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MAY 2010 NEWSLETTER

NOTES FROM FATHER ESSIG

A Blessed Easter Season to the family that is Nativity BVM!

I cannot help but be tempted, since we are at school, to put forth a test on the great event of our salvation: Easter. Therefore, my good students, the question is: How do we determine the date of when we celebrate Easter Sunday? And no asking your teachers. That would be CHEATING!

As we celebrate these next 50 days, known as the Easter Season, which concludes on May 23 with the Solemnity of Pentecost, we call to mind the life we are meant to live. It is a life to be lived in imitation of Jesus Christ. Think about it for a moment. Could anything in the universe bring us greater joy than in knowing that God created us so that we may share in His Divine Life? That is Heaven!

We have all probably made our Lenten resolutions in the past: to give up something that we really enjoy or like to do, or to take upon ourselves an extra sacrifice that will cost us. Yet, on the flip side, have we ever wondered about making "Easter resolutions"? One resolution that really could strike to the heart, and I'll borrow this from Saint Paul's letter to the Ephesians, is to live my life for the praise and glory of God! This is the definition of the life of a saint. And to become a saint is a grace that is given to every single one of us. That is the message of Easter: that I no longer am meant to live apart from God or from one another. I am to be a brother or sister in Christ to all those around me, because I am NOW to be a true brother or sister in Christ HIMSELF! That is why He took up the cross. That is His loving desire for all of us.

Yours in the Risen Christ,

Fr. Ed

Father Ed

Chaplain

P.S. Hey! Don't forget about the test on the front of this page. Who knows? Maybe the first one to give me the correct answer might be given the rest of the school year off and not have to worry about end of school exams. You never know what God wills.

THE PRINCIPAL'S PEN

It is difficult to believe that the end of the school year is just around the corner. The next two months are very busy with exams, class trips, athletic events and for our seniors, the end of their high school careers. It is always a time of mixed emotions. We are sad to see the seniors graduate but happy that they are moving on to the next part of their lives. For most, it involves college but for all of them it will be a time of change and challenge. They will embark on a new journey, one that leads to their futures. We wish them the best of luck and will keep them in our prayers.

The following is a list of upcoming events. Please refer to the monthly calendar for all activities.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Saturday, May 1	Green & Gold Chinese Auction	4-8:00 PM
Sunday, May 2	Green & Gold Chinese Auction	11:00 AM
Saturday, May 8	Century Benefit	6:00 PM
Sunday, May 9	Spring Band & Chorus Concert	7:00 PM
Tuesday, May 11	Feeder School Track & Field	9:00 AM
Thursday, May 13	Freshmen & Sophomore Class Trip	
Friday, May 21	Junior/Senior Prom	
Thursday, May 27	May Procession	
Friday, May 28	Senior & Junior Class Trip	
Sunday, May 30	Green Wave Golf Tournament	
Monday, May 31	School Closed	
June 1 - 3	Senior Exams	
June 2 - 4	Underclass Exams	
Friday, June 4	Baccalaureate Mass @ Saint Patrick Church	7:00 PM
Saturday, June 5	Commencement	1:00 PM
June 7 - 9	Early Dismissal	12:50 PM
June 10	Closing Exercises - Dismissal	10:30 AM

A reminder that all Financial obligations, tuition and fundraising must be met in order for students to take exams, attend the prom, go on class trips or participate in graduation exercises.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Thursday, May 13	Liturgy	Feast of the Ascension
Thursday, May 27	Liturgy	May Crowning
Friday, June 4	Baccalaureate Mass - Saint Patrick Church -- 7:00 PM	
Thursday, June 10	Closing Liturgy	

STUDIES OFFICE

Parents and students are reminded that attendance for examinations is mandatory. No student will be excused from any session. There will be early dismissal June 2 through June 10. Bussing will be provided.

