**Dress Down Days...**

**Dress Down Day for Catholic Charities Friday, October 4**

On Friday, October 4, 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!

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**New Menu Items, Student Input in Cafeteria Manager’s Plan**

Mrs. Christine Barnas, our new Cafeteria Manager, wants the students to be part of the lunchroom planning. That’s how the new Yogurt Lunch originated (being offered for the first time on October 25th).

“I sat with the 8th grade class and talked with them about their likes and dislikes. I want to do that with all the older classes—say 5th—7th. That way I get a better idea of what they’d like to have, and they get to contribute their ideas,” said Mrs. Barnas. Another new lunch is being offered on October 29th: the Big Dipper, with chicken nuggets, breadsticks and dipping sauces.

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**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!**

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**Twitter:** Follow us at: @NBVMSchool for the latest updates

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

**NEWII Instagram:** Find us under the handle nativityofmaryschool

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**10 things about Nativity of Mary to know RIGHT NOW!**

1) Mrs. O’Brien’s Fourth Grade is collecting items for Blessing Bags for the homeless. Please see the attachment on page 8 which tells you all the items you can send in, and try to support this wonderful and worthwhile service project.

2) The OCTOBER 4 Early Dismissal means that parents of our bused and afterschool pick-up students need to plan to see their children 15 minutes earlier. It does not affect Kids Club, which will run until 5:30 as usual.

3) We’re now on Instagram! Our handle is nativityofmaryschool. Check it out!

4) The 8th Grade is holding their Chicken Barbecue HERE on Friday from 4—7 PM! Chiavetta’s chicken with all the fixings. Desserts available for purchase. Tickets are $10 presale and $12 at the door. You can get tickets in the school office or From any 8th grader! Flyer pg. 7.

5) Candy Sale Updates! Pre-K 3 AM is only 2 people away from having EVERYONE in their class sell their first box of candy and turn in their money! The first 3 classes to accomplish this in Pre-K –KR will receive a special treat. The first 3 classes in grades K-8 to do this earn dress down passes! See page 9 for details on where your children’s classes stand! Tomorrow is also the halfway point in our candy bar sale—a special treat will be awarded to the top three sellers so far!

6) GALA is only 40 days away! All of you received Gala packets—please help our school reach its goal of $98,000. Plan now to come to Gala; review the donations lists to see what you can help with; spread the word to family and friends! Let’s see how many STATES will have residents who bid on our Gala items!

7) Trunk or Treat is less than a month away—start planning your trunk decorations now!

8) THURSDAY we will be giving out our first VIRTUE awards before the 9 AM School Mass (planned by the 4th Grade). September Virtue Awards are for the virtue of honesty and our model is St. John Chrysostom.

Talk to your child about how they practiced honesty this month.

9) On October 16th, we will be having a very special speaker, Sally Yageric from the Buffalo Council of Alcohol and Substance Abuse, speaking on the topic of “Roots and Wings—Raising Resilient Children.” The talk will discuss ways in which we as parents can equip our children to deal with the many challenges kids face today. Flyer pg. 12.

10) The school begins its new leadership program, THE SEVEN HABITS, tomorrow! Your children will be seeing a special video on the habit of Being Proactive—ask them about it!
Learn the 7 Habits you need to know to be a successful student and leader!

“10 Reasons We Love Nativity School” gives you something to talk about!

Imagine you’re in a grocery store. You’re wearing a t-shirt with a Nativity of Mary logo, and the person in the line in front of you asks you “why Nativity?” You only have seconds—do you have an answer? You probably know why you chose Nativity, but we all get a little tongue-tied when we are put on the spot.

If you need a little help coming up with an answer, the colorful flyer on page 11 gives you some reasons why parents might want to consider our school.

Do you have a great story to tell about why you chose Nativity? Send Mrs. Sutter an email about why you chose Nativity, and why you continue to choose Nativity year after year. We’ll put it in our “storybook” that we use for recruitment, and we’ll make posters for Open House that parents can read as they tour!

IMPORTANT DATES AT NATIVITY OF MARY SCHOOL:

OCTOBER:

10/3: September Virtues Awards before Mass (8:45)—recognition for practicing the Virtue of Honesty
10/4: Emergency Drill—dismissal 15 minutes early. Kids’ Club runs until 5:30 PM as normally scheduled.
10/4: Chiavetta’s Chicken Barbecue to benefit 8th Grade: see pg. 7.
10/10: Last day to turn in items for the homeless for 4th grades service project: see page 8.
10/11: No School: Principal’s Holiday!
10/14: No School: Columbus Day
10/16-18: Fall Book Fair
10/25: Trunk or Treat, evening event
10/31: Halloween—wear a costume!

