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**JANUARY 2018
NEWSLETTER**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

The month of January brings many important academic, spiritual and social events. The beginning of the New Year gives us the opportunity to thank God for the blessings he bestowed on us during the past year. We also ask God to continue to bless our Students, Parents, Families, Faculty, Staff and Administration through 2018. May we use this New Year to grow in faith, to cherish the gift of life, and to thank God for bringing us to this New Year.

Semester exams test the knowledge our students have learned since the beginning of the school year, our liturgical celebrations give us the opportunity to celebrate our faith together and Catholic schools week enables us to celebrate our Catholic schools. Please join us for one of our liturgies as we celebrate National Honor Society Induction and Catholic Schools Week. Bishop Schlert will be celebrating mass for Catholic Schools Week with us on Friday, February 2, 2018.

Thank you for being an important and vital part of Nativity BVM High School.

HAPPY 2018!

Mrs Lynn A. Sebala



Liturgical Calendar for the Month of January

Thursday, January 11 th	Liturgy
Wednesday, January 24 th	Liturgy National Honor Society
Induction	
Friday, February 2 nd	Catholic Schools Week Mass Bishop Schlert visits Nativity

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Important Calendar Dates

January 3, 2018	School Re-opens
January 6, 2018	Nativity Athletic Hall of Fame
	Induction
January 15, 2018	School Closed – Teacher In- Service
	Martin Luther King Day
January 16-18, 2018	Semester Exams
January 21, 2018	Open House & Registration 1-3 PM
January 25-27, 2018	Diocesan Music Festival @ ACCCHS
January 28-February 2, 2018	Catholic Schools Week

NEWS FROM THE STUDIES OFFICE

First Semester Exams will take place January 16, 17 and 18, 2018.

The exam schedule will be:

Tuesday, January 16: Periods 1, 3 and 5
 Wednesday, January 17: Periods 7, 8 and 6
 Thursday, January 18: Periods 4 and 2

Please have students well rested and report on the day their exam is scheduled.

Exam Times

8:15- 8:30	Prayer/Announcements and Prep time
8:30 – 9:45	1 st Exam
9:45 – 10:00	Exam Preparation
10:00 – 11:15	2 nd Exam
11:15— 11:30	Exam Preparation
11:30 – 12:45	3 rd Exam

All exams will be 1 hour and 15 minutes long.

In the event of snow on any of these days, the schedule will be moved to the next day. On a two hour delay the exams will begin two hours later than listed here and students will be dismissed at regular 2:34 dismissal time.

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The second quarter will close on Friday, January 19 with report cards scheduled to be given to the students on Friday, January 26.

Parents are reminded that the parent portal for grades, discipline reports, and attendance is available at anytime once your account is created.

The parent portal will not be available from January 15 to January 29 for the preparation of report cards.

The third quarter will begin on Monday, January 22. Students will receive their third quarter schedules during the week of January 8 so any corrections can be made before the start of the quarter.

If you have any questions please e-mail Mr. Strause at lstrause@nativitybvm.net.

FROM THE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT



REGISTRATION for the 2018-2019 school year at Nativity is scheduled for **SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2018** from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at the school. Faculty, staff, administration and coaches will be available to answer questions. Tours of the school will be given and tuition assistance drawings will be available that afternoon for those who register. Please contact Jennifer Daubert at 570-622-8110 with any questions.

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Induction ceremonies for Nativity's Athletic Hall of Fame will take place on Saturday, January 6, 2018 at the Boys Basketball game vs. Williams Valley High School. A lunch reception for inductees and their families will take place at the school beginning at 11:15 AM. The formal induction ceremony will be held in between the JV and Varsity games. The JV game begins at 12:30 PM.



FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE

POT OF GOLD WINNERS

DECEMBER 6, 2017

1 st)	Lila Mazloom	seller: Christian Matlock
2 nd)	April Kresge	seller: Connor Burke
3 rd)	Al Schiano	seller: Quandre Latimer
4 th)	Jessica Matharu	seller: Maya Matharu



PARENTS/ GUARDIANS OF THE GRADUATES, CLASS OF 2018

A representative from Herff Jones was here on Tuesday, December 12th to measure your student for his/her cap and gown for graduation. Each graduating student was given a packet of information about Graduation Announcements and memorabilia of the class of 2018. **PLEASE BE SURE TO READ THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND TO RETURN IT BACK TO SCHOOL NO LATER THAN JANUARY 18, 2018.**

If payment plans are needed, your student was informed what process to follow. Please **DO NOT DELAY**, an additional fee for announcements will be charged after the cut-off date.

If you have any questions, please contact Jane in the main office @ 570-622-8110.



