Cougar News

Dress Down Days...
Dress Down Day for Catholic Charities Friday, November 8th

On Friday, November 8th, 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 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!

Nativity of Mary School
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Facebook: Like & follow our school Facebook Page, listed as Nativity of Mary School

Instagram: find us at the handle nativityofmaryschool

10 things about Nativity of Mary to know RIGHT NOW!

1) Kids Auction is coming up on October 29th! Every child will get 10 tickets for free and you can send in money for the purchase of additional tickets. See page 9 for more information! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED the day of the event.

2) Thanks to our 8th Grade Moms for the wonderful lunch they provided teachers and staff on the 16th. It was delicious, and we are grateful!

3) Don’t forget to check your child’s progress report on the Parent Portal. Click on ESchoolData at the bottom of the website home page. Your email is your username. If you have forgotten your password, click “forgot password.” Don’t keep trying to guess it—the system will lock you out.

4) Gala family donations are due tomorrow! You will get a separate email today concerning this. Don’t forget to order your tickets, order your GOLDEN TICKET and let your family and friends all over the country know that they can bid online! Go to nbvmgala.givesmart.com!

5) School Store opens this Friday! See page 2 and flyer on page ___ for information!

6) We are down to 32 boxes of CANDY BARS in the office! Mrs. Cameron’s class was the first class to win dress down passes (Mrs. Cameron sold a box, so she got one too)! Update will come on Thursday. Think about it this way: 32 boxes is $1664 for our school—can you help by selling another box? Candy sale ends October 25th for the purpose of tallies for prizes: money can come in through November.

7) If you weren’t able to attend the October 16th presentation, “Roots and Wings,” by Sally Yageric of the Erie County Council for the Prevention of Alcohol and Substance Abuse, there are handouts as well as a Powerpoint presentation available in the Advancement Office.

8) We are looking for some mature and poised junior high students to act as greeters for Gala! We are also looking for one Alumni and one current student who are comfortable with public speaking to possibly speak at Gala or at Masses on the weekend of Catholic Schools Week (January 25-26). Know anyone like that? Send them over to Mrs. Sutter!

9) Trunk or Treat is October 25th—start planning your trunk decorations now! See pages 8-9 for information on this FUN family event! Registration information is on pages 10-11. We need some volunteers for that evening—text Dawn Dorn at 716-830-1504.

10) Once again this year, the children will be allowed to dress in COSTUME for Halloween! Time to get creative!

Nativity Gala

Tickets: Don’t forget to order your tickets online! See your invitation for directions. An invitation is on page 13 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! Family donation deadline is 10/22.

GOLDEN TICKET (see pg. 14): 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 now!

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SCHOOL STORE SET TO OPEN

OCTOBER 25th!

Nativity is excited to announce that we are opening a school store for our students! We are opening on Friday October 25th, 2019, and will be open every Friday morning from 8:00 AM - 8:30 AM. We will be selling pens, pencils, erasers, and other school supplies. School supplies will range in price from 25¢ to $3.00. Additionally, in the future we will be selling school spirit wear. Stay tuned for details on school spirit wear! Students are welcome to visit the store during store hours. The store is located outside of the Reading Room. Visit often, because inventory will continuously change.

Questions? Contact Mrs. Richard at nrichard@nativityofmaryschool.org

FYI...school store credit will be available for purchase, like a gift certificate!

Parents and teachers: if you want to reward a student, you can buy a special store credit slip from Mrs. Richard!

Those students that receive a Habit Award will also get store credit. See flyer, page 7!
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 8)

- **Bonus Fest - going on NOW thru Friday!** Earn big with Flash bonuses! Each day will feature a different lineup of brands on bonus for 24 hours only. Today's bonuses include: Carter's, Panera, Outback, Disney and more. Order your cards at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) to receive bonus rebates! Check back each day to see what's new!

- **Available Now** - Low denomination cards - perfect for stocking stuffers and holiday gift giving! These will cards are available now through December 23. Choose from the following cards: Amazon $10, Applebee's $10, Barnes & Noble $5, Olive Garden $10, Outback/Carrabba's $10, Panera $5, Red Lobster $10, Regal $10, Starbucks $5, Target $10, and Walmart $10.