For a printable two month Calendar, see page 4.
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.

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!!
Nativity of Mary School  
8550 Main Street, Williamsville, NY  14221  * (716) 633-7441  
2019-2020 School Calendar

SEPTEMBER:
9/26:  Parent Night (Grades 1 – 4), 6 PM  
9/27:  No School: Regional Professional Development Day
9/28:  Fall Fiesta and Gala Gift Giving Party—Grades K, 1, 2

OCTOBER:
10/3:  Virtue Awards before Mass (8:45 AM)  
10/4:  Emergency Drill Date: 15 minutes early dismissal
10/11: No School: Principal’s Holiday!
10/14: No School: Columbus Day
10/16: Speaker Night for Parents: “Roots and Wings”  
Sally Yageric, Buffalo Council for the Prevention of    
Alcohol and Substance Abuse, 7 PM, Gym
10/16-18: Fall Book Fair
10/25:  Trunk or Treat, evening event
10/25:  LAST DAY OF CANDY BAR SALE
10/29:  Kids Auction (in-school event for the kids!)
10/31:  Halloween-wear a costume!

NOVEMBER:
11/1: All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation): School Mass
11/1: Letters of Intent/Re-Registration forms come out for 2020-2021 school year: Check the backpacks!
11/5: Picture Retake Day
11/7: Virtue Awards before Mass (8:45 AM)  
11/8: Nativity GALA!
11/11: No School: Veteran’s Day
11/12: Pre-K-Kindergarten Open House, 5:30 – 7:30 PM
11/13: Pre-K-Kindergarten Open House, 9 – 11 AM
11/14: Home School Association Parent Meeting
11/27-29: Thanksgiving Recess

Last Updated: 9-23-2019
| Lunch Price - $2.75
Choice of milk is included with all meals. |
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| **1** Chicken Patty on a Bun
Hash Browns
Veggie Beans
Fruit
Goulette/Hathaway |
| **2** Pizza
Carrots
Celery Sticks
Fruit
Bartoszek/Hathaway |
| **3** Rotini Pasta with Meat Sauce & Garlic Bread
Romaine Salad
Mixed Vegetables
Fruit
Koziel/Bergman |
| **4** Hot Dog on a Bun
Steamed Carrot Coins
Baked Fries
Fruit
Van Deusen/Hathaway |
| **5** Breadstick Dippers with Sauce
Romaine Salad
Carrot Coins
Fruit
Hartman/Hathaway |
| **6** Mozzarella Sticks w/Dip and Rotini Pasta
Broccoli
Mixed Vegetables
Fruit
Erbacher/Hathaway |
| **7** Pizza
Carrots
Celery Sticks
Fruit
Brennan/Burkhardt |
| **8** Taco in a Bag with Rice & Toppings
Vegetarian Beans
Golden Corn
Fruit
Greene/Hathaway |
| **9** NO SCHOOL |
| Choose 3 to 5 components each day, which may include 1 entree. One of the components must be a fruit or vegetable. |
| **10** Pancakes w/Turkey Sausage & Syrup
Romaine Salad
Zucchini
Fruit
Hoertz/Hathaway |
| **11** Pizza
Carrots
Celery Sticks
Fruit
G. Maouad/S. Maouad |
| **12** Turkey & Gravy with a Biscuit
Steamed Carrot Coins
Mashed Potatoes
Fruit
Kobert/Hathaway |
| **13** Nachos Grande with Rice and Toppings
Corn
Green Beans
Fruit
Krey/Dorn |
| **14** Chicken Nuggets with Seasoned Pasta Twirls
Broccoli
Mixed Vegetables
Fruit
Stein/Hathaway |
| **15** Taco in a Bag with Rice & Toppings
Vegetarian Beans
Steamed Corn
Fruit
Koziel/Cullinan |
| **16** Pizza
Carrots
Celery Sticks
Fruit
Schieder/Hathaway |
| **17** Toasted Cheese Sandwich
Tomato Soup & Steamed Carrots
Fruit
Varco/Hathaway |
| **18** Yogurt Lunch
Yogurt, cheese stick and flatbread
Romaine Salad
Baked Fries
Fruit
Walker/Cox |
| **19** Sliced Turkey on a Bun With Vegetable soup
Steamed Cauliflower
Veggie Beans
Peaches
Capozzolo/Hathaway |
| **20** The Big Dipper (Chicken Nuggets & Breadsticks w/dip
Broccoli Florets
Steamed Carrots
Fruit
Staffeldt/Hathaway |
| **21** Pizza
Carrots
Celery Sticks
Fruit
Nemmer/Hathaway |
| **22** Taco in a Bag with Rice & Toppings
Veggie Beans
Corn Niblets
Fruit
Ratliff/Hathaway |
| **23** Additional Entrees Available Daily:
Hot Dog on a Bun
Peanut Butter & Jelly
Julienne Salad w/Dinner Roll |
| Choice of Milk Included with Lunch:
Low-Fat White, Fat Free White, Fat Free Chocolate |
| Milk Only Price - $.50 |

