**Cougar News**

**Dress Down Days...**
**Dress Down Day for Catholic Charities Friday, December 6th**

On Friday, December 6th, students may dress down for a $1.00 donation for Catholic Charities! Bring your dollar into 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 the Cougar News!

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

**HSA Meeting 11/14**
**Change in Meeting Time!**
**Home School Parent Meeting on Thursday, November 14 will be at 6:00 PM!**

10 things about Nativity of Mary to know RIGHT NOW!

1) It is Juvenile Diabetes Awareness Week! Bring in your Dimes for Diabetes: pizza party for class raising the most money in dimes over this week. (Of course all change is welcome, but only dimes count for the competition). On Friday we will all dress in blue, to show our solidarity with those who battle Diabetes: bring in $1 and dress down in blue! We thank Maggie Goulette and her mother, Lindsay Goulette, for spearheading this important project. (Please bring in your $1: it will go to JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund.)

2) We are down to 25 boxes of candy bars! C'mon, Nativity, you can do it! We want to clear these out by November 27th—pay for yours by then and receive dress down passes for every child in your family!

3) Tonight is our Pre-K through Kindergarten Open House from 5:30—7:30 PM! (also tomorrow morning from 9—11.) We will be touring potential students and registering students this evening. If you have a student coming into Pre-K through Kindergarten, you must register for this open house.

4) Parent Conferences coming up on December 9th—don't forget to sign up! This is a no-school day for students.

5) Don't forget to return your letters of intent or registrations. Letters of intent hold your place in class until January 26th Catholic Schools Week Open House.

6) Have your children take a look at what's available at our School Store! Most items are between 25 cents and $3.00. Outside Reading Room!

7) Please email nurse, teachers and office when your child is going to be out sick. Remember, your child must be without a fever for 24 hours before returning to school after an illness. Let's keep everyone healthy!

8) To change your child's transportation home, please call or email the office BEFORE 1:30 pm. Also email the teacher. This will help us make sure your child is where they are supposed to be at the end of the day.

9) We are looking for Alumni, Parents and Students who are comfortable with public speaking to speak at Masses on the kick-off weekend of Catholic Schools Week (January 25-26). Please contact Mrs. Sutter if you can help.

10) Altar Servers Needed: training November 18—see page 8.

**HSA Board for the 2019-2020 School Year:**

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A Sincere Thank You

to all of the Nativity Families who supported us with donations, took part in online bidding, shared our website with friends and attended

Nativity Gala 2019 on November 8th You helped make our event a success! Your support is humbling and deeply appreciated. A parish school needs the assistance of its entire community and we are grateful for yours.

Sincerely, The Nativity Gala Committee

Erik Hoertz, Chairperson

Registration News

Tonight is our PreK through Kindergarten Open House, from 5:30—7:30 PM. A second PK-Kdg Open House follows tomorrow, from 9-11 AM. We will begin taking registrations tonight from parishioners and others for these classes. You are cordially invited!

We will always try to give our own students priority placement! Please let me know if you plan on coming back next year: at this point a call or a text to 432-3761 is best; I want to hold a place for your child!

Our Pre-K classes tend to fill up fast because they are both popular and a little smaller. There are only 10 students in each of the two Pre-K 3s; and 20 in PreK 4 and the two KReadiness classes. Thanks to all those who have already registered or turned in letters of intent!

IMPORTANT DATES AT NATIVITY OF MARY SCHOOL:

11/14: PARENT MEETING 6 PM—NEW TIME! 6 PM
11/27-29: Thanksgiving Recess
12/1: Advent begins
12/2: Trimester 1 Ends
12/5: Virtue Awards for Month of November before Mass (8:45 AM): Virtue of Responsibility
12/8: Feast of the Immaculate Conception
12/9: No School: Parent/Teacher Conferences
12/11 Christmas Concert, 6 PM
12/18: North Pole Shop during the school day
12/20: 11:30 Dismissal, Christmas Recess
12/25: Merry Christmas!
1/2: School Resumes: Welcome Back and Happy New Year!

For printable two-month calendar see page 4.

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!

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 5)

- Christmas Shopping: Think SCRIP for Christmas!
  Having trouble getting the right Christmas gift? Why not order Scrip gift cards as a present or even use Scrip to purchase the gifts!! Scrip is the easiest fundraiser! Scrip is gift certificates or cards to restaurants and stores. You buy the gift card at face value and Nativity makes a profit by buying the gift cards at a discounted rate. There are over 750 local and national vendors. To view a complete list, go to www.shopwithscrip.com

- Coming Soon: Thank-Scrip-ing Day! Get ready for all your Black Friday and Holiday shopping with Thank-scrip-ing Day, on Thursday, November 21. Don't miss 24 hours of incredible ScripNow, Reload and ReloadNow bonuses from dozens of your favorite retailers. Order from your phone at www.myscripwallet.com. This is a great way to support Nativity with even higher rebates. Watch for it!

