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 pre-empted by another event: check this corner of the Cougar News for updates.

Nativity Gala
Tickets: Don’t forget to order your tickets online! An invitation with the link is on p.g 8 of this Cougar News for reference.
Donations: Please have all ads, items and sponsorships in by Friday, November 1st in order to get them in the program.
GOLDEN TICKET (see pg. 9):
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!

Twitter: Follow us at: @NBVMSchool for the latest updates
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 TOMORROW, October 29th! Every child will get 10 tickets for free and you can send in money for the purchase of additional tickets. You can still send in ticket money tomorrow. Great prizes for the kids to win! See flyer, page 5!
2) Wear Red Day is Wednesday, October 30th, for Red Ribbon Week. a national observance of drug-and-bully-free awareness!
3) HALLOWEEN is this Thursday: children can wear costumes, but please no “weapons,” or complicated props or costumes which make it hard for children to move through the halls safely.
4) Friday, November 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will be going to church on FRIDAY instead of Thursday. Children who are scheduled for Physical Education may wear their Phys. Ed. uniforms to church but please no shorts (they can wear sweatpants over their shorts to church).
5) Friday, November 1st, REGISTRATION PACKETS for the 2020-2021 school year will be sent home. Please read the packet carefully—it includes a letter of intent, and we need at least this letter returned by November 12 for those who will be entering Pre K—Kindergarten next year. This will enable us to have an idea of availability of spaces when we have our Open House for Pre-K—Kindergarten on the evening of November 12th.
6) School Store opened on October 25th—be sure to have the kids tell you about it! Students who would like to work at the store should speak to Mrs. Richard. See page 2 for more information.
7) Picture Retake Day is November 5th!
8) Congrats to the Jad Maouad Family and the Trzepacz Family who came in 1st and 2nd in the Candy Bar Sale with 17 and 10 boxes sold respectively. We have 28 boxes left to sell. Anyone who sells one gets dress down passes for the entire family. We have until November 26th!
9) 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! Gala is November 8th!
10) A special e-mail will be sent TOMORROW regarding parent conferences coming up on December 9th.
SCHOOL STORE OPENS:

Our school store opened 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.

Don’t forget:
Send leftover Halloween Candy in to Mrs. Taggart’s Third Grade Class for Operation Gratitude
Candy for Servicemen/Women.
See flyer on page 7.

MRS. BODENSTEINER is looking for egg cartons and old magazines (kid friendly) for art projects. If you are willing to donate, please send with your child any time.

Registration Info for 20-21 Coming to You NOVEMBER 1st!

Because you are already part of the Nativity Family, you get a head start on registration!
Our Open House for prospective students in Pre-K 3—Kindergarteners will be held on November 12-13. But for our families, 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, which will be included in your November 1st packet. 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, when our Open Registration begins for all those interested in Nativity School.

IMPORTANT DATES AT NATIVITY OF MARY SCHOOL:

10/29: Kids Auction—See page 5.
10/31: Halloween—wear a costume!

NOVEMBER: VIRTUE—Responsibility HABIT—Have a Plan (Begin with the End in Mind)
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! See pages 8-10.
11/11: Veteran’s Day—no school. Honor a VET!

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!
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)

- **Gala Donation** - If you still need to turn in a donation for the Gala, turn to Gift Cards! Pick up a few for a quick, easy donation, or use the gift cards to make a purchase for a great item!

- **Available Now** - Low denomination cards - perfect for stocking stuffers and holiday gift giving! These 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.

- **We are placing our next order on Wednesday, 10/30, at noon.** 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. Turn in an order by Wednesday, and have your gift cards on Friday!

- **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!

Thank you for your support!

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

“An education in the fullness of humanity should be the defining feature of Catholic schools.” —Pope Francis

**Nativity Gala**
Friday, November 8th, 7—11 PM
Samuel’s Grande Manor * 8750 Main Street
Your presence will make it a GRANDE evening! See pages 10-12 for details!
Need Information? 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!
# TWO MONTH CALENDAR: OCTOBER - NOVEMBER

## 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!

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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

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LAST UPDATE: 9/23/2019
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:
“Attn: 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! 😊
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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!

After School Program
Would you be willing to put a lawn sign on your front lawn in support of Nativity School from NOW until November 14th? If so, please see Mrs. Sutter—she will make one available to you! (The sign will include a topper with our PreK—Kindergarten Open House Dates!)
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!
REFUGEE SIMULATION

Our Refugee, Immigrant and Migrant Ministry (RIMM) team believes that the best way for all of us to learn more about terms such as refugee, immigrant, migrant, and asylum seeker is through experience. Our Refugee Simulation will offer us a chance to learn more about the refugee process through interactive participation, a debriefing, and ending with dinner.

Saturday, November 16
5:30 - 8PM • Nativity School Cafeteria
Ages 12-Older • Space is limited.

Contact Amy to register
632-8838, Ext. 403 or amy@nativityharrasshill.org