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What’s better than fundraising every time you fire up the grill? This season, use scrip whenever you stock up on grub for game day and set a new record for rebates.

Albertsons
Amazon.com
Cabela’s
Choice Hotels
Comfort Inn
Comfort Suites
Dick’s Sporting Goods
Dunham’s
Hilton
The Home Depot
Hotels.com
Lowe’s
Meijer

Menard’s
Mobile
Safeway
Sam’s Club
Shell
Sleep Inn
Speedway
SUPervalu
Target
Walgreens
Walmart
Wawa
Whole Foods Market
Chicken Dinner Fundraiser!

Friday, October 4, 2019
4 PM – 7 PM
at
Nativity of Mary School
8550 Main Street
Williamsville, NY 14221
(corner of Main St. and Harris Hill Rd.)

Pre-Sale Tickets $10
(available at the school or Sundays after Mass)
At the Door: $12
DRIVE-THRU service available for take-out in front school parking lot!

To Benefit Nativity of Mary School 8th Grade Trip!
DEADLINE FOR DONATIONS

OCTOBER 10!

September 6, 2019

Dear Parents,

Each year, fourth grade students participate in a service project. This year in religion, we will be discussing the importance of treating others the way Jesus would. In an effort to be more like Jesus, the fourth graders will be collecting items so we can put together blessing bags for the homeless. Examples of items we will be collecting are:

- Toothbrushes/toothpaste
- Hats
- Gloves
- Socks
- Deodorant
- Hand sanitizer
- Chapstick
- Brush/comb
- Baby wipes
- Candy bars
- Cough drops
- Peanut butter
- Plastic utensils
- Small packages of tissues
- Rain poncho
- Granola bars
- Small shampoo & conditioner
- Crackers with peanut butter or cheese

If you wish to participate, items can be dropped off in the fourth-grade room or sent in with your child. We will be collecting from Monday, September 9th until Friday, October 10th. After items have been collected, I will put the bags together for distribution.

Thank you and God Bless!

Mrs. O’Brien and the Fourth Grade Class
**Candy Sale News:**
129 boxes paid
69 boxes in office
59 first boxes not yet paid
31 additional boxes not yet paid

The FIRST THREE CLASSES in Pre K and in K-8 to sell their boxes of chocolate will receive dress down passes (or a special treat for those who do not wear uniforms). So far in the lead for PreK is Mrs. Lauchert’s 3 Morning class. The K-8 Leader is Mrs. Taggart’s class!

Money earned for school as of 9/30/2019: $3354

**GOAL:** $7000

**Percentage of “FIRST BOXES” Sold:**

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100%!!
Dress Down Passes for the class (special treat for younger classes.)
Kids Auction!!

Donations are now being accepted for the Nativity Kids’ Auction to be held Tuesday October 29th 2019

(To be held during the school day)

Donation Ideas Include:
Art supplies        Bath & body items
Candy (Peanut free)  Toys
Sports Items        $5 or $10 gift cards
Any item you think the kids would like!

Please label your donation "Kids’ Auction" and send in prior to October 22nd 2019

What is the Kids’ Auction?
As part of our Gala Fundraiser, we put on a basket raffle for the students in school. We use your donations to put together great prizes that the children can win. More information on how to purchase your children tickets will be coming closer to the event.
Please contact Sharon Hartman at sharonh8899@gmail.com for more information or with questions.
10 REASONS WE LOVE NATIVITY OF MARY SCHOOL!

