WEEK SESSION BEGINS JANUARY 11, 2020

Participation is limited and applications will be accepted in order of receipt

SEND YOUR REGISTRATION FORM BY DECEMBER 28
with a check payable to:
Joseph Druar
100 Hendricks Boulevard
Amherst, New York 14226 763W

Please complete the form indicating your interest and skating level
**PARENTS, IF YOU WISH TO SKATE WITH YOUR CHILD DURING THE SUPERVISED PRACTICE TIME, PLEASE INCLUDE $32

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Registration Form:

___ BEGINNER (first time) Learn to Skate $120
___ INTERMEDIATE (can skate forward and backward) $120
___ NOVICE (can do crossovers) $120

Learn to skate hockey $120 ___ BEGINNER ___ INTERMEDIATE ___ NOVICE

___ PARENTS PARTICIPATION $32

SKATER'S NAME __________________ AGE ___ SCHOOL SKATER ATTENDS ___________________

HOME ADDRESS __________________ CITY AND ZIP __________________

PARENTS/GUARDIANS NAME __________________ PHONE __________________

The applicant and parent-guardian agrees to hold harmless Joseph Druar, Directors, instructors and Nichols School from any claim due to loss or injury in the course of skating School time, instruction or use of the facility. SKATE AT YOUR OWN RISK. NO REFUNDS.

PARENTS SIGNATURE __________________

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CALL 835-2979