Guidance Department

Governor's School Science Opportunities

Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh is hosting the PA Governor's School for the Sciences July 1 – August 4, 2018. Student applicants must be current juniors & recommended by Nativity Faculty. The Pennsylvania Governor's School for the Sciences (PGSS) was established in order to provide a summer enrichment experience in the sciences and mathematics for talented Pennsylvania high school students and to encourage them to pursue careers in the fields of science, technology, engineering or mathematics. The program provides instruction in biological sciences, chemistry, physics, mathematics, and computer science, with emphasis on collaborative learning and team research. If interested, please see Ms. Stasulli in Guidance. **Deadline to apply is January 31, 2018.**

Summer Camp Opportunities at Lehigh/Pitt/Penn State

The following summer camps are available for eligible students: Lehigh University-Iacocca Global Entrepreneurship Intensive global.lehigh.edu/iacocca, The University of Pittsburgh – Health Careers Scholar Academy www.hcsa.pitt.edu & Penn State University – School for Excellence in Agricultural Sciences <http://agsci.psu.edu/school-for-excellence>.
Deadline to apply: February 15, 2018.

Disability Support Services

The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation provides services to eligible Nativity students. All students eligible for the offered transition programs after high school will be contacted by Mrs. Stasulli. Early outreach programs, individual transition counseling and scholarship monies are available.

Scholarship Information

Due End of February: The Snayberger Memorial Foundation Scholarship. Applications can be picked up at M & T Bank.

Due February 28, 2018: PSECU Scholarship Program for members as of December 30, 2017. Visit their website.

Due March 15, 2018: The Women Who Care Scholarship for students with outstanding community service. Applications are in Guidance.

Due March 15, 2018: The United Steel Workers Scholarship to the son or daughter of a United Steel Worker. Information is available in Guidance.

College Financial Aid

Important Dates: **May 1, 2018** – Deadline to Apply for 4 year college applicants; **August 1, 2018** – Deadline to apply for community colleges, trade school & 1 year Nursing School applicants. It is best to upload your filed electronic taxes into the application, so file your taxes early!

Important FSA ID Acquisition: Students and at least one of their parents must secure a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) to use as an electronic signature when completing the FAFSA online. It is best to obtain the FSA ID before accessing the FAFSA for completion. This service is provided at the Website <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>.

PSAT Testing

The results for the PSAT 2017 have been e-mailed to all freshmen, sophomores and juniors, who participated in the PSAT/NSMQT testing. We will be arranging for a time to review and interpret the results with all students after the Christmas break. The results are crucial for SAT preparation.

SAT Prep Class

Penn State Schuylkill is offering SAT Prep classes including All Thursdays in February and March 1, 2018. The cost is \$299. Go to www.sl.psu.edu/satprep to register and get additional information.

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CAMPUS MINISTRY

The following is a tentative list of events for Catholic Schools Week 2018:

Monday, January 29, 2018 – Celebrating Our School Community

On this day we will begin our penny wars in our classrooms. All proceeds will be given to a charity announced at the conclusion of Catholic Schools Week.

Tuesday, January 30, 2018 – Celebrating Our Wonderful Students

We celebrate the gift of our wonderful students by treating them to an ice cream social during lunch. We will also have a special game of the Generation Gap with faculty vs. students

Wednesday, January 31, 2018 – Celebrating Our Blessed Nation

We will have a red, white, and blue dress down day to collect donations for our local veteran's hospital.

Thursday, February 1, 2018 – Celebrating the Gift of Vocations

We treat all of our parents and bus drivers during the morning drop-off period to donuts to thank them for their vocations as parents and workers.

Friday, February 2, 2018 – Celebrating Our Faculty and Staff

We will be celebrating the holy sacrifice of the Mass. We will be treating all of our devoted faculty and staff to lunch during their lunch periods to thank them for their hard work and dedication to the students of Nativity.

**This list will also be put on the school's Facebook page. More details will be given to students this January. If any changes should occur, notification will be made as soon as possible.

Student Council would like to thank all who made our Senior Citizen Christmas Program a success!

National Honor Society



Students who have met the requirements and have petitioned for acceptance into the Saint Thomas Aquinas Chapter of the National Honor Society will be inducted during Mass on January 24, 2018.



Congratulations to Emily Carpenito who has been named a finalist in the Diocesan Stand Up for Life Essay Contest!

DRESS CODE

As we begin our Christmas vacation please take a few minutes to check your child's school uniforms. A few reminders:

1. All pants for both girls and boys must be dress slacks. They cannot be leggings or tight fitting pants of any type.
2. Girl's skirts must be of appropriate length. Please take the time over the holiday to take the hems down!
3. All students must wear leather dress shoes; black, brown or navy. They may not wear leather sneakers.
4. Socks are required for both boys and girls. All girls must wear knee socks or tights with their skirts.
5. Boys must be clean shaven and are not permitted to wear earrings. Girls are permitted to wear earrings, please see the handbook for instructions.

Please check the student handbook online if you have any questions or feel free to call Mrs. Sabol or Mr. Noon at school.

Any student not conforming to the dress code when we return from vacation will be sent home until the issue can be resolved.