1. AMAZING TEACHERS!
   Our Pre-K through 8th grade teachers are experienced professionals, committed to each individual student's academic and spiritual development.

2. A CHALLENGING PROGRAM!
   At Nativity of Mary, every student is challenged to work to their potential. An on-staff Reading Teacher and Academic Intervention Services Teacher are a part of our staff. STREAM programming, 7 Habits of Highly Effective Students program and 9th Grade Algebra, Earth Science and Literature are also available.

3. SPORTS, SPORTS, SPORTS!
   Besides our strong in-school physical education program, we also have extracurricular sports including Basketball, Swimming, Track, Soccer, Softball and Baseball available for our students. Some teams begin as early as Kindergarten!

4. A Passion for the Arts!
   Students at Nativity of Mary take Music and perform a Christmas and Spring Concert. Our School Band, made up of all who take an instrument at school, is part of the concerts, too. Grades 1 – 8 can join our Mass Choir. Drama Club performs a Spring Musical! And students take art weekly and decorate the halls with their work!

5. Nosostros hablamos español!
   Our Nativity of Mary students begin learning Spanish vocabulary at K-Readiness, and continue learning the language through 8th Grade, allowing them to progress rapidly in the language when they reach high school.

6. We do Tech!
   Our students begin basic computer technology classes in Pre-K 4. Chromebooks are available for student use; LED Boards and a technology lab with current hardware and software enables our students to prepare for the future.

7. Our families are part of our family!
   We welcome our families' involvement and keep them apprised of student progress through our Parent Portal and teacher conferences. Our parents celebrate together, volunteer together and visit our school often.

8. Our class sizes are JUST RIGHT!
   Our average class size in K-8 is 16, and classes range in size from 12 – 21. Classes are small enough to afford individual attention, and large enough where everyone can find friends! For PreK 3, class size caps at 10; 4-year old classes cap at 20.

9. Before and After School Care
   Parents who need to drop children off at 7:30 AM can register for our free Before School care program. Our Afterschool Kids Club, run by our teachers, is a pay-per-month program that runs on all full school days til 5:30 PM.

10. We’re affordable.
    Thanks to our Home School Association’s fundraising to keep tuition down, plus generous donations and support of our mission from the BISON Foundation, CTGP and our parish’s Legacy Fund, a Catholic education is more affordable than you think.

To find out more, or for a tour, contact the Advancement Office at 716-633-7441, Ext. 317!
Today’s children face a great deal of stress — academic performance, heavy scheduling, high achievement standards, media messages, peer pressures, and the availability of drugs and alcohol.

Join us:
Wednesday October 16, 2019
7:00 to 8:00 pm
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary School

and learn the secrets of raising resilient children with 
Roots to be grounded and Wings to soar.
Refreshments to follow.

Speaker: Ms. Sally Yageric, CPP
Director of Community Programs
Erie County Council for the Prevention of Alcohol and Substance Abuse
Coaches Wanted

Dear Parents,

We are looking for basketball coaches or team helpers to volunteer their time to coach for grades:

3-4 (co-ed), 5-6 (girls), 7-8 (girls)

The winter season runs from November 1st to March 7th.

If you are interested please contact Mrs. Cornwell at ext. 628 or email at jcornwell@nativityofmaryschool.org

Please keep in mind that sport teams are only possible if we have volunteers.

Thank you.

Jean Cornwell
September 19, 2019

Dear Parents:

If your son/daughter is interested in playing basketball this year for Nativity in grades K-8, please sign them up **by Friday, October 18th**. Team rosters will fill up fast, please turn in this signup sheet as soon as possible before a team becomes full.