1. Senior examinations will begin on Tuesday, June 1.
2. Final examinations for all students will be given June 2 -- 4.

The schedule is as follows:

SENIORS ONLY

Tuesday, June 1	Periods 3 and 7
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ALL STUDENTS

Wednesday, June 2	Periods 1, 2 and 5
Thursday, June 3	Periods 4, 8 and 6

UNDERCLASSMEN ONLY

Friday, June 4	Periods 3 and 7
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Report cards will be distributed on Thursday, June 10.

Senior report cards will be mailed, if they are not ready for distribution after graduation ceremonies.

3. Students will receive a copy of their tentative schedule for the next school year early in July. Please review this carefully and follow the directions with regards to making changes.

4. Students who fail a course for the year, must attend summer school. Please contact Mr. Strause or Mrs. Sabol (Studies) at 570-622-8110.
5. Students involved in the Dual Credit Program with Alvernia College will receive information on transcript requests in a separate mailing.
6. AP tests will be administered May 5 - 12. All AP payments are due by May 17, 2010.

FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

2010-2011 TUITION INFORMATION

A bill will be sent to you from Tuition Management for the first \$200 school fee (plus \$125 graduation fee, if you are a senior), which will be due in July. The first tuition payment will then be due in August.

REMINDER: All 2009-2010 tuition and fundraising money is NOW DUE. Please phone Jenn Daubert at (570) 622-8110 if other arrangements need to be made.

POT OF GOLD

Parents, please note that Pot of Gold tickets will be sent home with your child at the end of May, 2010. If you would like to pick up your tickets at the school, please call Jenn Daubert at (570) 622-8110 to make arrangements. If you did not send back the Pot of Gold form indicating how many tickets you wanted, thirty \$10 tickets will be sent to you and the remaining \$400 must be paid to the school in the form of a buy-out.

2010 June Sweepstakes Tickets are enclosed

Donation \$10.00 each

Tickets are good for all 30 drawings in June

\$100.00 prize Mondays to Fridays in June

\$150.00 prize for Saturdays and Sundays in June

\$300.00 prize on Nativity's Graduation day (6/5/10) and Father's Day (6/20/10)

additional tickets are available at the school

Wanted

We are currently looking for host families with a good heart that would want to host an exchange student for one school year. Students come with their own spending money, medical insurance and paid tuition. Help them learn the American culture and live an

American life for ten months beginning in August (2010) and be rewarded with a \$2,500.00 stipend. For more information please contact Nativity at (570) 622-8110.

MATH CLUB

The Mathematics Department hosted the semi-annual Mathletics competition on Tuesday, April 27, 2010. CONGRATULATIONS to the WINNERS:

FIRST PLACE:	Saint Ambrose, Team B
SECOND PLACE:	Saint Stephen, Team B - tie
THIRD PLACE:	Saint Ambrose, Team A - tie

NATIVITY MUSIC NOTES

The Nativity Band and Chorus are in the midst of preparations for the annual Spring Concert which will take place on SUNDAY, MAY 9 at 7:00 PM in the Nativity gym. Besides the band and concert chorus, selections will also be performed by the combined feeder school band of over forty students from Saint Ambrose, Trinity Academy, All Saints, Saint Nicholas and Saint Stephen schools. The selections to be performed include the celebrated Pachelbel Canon and Morris dance, incidental music from Shakespeare's Henry the VIII as well as marches and other music written for concert band. The Nativity Concert Chorus will be singing a variety of sacred and secular selections, including music from Broadway and television. Admission is free, with donations gratefully accepted. Take Mom out to eat at noontime and bring her to a concert in the evening!

Other musical activities remain after the Spring Concert. The band will be preparing for the Pottsville Memorial Day parade and Nativity's graduation; likewise the chorus will prepare several selections for graduation.

The band recently held a bake sale at the Saint Clair Wal-Mart and was able to add over \$300 to the band fund; thanks to those who supported this project.

This school year has been a busy one for the Nativity Music Department and we very much appreciate the support of the Nativity community, faculty and administration in all our endeavors.

