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 the Cougar News!

10 things about Nativity of Mary to know RIGHT NOW!

1) Picture RETAKE Day is TOMORROW! This includes our Pre-K 3s, who haven’t had their pictures taken yet. If you are having a RETAKE done, please bring in the old pictures that you do not want. Please dress up in your own “dressy” clothes—you do not have to wear your uniform (although that is acceptable for pictures, too, of course).

2) Thank you from Sharon Hartman and the entire Kids Auction Committee! You were so generous with your donations, and the kids had a great time! Nearly $900 was raised toward our Gala goal, also because of your generosity. Thank you so much.

3) 28 boxes of candy bars are left. If you take one and pay for it before November 26th, every child in your family will receive a dress down pass!

4) This Friday is a dress down day for Catholic Charities! Please have your children dress in clothing which is comfortable AND Catholic School-appropriate.

5) Don’t forget to return your letters of intent or registrations. Mrs. Sutter would appreciate letters of intent by November 12, especially if your children are in Pre-K through Kindergarten.

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

7) We will be dressing in BLUE on Friday, November 15th for JUVENILE DIABETES Day! Also, start collecting your dimes: we’ll be doing a DIMES FOR DIABETES collection and competition between the classes all that week (November 11-15).

8) Thank you to Rory Warren, Nick Cox, Isabella Hoertz and Will Sza-blewski who have volunteered as greeters for Gala!

9) We are also looking for Alumni, Parents and Students 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!

10) Don’t forget to sign up for parent conferences via the link that was sent to you. Conferences are coming up on December 9th. 

FIRST TRIMESTER ENDS December 2.

HSA Board for the 2019-2020 School Year:

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**SCHOOL STORE OPENS:**

Our school store 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.

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GIFT CARD NEWS (See our flyer, page 5)

- **Christmas Shopping:** The holidays are coming up fast! We carry the most popular holiday gift cards! Nativity earns a profit on each gift card sold. Your family and friends can do their Christmas shopping with us too! All details/order form can be found on the Gift Card page on the school website. We will begin placing weekly orders with our supplier and have extended store hours after Thanksgiving break to keep up with Christmas demand. If you need gift card ideas for teacher/faculty & staff, we maintain a list of their favorite stores at the gift card desk. Stop by or send us an email for the list.

- **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 and Walmart $10.

- **Gift Card Holiday Wrappers Available!** It’s that time of year again! We have a colorful collection of gift card holiday wrappers back in stock and available for ordering. These colorful pre-cut glossy wrappers fold up to wrap your gift card in a fun, festive package. It even gives you space to leave a name, gift card amount, and a little note! The wrappers are available in a pack of 10 for $2, with a 10% non-profit contribution, and each pack includes 10 different seasonal designs.

- **School Family Dress Down Promotion:** The first quarter ends in 1 month! 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. A big thank-you to all the school families who have already reached the 1st quarter goal! Limit 1 pass/child/quarter. Passes will be distributed the first week December.

- **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](mailto:sales@nativitygiftcards.com) Order forms can be found on the school website.

Thanks for your Support!

**Judy Bergman and the Gift Card Team**

“Let us thank all of those who teach in Catholic Schools.
Educating is a gift of love; it is like giving life.” —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!
Bidding is live as of today—visit our website at [nbvmgala.givesmart.com](http://nbvmgala.givesmart.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!
# November – December Calendar

## November

**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  
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## December

**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
Earn anytime, anywhere on your phone

Discover how easy earning is with MyScripWallet.com. Shop from your phone wherever you are, so ordering gift cards always fits right into your busy schedule—and raising money is even more convenient.

Everything you need to earn. Always within arm’s reach.

1. SHOP ALL CARD TYPES
   Easily order eGift cards, reloads, and physical gift cards from 750+ top brands.

2. PAY ONLINE
   Link your bank account or pay with a credit card to get immediate access to eGift cards and reloads anytime, anywhere.

3. SAVE FAVORITES
   Use filters to search brands and add them to your Favorites for quick access.

4. BROWSE BONUSES
   Easily scroll through bonus rebates, which are updated every week, on the % Bonuses tab.

5. MANAGE PURCHASES
   View your gift cards, check card balances, and more right from My Wallet.

Save the site to your phone, just like an app on your home screen, to earn even faster:

- iPhone: Select on the bottom of the screen, then “Add to Home Screen” and then “Add”
- Android/Google: Open the options menu , then select “Add to Home Screen”

eGift card (ScripNow®) and ReloadNow orders placed and paid for with online payments (credit card or a linked bank account) are typically available in minutes. Reload orders placed for with online payments and placed before 3:30 p.m. ET will typically be processed overnight and available the next business day. A limited number of brands may take up to two business days. eGift card, ReloadNow, and Reload orders placed and paid for with check must be released by the organization’s coordinator before the order can be processed. The merchants represented are not sponsors or otherwise affiliated with ShopWithScrip. The logos and other identifying marks used are trademarks of and owned by each represented company and/or its affiliates. Please visit the company’s website for additional terms and conditions. © 2019 ShopWithScrip.
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 nbvmgala 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:
bvmgala.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!
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-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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