- **The fee for this year is $50 per child.**

*Please send cash or check payable to NATIVITY OF MARY SCHOOL. Please return all payments to Athletic Director.*

In order to participate, all players need;

- **A current physical** *(physical expires 1 year from the date of the physical from the previous school year)*

Please complete this form and the medical form(s) and return it with payment to Athletic Director

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*T-shirt sizes: Small, Medium, Large, X-Large*

We are looking for Parents to volunteer @ games to help with the following (circle all that apply);

- coaching
- running the clock
- gym set-up
- put chairs away

**Contact Information:**

Parent Name__________________________

Phone______________________________

Email______________________________

Did you: (1) fill out the signup sheet___ (2) return with payment___ (3) fill out the medical sheet___

**DUE BY: Friday, October 18th**
Parent Permission & Medical Release for Sports Participation

Student Name: ____________________________ Date: ____________

SEX: M _____ F _____ DATE OF BIRTH: ____________ Current Grade: _______

Name of Parent/Guardian(s): ________________________________

Address: _______________________________________________

Cell Phone: ______________ Home Phone: ______________ Work Phone: ______________

I ___________________________ have permission to participate in ________________ SPORT during the school year ______. He/she will be expected to attend all scheduled practices and games. If needed, I understand that my son/daughter is responsible for all equipment/uniforms issued, and if any of the equipment/uniforms issued are not returned in proper condition, I am liable for their replacement value.

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY AND I CANNOT BE REACHED, CALL:

#1: Name: ___________________________ Phone: ______________ Relationship: ______________

#2: Name: ___________________________ Phone: ______________ Relationship: ______________

If I cannot be reached, I give my permission for the coach or a responsible school representative to have my child treated by a physician.

My child has received a medical release to participate in ________________ (sport) and he/she has been in good health since, having no accidents or major illnesses.

Please indicate any allergies or health conditions that the coach should be aware of:

___ Diabetes ___ Fracture ___ Other Joints
___ Epilepsy ___ Dislocation ___ Knee Problems
___ Seizures ___ Knee Problems ___ Other Joints
___ Asthma ___ Other Joints ___ Heart Disease
___ Hernia ___ Operations ___ Lung Disease

Regular medications: ____________________________ Date of last Tetanus shot: ______________

ALLERGIES:

___ Pollen ___ Insect ___ Drugs (please list): ____________________________
___ Food (please list): ____________________________
___ Other (please list): ____________________________

Insurance Carrier: ____________________________ Policy #: ______________

Family Physician: ____________________________ Phone: ______________

Parent Signature: ____________________________ Date: ______________

DUE BY: Friday, October 18th
September 26, 2019

TO: Grade 2 First Reconciliation Families

FROM: Maureen Rademaker
Coordinator Elementary Program & Sacraments

RE: Required Parent Meeting
Book & Material Pick-up

LFF SUNDAY CLASSES & LFF HOME BASED PROGRAM
Tuesday, October 15th @ 6:30 PM in school cafeteria

LFF MONDAY CLASS & NATIVITY SCHOOL
Thursday, October 17th @ 6:30 PM in school cafeteria

We need only to hear from you if you are changing your assigned meeting date.

Please email Mrademaker@nativityharrishill.org if you need to change evenings.
WHERE IS GOD LEADING US?
A Community Conversation
Sponsored by Nativity’s Lay Leadership Council

The Parish Community Needs your INPUT and VISION!

Whether you have been at Nativity for 50 years or 50 days, we invite you to help us all gain a clear direction for Nativity BVM Parish! Parishioners 16 and up are encouraged to join in the conversation.

Choosing from a date and time that works best for your schedule, we ask you to join us in late September/Early October to offer your ideas, concerns, hopes, and fears. On the page opposite this invitation you will find the four questions that will form the basis of the community conversation.

Registration is easy: complete the form below and drop it in the collection basket; or email it to amy@nativityharrishill.org or call Amy at 716-632-8838, ext. 403.

Name(s) ________________________ ________________________

Best way to reach you, either by phone or email ________________________

Indicate which of the days and times given below would work best for you:

___ Saturday, September 28, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
___ Monday, September 30, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
___ Tuesday, October 1, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
___ Thursday, October 3, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
___ Saturday, October 5, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
___ Monday, October 7, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
___ Tuesday, October 8, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
___ Thursday, October 10, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Light refreshments will be offered. If you will need childcare during the session, please let us know a week in advance.
WHERE IS GOD LEADING US?

Questions to Guide the Community Conversation

Fell free to make notes to help you prepare to participate in the community conversation. You can bring your notes to the session you will attend, and can turn them in if you wish. If you are unable to attend a session, you can drop your notes in the collection basket or at the Rectory office, so that your thoughts and ideas will be heard.