- **Dress Down Promotion** - The first quarter runs through Nov 30th. Order and pay for at least $300 of gift cards during this quarter, your KR-8 children will receive a DD pass. DD passes will be sent home the first week of December if you qualified. A big thank you to all the families who have already reached the $300 goal!

- No selling involved and no money to be lost. Simply use gift cards to pay for your everyday purchases and help us reach our $11,500 fundraising goal for the year. The store hours are **Tuesdays & Fridays**, 8:30am-Noon (PreK Wing) and **Sundays** 8:30am-Noon (main church entrance) Orders can be submitted online at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com), return a completed order form in your child's take home folder or send us an email at: sales@nativitygiftcards.com Order forms can be found on the school website and at the Gift Card Desk.

Thank you for your support!

**Judy Bergman** and the Nativity Gift Card Team

Volunteers don’t necessarily have the TIME...
They just have the HEART!

**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!
## OCTOBER

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- **OCTOBER:** VIRTUE: Generosity
  - 10/17-18: Fall Book Fair (17-Preview, 18-Purchase)
  - 10/25: Trunk or Treat, evening event
  - 10/29: Kids Auction during school hours
  - 10/31: Halloween-wear a costume!

## NOVEMBER

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- **NOVEMBER:** VIRTUE: Responsibility
  - 11/1: All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation): School Mass
  - 11/5: Picture Retake Day
  - 11/7: Virtue Awards before Mass (8:45 AM): Generosity
  - 11/8: Nativity GALA!
  - 11/11: Veteran’s Day: No School
  - 11/12: Pre-K-Kindergarten Open House, 5:30 – 7:30 PM
  - 11/13: Pre-K-Kindergarten Open House, 9 – 11 AM
  - 11/27-29: Thanksgiving Recess

LAST UPDATE: 9/23/2019
From the Health Office

Here are some helpful reminders to keep your kids healthy this season. Please remember to be vigilant about hand washing for yourself and your children as it is flu and stomach flu season!

Guidelines: When to Keep Sick Children Home From School

A child who is sick will not be able to perform well in school and is likely to spread the illness to other children and staff.

You should not send your child to school if he/she has:

- **FEVER** (of 100 degrees or above) in the past 24 hours.  
  *Note: to return to school, your child should be fever free for 24 hours without Tylenol/Motrin.*
- **VOMITING** in the past 24 hours.
- **DIARRHEA** in the past 24 hours.
- **CHILLS**
- **SEVERE SORE THROAT**
- **STREP THROAT/ contagious illness.**  
  *Note: must have been taking an antibiotic for at least 24 hours before returning to school.*
- **Colds** with a very runny nose or bad cough, especially if it has kept the child awake at night.
- **HEAD LICE**—until your child has been treated according to the nurse or doctor’s instructions.
- **RED, ITCHY EYES WITH DRAINAGE**  
  *If the diagnosis is conjunctivitis, the child may return to school 24 hours after the first dose of antibiotic eye drops have been given.*
- **RASHES:** Common infectious diseases with rashes are most commonly contagious in the early stages. A child with suspicious rash should return to school only after a health care provider has made a diagnosis and authorized the child’s return to school.

If your child becomes ill at school and the teacher or school nurse feel that the child is too sick to benefit from school or is contagious to other children, you will be called to come and take him/her home from school.

Please call the school’s Health Office if you have any questions or concerns.
Fight Flu 
at Home and School

Flu, or influenza, spreads easily and can make people very sick, especially kids.
You can help stop flu!

Flu symptoms include:
Fever or chills, body aches, cough, sore throat, headache, runny or stuffy nose, feeling very tired. Some people, especially children, may have stomach problems and diarrhea. Unlike a cold, the flu comes on very suddenly.

Prevent flu!
- Flu vaccine is the best protection against the flu. It is recommended every year for everyone 6 months and older.
- Get the flu vaccine for you and your children every year! It helps make flu sickness milder or prevents it all together.
- Getting the vaccine early in the fall means you and your children will be protected when flu season starts.
- Ask people close to your children, like baby sipers and relatives, to get the vaccine, too.
- The vaccine is especially important for people with certain health conditions, like asthma, diabetes, heart or lung conditions because the flu can make them even sicker.

