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FEBRUARY 2010 NEWSLETTER

WELCOME BACK!

MRS. LYNN SABOL

Dear Nativity Family,
I am excited about the opportunity to return to Nativity. In a few weeks, I will be back full time and I am looking forward to working with the faculty, staff, students and parents. Communication is essential in order for a school and family to function. We must look forward as we complete this school year and prepare for years to come. We, all of us, will make Nativity a great place to be! See you soon!

Mrs. Lynn Sabol

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR FOR
FEBRUARY**

Thursday, February 04, 2010:	8:45 AM
Thursday, February 11, 2010:	10:00 AM
Wednesday, February 17, 2010:	8:45 AM

**CELEBRATING OUR CONTINUED
ACCREDITATION THROUGH THE MIDDLE
STATES ASSOCIATION COLLEGES
AND SCHOOLS**

The midpoint Review Report was filed on time in December with the Middle States Association of colleges and schools. The response has already been received that we continue to meet the Middle States Standards for Accreditation. Evidence and data show that we continue to live up to our commitments to focus on student growth and development, have accountability of student performance, the development of long-term strategic action plans that integrate programs, services, facilities and other support systems to address growth needs, continuous evaluation and modification of action plans and involvement of the school's community.

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT
NEWS & EVENTS
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**

The Student Government Association will celebrate Catholic Schools Week from January 31, 2010 until February 6, 2010. This year's events include:

- **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2010**
PARENT APPRECIATION DAY
Members of SGA will serve coffee and donuts to our parents in the morning
- **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 02, 2010**
TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY
Teachers will be honored for their dedication at a luncheon provided by the student government.
- **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 03, 2010**
STUDENT APPRECIATION DAY
Students will enjoy root beer floats served to them during their lunch periods. They also will have a free casual dress day and participate in an afternoon game show.
- **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 04, 2010**
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK MASS
The school will gather in the gym for the annual Catholic Schools Week Mass.
- **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 05, 2010**
VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY
Students will honor those individuals that donate their time to activities held here at Nativity BVM High School.

This year's theme for Catholic Schools Week is "Catholic Schools ... Dividends for Life!" The theme focuses on four aspects of

Catholic Education: Knowledge, Discipline, Morals and Faith. The Theology Department had students create posters that will be hung throughout the school focusing on one of the four aspects.

UPCOMING EVENTS STUDENT GOVERNMENT

- The members of Student Government will be making chocolate lollipops to sell for our Valentine's Day Candy Sale.
- SGA will be observing Dr. Suess "Read Across America" in March. Some of the members will be visiting our feeder schools to read books to the younger age groups.
- The SGA would like to organize a homemade pierogie sale during the Lenten season. Anyone willing to provide us with recipes, ingredients or assistance should contact Mr. Jones at 570-622-8110.

FROM THE STUDIES OFFICE

Report Cards were sent home with the students on Friday, January 29, 2010. Any student with a failure or incomplete should have the report card signed by his or her parent and returned to the main office by TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2.

Course selection meetings are being planned. Parents please begin to discuss with your child their plans for courses for next year. Course booklets will be distributed at the meetings so you can read about each course.

CALL TO PROTECT OUR YOUTH

The Bishops of the United States requested that each Diocese implement in their schools and parishes programs that explicitly address the issues related to the sexual abuse of children and minors. In the *Charter for the Protecting of Children and Young*

People, the Bishops state that specific programs be made available for parents, adults and children.


The Diocese of Allentown has implemented the *Called to Protect* program for the youth of our diocese. Sr. Meg Cole, the Diocesan Coordinator for Safe Environment programs will be presenting the program, along with Mrs. Carol Boyer who is a trained presenter. All freshmen and Nativity students who have not experienced this empowering program will be participating on Friday, February 12, 2010.


The *Called to Protect* program is an intense presentation on how sexual abuse and boundary violations can be part of a young person's growing up experience. This program will address ways that youth can recognize their own personal boundaries and therefore keep themselves safe.

FROM GUIDANCE

SENIORS, please be advised to continue to monitor your college application status and if necessary, request that quarter two grades be forwarded to respective schools.

FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

 NATIVITY'S OPEN HOUSE AND REGISTRATION will take place on SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2010 from 6 to 8 PM at Nativity BVM High School. A live radio broadcast on T102 will take place from 5:30 to 7:30 PM that evening. The registration is for any new student interested in enrolling at Nativity for the 2010-2011 school year. Financial aid applications for various scholarships will be available that evening. Hope to see you on the 21st.

 KINDERGARTEN MINI-OLYMPICS will be held at Nativity on Wednesday, February 24, 2010 from 10 AM to 12:00 NOON. This

event will take place in the gymnasium.

✚ **BON TON CARE TO SHARE BOOKLETS** for the February event are available in the Development office.

✚ The **THIRD \$100 INSTALLMENT** for **FUNDRAISING** is now due. Please send payments into the Development Office. Thank You!

DRAMA DEPARTMENT NEWS

1) If your child is involved in this year's play, he/she has been given information about the upcoming Mardi Gras. They also have been given information that needs to be shared with you regarding costumes. Please alert Miss Gough if you have not received this important information at bg2150@gmail.com

2) The Drama Club is hosting a Mardi Gras celebration on Sunday, February 14, 2010 from 1 - 4 PM. Included in the day's events are: a chili cook-off, an apple pie bake-off, a handmade Mardi Gras mask contest, Zydeco dance lessons and contest, crafts and face-painting for grade school children and crowning of the King and Queen of Mardi Gras. Admission includes food and beverages, beads, dance lessons and crafts. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Tickets for grade school students are \$5. Contact any Nativity drama club student for tickets or email Miss Gough at bg2150@gmail.com. We still need entries for both the chili and the apple pie contests! Note: Parents of the drama club students are requested to donate \$10 toward the cost of the baskets to be raffled off at the Mardi Gras.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY & RING DAY

Plans are being made for our annual Ring Day Mass and the National Honor Society

induction. Both will be held sometime in March or April, 2010.

GRADUATION, 2010

Information regarding Announcements, Caps & Gowns, Name Cards, etc. will be distributed to our senior students beginning the week of February 8-12, 2010.

CONGRATULATIONS

To **NICOLE FARR** who was crowned the 2010 Winter Carnival Snowflake Princess.

GREAT JOB! NIKKI

You make Nativity proud.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS & PARENTS:

FRANCISCAN UNIVERSITY WEEKEND CONFERENCE IN STEUBENVILLE, OHIO

Mark your calendars and join us for the best summer event of your life! We are running two buses to Steubenville, OH for an awesome Catholic teen retreat - this is beyond any retreat you have ever experienced. You must be entering 9th grade by Fall 2010 to attend. Friends are welcome.

Spots fill up fast because about 2,000 teens from all over the US sign-up for this conference (there are a total of 36,000 teens that attend this retreat during the whole summer). This is a great way to meet other Christians from all over the country. You'll only regret it if you don't take the plunge with us, so sign-up & pass the word on. Parents & students - encourage others to come join us!

Reserve your spot by Thursday, February 18 (limited seats available) .. reserve your seat by contacting Rachael Kubick at 570-581-6109.