1. What’s working for you at Nativity? What keeps you here?

2. What isn’t working for you at Nativity? What gives you pause?

3. What changes would you like to see now at Nativity?

4. Where would you like to see Nativity in five years?
Take Action to Protect Refugee Resettlement!

Follow this link:
https://justiceforimmigrants.org/action-alerts/3909/

#refugeeswelcome #nbvmselfiesunday #nbvmtakesaction

Invited by NBVM RIMM Team
Refugee, Immigrant, Migrant Ministry
Unified March & Respect Life Mass

Headed by

The Knights of Columbus/The Pro-Life Office

Mass celebrated by

The Most Reverend Richard J. Malone, Th. D.
Bishop of Buffalo

on

Saturday, October 5, 2019
Mass begins at 9:00 am
at
St. Mark’s Church
401 Woodward Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14214

Following Mass:
We will proceed to the clinic at 2500 Main Street, Buffalo
where we will pray the Rosary together for a peaceful opportunity to pray for the unborn.

40 Days For Life 2019 Campaign’s “Help save Lives in Buffalo”
September 25 - November 3

Join us in PRAYER AND PEACEFUL VIGIL in front of Buffalo Women Services, 2500 Main St. Buffalo, N.Y. 14214. Vigil hours are 7:00 am to 7:00 pm every day and 8:00 am to 5:00 pm on Sunday. We join 855 cities in 61 countries in a peaceful, prayerful witness to send a powerful message to the community about the tragic reality of abortion. We pray for "the beginning of the end of abortion."

For information: 40daysforlife.com/buffalo or call Dolly Verdi at (716) 868-2049.

Sponsored by:
The Knights of Columbus/Diocesan Office of Pro-Life Activities & 40 Days for Life
For more information contact the Diocesan Office of Pro-Life Activities at (716) 847-2205
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

Ready for College... Prepared for Life!

A Member of the Chesterton Schools Network
www.buffalochestertonacademy.org
25 Mansion Ave. / Cheektowaga / NY / 14206
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, October 17th 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
(Attachment)

*Chesterton Academy of Buffalo, shining a light on our faith and future*...
Open House: Saturday, October 5, 10am-12pm

Park is a Progressive | College Prep | Pre-K through Grade 12 independent school on a 34-acre campus with a pond, stream, marsh, three athletic fields, and 14 buildings including academic facilities, two gyms, a creative arts building, library, theatre, and greenhouse.

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### Holy Land

**3 Chances to Win Holy Land Trip for 2** (Apostles Club $1,500 or $125/month)

**1 Chance to Win Holy Land Trip for 2** (Benefactor $780 or $65/month)

*Apostles Club contributors receive 3 chances, and Benefactor contributors receive 1 chance to win an all-inclusive trip for two to the Holy Land. Walk in the footsteps of Jesus and Mary as you visit the Grotto of the Annunciation (the Annunciation), the Via Dolorosa (The Way of the Cross), the Garden of Gethsemane (Agony in the Garden), and much more. Grow in your knowledge of the Holy Land through expert tour guides Steve and Janet Ray and the best licensed Israeli tour guide. You’ll also experience great dining, fellowship, and entertainment. Plus all other gifts!*

### 11-inch Solid Wood Crucifix

(Mission Partner: $360 or $30/month)

By giving at the Mission Partner, you’ll receive a beautiful 11-inch solid wood crucifix, which includes a hand-polished zinc alloy corpus and 14-karat gold plated accents. With a detachable wooden base, it can be used as either a wall cross or a beautiful desk accessory. Whether in your home or office, it will serve as a constant and powerful reminder of Our Lord’s sacrificial love. **Plus all gifts at the Sustainer level.**

### Seeds of Faith Auto Rosary

(Sustainer: $144 or $12/month)

As a Sustainer donor or higher, you’ll receive this Seeds of Faith Auto Rosary. Made with genuine Pacun seeds from Latin America, it is 10 inches long with a lobster claw clasp. You can hang this beautiful rosary from your rear-view mirror to serve as a visible reminder of your faith. **Plus all gifts at the Supporter level.**

### Miraculous Medal and Second Coming Prayer Card

(Supporter: $60 or $5/month)

As a donor at the Sustainer Level or higher, you’ll receive this high-quality, silver-plated Miraculous Medal, made in Italy! The beautiful blue background highlights the image of Our Lady and makes this medal stand out in an especially attractive way. At 1.25 inches, its slightly larger size shows an amazing level of detail. It comes with a Miraculous Medal prayer card. You will also receive a Second Coming Prayer Card.