If your child gets the flu:
- Your child will need plenty of rest and lots of fluids.
- Keep your child home from school for at least 24 hours after their fever is gone without using fever-control medicine. This helps avoid giving the flu to others.
- Talk with your child’s health care provider before giving a child any over-the-counter medicine.
- Never give your child or teenager aspirin or any medicine that has aspirin in it. Aspirin can cause serious problems.
- If your child gets flu symptoms and is younger than 5 or has a medical condition like asthma, diabetes, or heart or lung disease, call their health care provider. Young children and those with certain medical conditions are at greater risk for getting seriously ill from the flu. Ask their health care provider if they recommend an antiviral drug.
- If you are worried about your child, call their health care provider.

Don’t spread flu!
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- If soap and water aren’t handy, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Cough or sneeze into a tissue or your elbow, not your hands. Put used tissues in the trash.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. That’s how germs spread.
- Stay away from people who are sick.
Take advantage of these extra earnings

Get ready for a week-long festival of flash bonuses. Celebrate from October 19–25 by earning bonus rebates on different brands each day.

Participating brands will be announced at 12:00 a.m. EST each day. All gift card types (eGift cards, physical cards, and reloads) will be on bonus.

50+ top brands on bonus
Shop these brands and many more

"Bonus Fest is so fun. All 7 days, I set an alarm on my phone to remind myself to check for the bonus email and see what brands are on bonus. Then I stock up on all the brands I love and even start shopping for holiday gifts."

Linda T., Earns for school hockey

Get started:
1. Enroll on MyScripWallet.com or ShopWithScrip.com with our organization’s enrollment code: ____________
2. Seamlessly checkout and receive eGift cards and reloads faster by securely paying online with a linked bank account or credit card.
Nativity is excited to announce that we are opening a school store for our students! We will be selling pens, pencils, erasers, and other school supplies. Additionally, in the future we will be selling school spirit wear. Stay tuned for details on spirit wear! Students are welcome to visit the store during store hours. The store is located outside of the Reading Room. Visit often, for inventory will continuously change.

Nativity students will help run the store by selling items and maintaining inventory. This will allow our students to learn real-world skills like accounting, sales, marketing, and so much more!

**School Store Hours:**
**Friday Mornings** 8:00 AM - 8:30 AM

Questions: Contact Mrs. Richard at nrichard@nativityofmaryschool.org
Kids Auction!

Tuesday October 29th
(To be held during the school day)

Tickets are 5/$1.

Please send ticket money in by FRIDAY 10/25
(Each student in grades KR-8 will be given 10 free tickets for the auction!)

PLEASE SEND IN INDIVIDUAL ENVELOPES FOR EACH CHILD MARKED:
“Att: Kids Auction Tickets-Childs Name/Grade”

Many items will be raffled including: dress down passes, art supplies, toys, games and gift cards

Your child’s tickets will be ready for them. Money for extra tickets will also be collected morning of auction.

Winners will be selected at random after lunch and students may be able to take their prizes home the same day!

Questions? Please contact Sharon Hartman at Sharonh8899@gmail.com

😊 The kids LOVE this event, so thank you for helping them to participate! 😊
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

Rules and Information

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
It's time to get ready...

BOO!

OPERATION GRATITUDE
SENDING CARE PACKAGES TO U.S. MILITARY

Let's all support the troops!
www.HalloweenCandyBuyBack.com

Plan to donate your leftover Halloween Candy to Mrs. Taggart's Third Grade Service Project and support our troops!
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 CLUB

FOR A MONTH!
The winner will receive
ONE (1) MONTH of Kids Club FREE!

Tickets are $20.00 each
(Drawing will be held at the Gala before the Live Auction)

Purchase tickets online at:
nbvmgala.givesmart.com
(credit card fees apply)
OR
Send money into school labeled
“Gala - Kids Club For A Month - Auction Item”

Tickets can also be purchased at the door
the night of the Gala!
We will not have the School Mass on Thursday, October 31st –

Mass will be celebrated on All Saints Day Friday, November 1st
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

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!
LEARN TO SKATE & LEARN TO SKATE HOCKEY
Winter / Session 7-weeks Nov. 2 - Dec. 21

Directed by
Joseph H. Druar (1968 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
Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, Dec. 7, 14, 21

7-WEEK SESSION BEGINS NOVEMBER 2, 2019
Participation is limited and applications will be accepted in order of receipt.
Send your registration form in by October 26 with a check payable to:

Joseph Druar 835-2979
100 Hendricks Boulevard
Amherst, New York 14226

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 $24

Registration Form:

___ Beginner (first time) Learn to Skate $105
___ Intermediate (can skate forward and backward) $105
___ Novice (can do crossovers) $105
Learn to skate hockey $105

___ Beginner ___ Intermediate ___ Novice

___ Parents Participation $28

SKATERS 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 claims 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
October 2019 Newsletter

What is the Foundation for Inclusive Catholic Education?