- Special Low Denominations Cards are here! We will have a limited number of low 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 will be available: Amazon.com $10, Applebee's $10, Barnes & Noble $5, Home Depot $10, IHOP $10, Olive Garden/Red Lobster $10, Outback/Carrabba's/Bonefish Grill $10, Panera Bread $5, Regal $10, Starbucks $5, Taco Bell $10, Tim Horton's $5 (not limited), and Walmart $10.

- School Family Dress Down Promotion: The first quarter ends in a few weeks! If your family purchases and pays for at least $200 of gift cards during the 1st fiscal quarter (Sept 1 - Nov 30), you will receive a DD pass for each child in grades KR-8. Additional details on this promotion can be found in the Cougar News. A big thank-you to the school families and faculty members who have already reached the 1st quarter goal! Limit 1 pass/child/quarter. Passes will be distributed on the first week of December.

- Store hours are Tuesdays & Fridays, 8:30am-Noon (PreK Wing) and Sundays 8:30am-Noon. We are submitting out next order tomorrow at noon. Orders can be submitted online at 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. Place your order today, and have your cards on Friday!!

Thanks for your Support!
Judy Bergman and the Gift Card Team

“Don’t ever question the value of volunteers.
Noah’s ark was built by volunteers;
the Titanic was build by professionals.”
—Dave Gynn

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!
November – December Calendar

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NOVEMBER: VIRTUE—Responsibility
Habit 2: Begin with the End in Mind (Have a Plan)
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
11/14: HSA PARENT MEETING 6 PM Cafeteria
11/27-29: Thanksgiving Recess

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DECEMBER: VIRTUE—Perseverance
Habit 3: Put First Things First (Work First, Then Play)
12/1: Advent begins
12/2: Trimester 1 Ends
12/5: Virtue Awards before Mass (8:45 AM):
Virtue of Responsibility
12/7: The Christmas Marketplace has been cancelled.
12/8: Feast of the Immaculate Conception
12/9: No School: Parent/Teacher Conferences
12/11 Christmas Concert, 6 PM
12/20: Staff Christmas Luncheon, 11:30 Dismissal:
12/21-1/1: Christmas Recess
12/25: Merry Christmas
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Dear Nativity Families:

Here is some information about USA Football First Down in Schools Program:

**What is USA Football First Down In Schools Program?**

It’s a chance for NFL team, staff and athletes to get involved with local schools promoting physical fitness. They are working, at our school, with School Nurse Hana Muller

**What day will it happen at OUR school?**

December 3rd.

**What will happen that day?**

Mike Trott and another representative from USA football will be running stations in the gym. Mr. Cullinan and Mrs. Richard will help with Mrs. Cornwell and other teachers. Kids will be given a t-shirt at the start of their time to wear. **Everyone should wear their PE uniform to school that day.** All kids also need to submit a permission slip prior to participating.

Someone from the Buffalo Bills is expected to come—we don’t have any idea yet. It could be Billy Buffalo, it could be Josh Allen.

As Mrs. Muller gets more information, we will will pass it on to you. Please let Mrs. Muller know if you have any questions or concerns and she’ll do her best to figure it all out!
2019 FIRST DOWN IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM
PARTICIPANT PERMISSION SLIP

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Participant Name (please print): __________________________ Date of Birth: ______________

Mailing Address: _____________________________________________

City: ___________________ State: _____ Zip: ___________

Parent Name: __________________________ Parent Date of Birth: ______________

Parent Phone: _______________ Parent Email: _______________________

FUTURE COMMUNICATIONS (OPTIONAL)

By checking the box below, I give permission to USA Football to email me at the email address provided above consistent with the USAFootball.com Terms of Use and Privacy Policy. Each of the referenced policies are available at http://legal.usafootball.com/legal.html#usafootball-com-terms-of-service and http://legal.usafootball.com/legal.html#usafootball-com-privacy-policy.

☐ Yes – I am interested in receiving emails from USA Football

GRANT OF PERMISSION

I give permission for my youth (named above) to participate in the USA Football First Down In Schools Program hosted at their school. I also understand that my youth’s participation in the program is at his/her own risk. I further recognize that USA Football may use photographs and video images of my youth at the event in promotion of the event, the First Down In Schools Program, its other programs, and USA Football generally and grant permission for such photo/video images of my youth to be taken and used for such purposes.

______________________________  ______________________________  __________
Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian  Printed Name of Signer  Date
Reminder:
Altar Server Training
Altar Server Training for new and current servers in the Church on Monday, November 18th at 6:30PM.
If you are interested, please RSVP to Kelly Gill at 716.432.4979.
Pizza will be served!
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!
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 and older • Space is limited.

Contact Amy to register
632-8838, Ext. 403 or Amy@NativityHarrishill.org
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, November 7th 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

Chesterton Academy of Buffalo, shining a light on our faith and future...
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

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