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Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary School | Home School Association Board

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RE: 2023-2024 School Year HSA Welcome Letter

Dear Fellow Nativity Families,

For over sixty years, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary School has been able to provide students with the intellectual, spiritual and moral development needed for the future. By providing our children with an excellent Catholic education today, we are paving their way for tomorrow.

The Home School Association (HSA) is an integral part of Nativity school. It is not just a “couple voices” making decisions, but rather the collective unified team effort of Father Tom, Mrs. Richard, Amy Connolly, the HSA Board, the Nativity teachers & staff, and most importantly....all of you parents of children at Nativity! The purpose of the HSA is working collectively toward the goal of nurturing the educational and spiritual development of our children and our school family.

One important way we help to accomplish these goals is by securing and allocating resources through fundraising opportunities throughout the year. Our tuition only covers 60% of the cost of educating our children. The remaining 40% of the cost of educating our children comes from Parish support and HSA fundraising efforts. This year our fundraising goal is \$164,000 or approximately \$850 per student.

Over the past four years we have made great strides in meeting our fundraising goal. The last few years we have streamlined our fundraisers and implemented some new initiatives to meet our goal. The enclosed summary details our fundraising goal and plan for this year. In order to maintain the vibrant Catholic education that our children receive at Nativity we need the help of all the families to achieve our goal.

We understand how hectic life is and not all families have the time to assist with our fundraising efforts. Successful fundraising is absolutely critical to maintaining the high standard of Catholic education our children enjoy at Nativity. If you don't have time to assist with our fundraising activities we ask that you consider a donation to help fund the 40% of the cost of educating our children that our tuition does not cover.



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The sense of a strong and supportive Catholic community is one of the things that makes our children's education at Nativity so special. In support of the furtherance of this goal the HSA is proud to organize and host Nativity family social gatherings. Historically, these events include the Blessing of the Backpacks, Trunk or Treat, the Car Raffle, Open House, Son/Daughter Dance/Event, and various other activities if we are able to. We will communicate the time of the events we are able to hold as the year progresses.

Please take the time to prayerfully reflect and consider ways that you can actively provide your time and talents to contribute to the success of the fundraising opportunities and HSA sponsored events available here at Nativity this school year. Investing in our children's and Nativity's success is crucial to ensuring that Nativity has the strong sense of community and resources needed to support our children's education.

If you have any questions or would like more information on ways to get involved at Nativity please feel free to contact me or any member of the HSA Board, our contact information is available on the school website. I, as well as the entire HSA Board and Nativity community look forward to working with all of you this school year.

Sincerely,

Sarah Jankowski

Sarah Jankowski (Nativity HSA President)