The Foundation for Inclusive Catholic Education supports the families, educators and schools with the advocacy, knowledge and resources necessary to help students with special needs experience the spiritual and academic richness of a Catholic education in an inclusive environment. FICE is the “go to” agency where all are welcome, families, principals, teachers for advocacy and training, in a Catholic setting.

FICE Receives Blue Cross Blue Shield Donation

Laura Shannon is a supervisor at Blue Cross Blue Shield of WNY. Recognizing Laura’s enthusiastic spirit for helping others, BCBS named Laura their volunteer of the year! BCBS makes a $250 donation to the charity of the volunteer of the year recipient’s choice! Laura requested the donation go to the Foundation of Inclusive Catholic Education in honor of her daughter Riley's dear friend, Maria Schultz. Maria who has Down Syndrome, has attended Our Lady of Victory since kindergarten, and is now in 5th grade with Riley. According to Laura, "Riley's friendship with Maria has made a positive impact on her daughter as well as the OLV school community”.

SAVE THE DATE

Please join us for our Sixth Annual Taking Flight dinner to benefit FICE! The Taking Flight dinner will be held on Thursday, March 5, 2020 at the Millennium Hotel. There will be a sit-down dinner, raffles, and awards to those who serve our children through fostering inclusion every day. Please stay tuned for more details to come. At this time, committees are being formed to assist with the planning of this wonderful event! Please contact Lynda Carver at carverlynda@gmail.com, if you would like to join the committee.

Launching our new website
www.ficebuffalo.org

Many thanks to Jerry McGarry who spent the summer giving our website a new look and a new name – ficebuffalo.org

Dr. Kathleen Magiera, FICE board member and secretary, graciously volunteered her husband, Jerry to assist with much needed update. Jerry graciously accepted the challenge and we are forever grateful. Look for more information throughout the year.

Like us on Facebook and check out the Tuesday tips for inclusion provided by Kathryn Schultz. Please contact us at ficeprogram@yahoo.com for suggestions or questions.
FICE Sponsors Inclusion Trainings

Eric 1 BOCES is teaming up with FICE to provide onsite inclusive education training to seven diocesan schools! Under the leadership of Dr. LaFever and his staff inclusion programs are growing. This year each school will receive two full days of an inclusion specialist that will work with the teachers to develop teaching strategies that meet the needs of their unique classroom setting. The schools receiving this opportunity are: St. Amelia’s, St. Mary of Swornville, Our Lady of Victory, St. John Vianney, Saints Peter and Paul of Hamburg, St. Gregory the Great and Immaculate Conception.

FICE board member Mary Jo Pfeiffer will be training new teachers on differentiated instruction on 10.23.19. Mary Jo has over 35 years of experience in special education.

Special Education Attorney to present to Parents

Patrick McNelis, an attorney who works in Special Education Law, will meet with interested parents on:

Tuesday, November 12, at 6:30 pm at:

McPartlan’s Corner

669 Wehrle Dr. Cheektowaga 14225

Patrick will explain NY education law and how to maximize resources and services for your child attending public or non-public school. Dinner will be served to attendees.

RSVP by 11/8/19 to 536-3887.

Co-Sponsored by Parent Network and FICE

Celebrate Inclusive Schools Week

Kick off Advent by celebrating Inclusive School Week is Dec. 2 – 6 2019

This year, the Inclusive Schools Week’s theme is “Charting the Course for Inclusive Schools.” Inclusive Schools Week celebrates the progress that schools have made in providing a supportive and quality education to an increasingly diverse student population, including students who are marginalized due to disability, mental health issues, socio-economic status, cultural heritage, language preference, and other factors. The Week also provides an important opportunity for educators, students and parents to discuss what else needs to be done in order to ensure that their schools continue to improve their ability to successfully educate all children. Check out Inclusiveschools.org for more ideas and free materials to celebrate Inclusive schools. The ideas and activities for promoting inclusion are a great way to kick off Advent!