DRAMA NEWS

The Nativity Drama Club presented four performances of *The Pajama Game* over the weekend of April 24 & 25. Each performance played to a great crowd and the event was very well received by the audiences. Congratulations to all who participated with a special "thank you" to Barbara Gough for all of her hard work. Hopefully, we earned some nominations for

the Sovereign Majestic Theater Awards which will take place on May 20, 2010, hosted by North Schuylkill. Nominations will be announced in early May.

Also, CONGRATULATIONS to Albert Rutecki (Myron "Old Man" Hasler) who received the Unity Candle. The Unity Candle recognizes the performer who brings the cohesiveness of the cast and crew. Albert was voted for by his peers.

SCHOOL STORE NEWS

BIGGEST SALE OF THE SEASON: continuing until May 31, 2010 -- ALL IN STOCK NATIVITY ITEMS ARE 25% OFF!

Students can purchase spring uniform golf shirts in the school store. Uniform shirts will also be available in the main office throughout the summer months.

Students who no longer need their school uniforms (skirts, sweaters or pants) can send them in to our swap-shop located in the school store.

GIFT CERTIFICATE NEWS

Our gift certificate program is doing extremely well and is constantly growing. Summer hours will be Tuesday through Friday from 11:30 AM until 1:00 PM at the school. Please contact Sue Eckley (570-640-0930) or Cathy Winter (570-640-8945) with any questions.

2010 JUNIOR/SENIOR PROM

This year's prom, "FOREVER YOUNG", will be held on Friday, May 21 at the Schuylkill Country Club in Orwigsburg. The schedule for the evening is as follows:

PROMENADE will be held in the Nativity gymnasium and will begin at 5 PM SHARP

Attendees and their dates are reminded to arrive by 4:30 PM. Parents and friends are invited to attend.

PROM begins at the Country Club at 6:30 PM and will conclude at 10:30 PM.

BACCALAUREATE MASS

Bishop John O. Barres will be the main celebrant along with Monsignor Edward O'Connor, Father Essig and other area priests. Baccalaureate will be held on FRIDAY, JUNE 4, 2010 at 7:00 PM in Saint Patrick Church, Fourth and Mahantongo Streets, Pottsville, PA.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

The Commencement Exercises of Nativity BVM High School will be held in the High School Auditorium on SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 2010 at 1:00 PM. This year our Commencement

Speaker is Mrs. Mildred Scarbinsky. Mrs. Scarbinsky, a 1967 NBVM graduate, is the wife of Nativity classmate Mark Scarbinsky and the mother of Nativity graduates Aislinn and Mark Brett Scarbinsky. In addition, Millie is Principal at Saint Stephen's Regional School in Port Carbon.

FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

CONGRATULATIONS to Shauna Quirk who was named Nativity BVM Female Soccer Scholar Athlete for the 2009-2010 school year. She will be recognized at a banquet on May 23 at the Fullerton Fire Company, Whitehall, PA.

CONGRATULATIONS to Amanda Eich who was named Nativity BVM Scholar Athlete. Amanda will be recognized at the Schuylkill County Women's Athletic Association Banquet on Sunday, May 16, 2010 at Pine View Acres.

CONGRATULATIONS! GREAT NEWS!

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. & Mrs. Brent Potteiger on the birth of their precious SON, Bernard. Bernard arrived this past weekend and he joins his two brothers in the happy Potteiger family. The Nativity family wishes them much Love and Happiness!

WELCOME! We have a new basketball coach for our boy's basketball program. Mr. Chris McLaughlin will be taking over the helm for Mr. Adrian Portland. We thank Mr. Portland for his service to Nativity. Mr. McLaughlin is a graduate of Marian High School and has coached at Jim Thorpe, North Schuylkill and Marian. The basketball players have already been introduced to Mr. McLaughlin and open gyms have been set up beginning this week. We look forward to an exciting season for 2010/2011.