2018 Schuylkill County Scholastic Chess Tournament

LOCATION: Nativity BVM High School

DATE: Saturday, February 17, 2018

DIVISIONS (unrated only): (time control G/30 for all sections)

Unrated: K-4 Division

Unrated: 5-8 Division

Unrated: 9-12 Division

ENTRY FEES: Registration Fee: \$10.00

NO Late Registrations:

Registrations received after February 10, 2018 will NOT be accepted. There is NO onsite registration the day of the tournament.

CUT OFF DATE: All entries must be received at Nativity by the close of school on February 10, 2018.

EQUIPMENT: There will be some boards and pieces on site. However, Participants should bring their own chess pieces, chess board, and chess clock (or a mobile device with a chess clock app). Score sheets will be supplied.

TIMES: Check-in 7:30-8:30 a.m. Participation list will be posted before the tournament at the site. Players Meeting (all competitors must attend) 8:30 a.m.; first round at 9:00 a.m. It will be a four round Swiss-system tournament. The tournament will use the app stChess for determining both pairings and Rankings. The tournament should finish around 3:00-3:30 p.m.

- Round #1 @ 9:00 a.m.
- Round #2 @ 10:30 a.m. (or earlier if all competitors have completed Round #1)
- Round #3 @ 12:00 p.m. (or earlier if all competitors have completed Round #2)
- Round #4 @ 1:30 p.m. (or earlier if all competitors have completed Round #3)

Swiss-system -- ALL STUDENTS PLAY EVERY ROUND EXCEPT FOR BYES or FORFEITS -- NO ELIMINATION!

PRIZES: *Medals* to top three finishers in each division. *Team Trophies* to the top school in each division. The top four scores from each school will be used to determine the team winner. A school must have at least 4 students participating in order to qualify for the team trophy.

LUNCH: Food is not available on site. Please bring your own sack lunch.

SUPERVISION: All children must have adult supervision. Parents are responsible for their children's actions and any damage they may cause to the tournament site. Seating space is limited, so, if possible, please limit the number of family members who attend. No soliciting of any kind is allowed. Your private information will not be given or sold to third parties.

QUESTIONS: Al Bobinas at 570-728-1389 or albobinas@gmail.com



**NATIVITY BVM HIGH SCHOOL
28th ANNUAL RAFFLE WINNER**

FIRST PRIZE: \$20,000.00

Ticket # 296 – Dave Laudeman,
Orwigsburg

SECOND PRIZES: \$100.00 each

Ron & Linda Pellish, John Gaburick, E.J. Kozlusky, Thomas & Rosemary Hill, Fran Bedway, Martha Davis, Bob & Dana Oravitz, Carmen Stack, Donna O'Brien, Francis Piccioni, Barbara Prock, Elaine M. Woltemate, Albe & Anan Evans, Mary Catherine & Jack Guzick, Francine Hepner, Glenn Hillbish, Girls at Yuengling Gift Shop, Ann Marie Dalessandro, Marilyn Haffey, Cathy C. Daniel, Roma Pizza, Barbara David & Marge Dean, Chuch & Helena Harach, ELF, Ann Marie Whiteash, Alma Lonergan, Kristen Pedriani, James J. Cuff, Amy Nafhinger Luckinbill, Bill Shandri and Adrienne/Darie/Becky/Suzanne/Rhonda/Mark/Roz.

2018 Schuylkill County Scholastic Chess Entry Form

Please **fill in all blanks** and **print clearly**. Give **full school name** (not the acronym since I won't know the full name of the school from the acronym). **Please only put one player's name on each entry form.**

Name: _____ Grade: _____ Phone#: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____
Email address: _____
Full School Name: _____

There are NO Rated Sections

Division (circle only one): K-4 Unrated or 5-8 Unrated or 9-12 Unrated

Tournament: 2018 Schuylkill County Scholastic Chess

Entry Fee: \$10 (make checks payable to: Nativity Green and Gold Club)

Mail checks to: **Nativity BVM High School, Chess Tournament, One Lawtons Hill, Pottsville, PA 17901**

Release and waiver: This entry form constitutes a complete waiver and release from liability. Please read carefully before signing. All entries must be signed by the parent/guardian. Each parent/guardian is responsible for their dependent's (participant's) safety and behavior. As a condition of entry, you agree that Nativity BVM High School, its organizers and managers, are not responsible for you or your dependent's safety, the actions of other attendees, or conditions at the tournament site. By signing this form, you are waiving any and all claims you might have in the future against Nativity BVM High School, its organizers and managers, for damages or injury of any kind arising out of this tournament, even if it may be due to negligence or carelessness of the organizers. You also agree to pay any property damages to the tournament site caused by yourself or your dependents. You further agree to hold Nativity BVM High School, its organizers and managers harmless, and indemnify them generally and specifically, from all such liability. Photographs may be taken of the players during the tournament. I hereby authorize Nativity BVM High School to use any photographs of the participant named on this application for promotional purposes. Entry fees are not refundable or transferable. All your personal information given on this form is totally private - Nativity BVM High School does not sell or give any of your personal contact information to any other party. No solicitation of any kind is allowed at the tournament site. Bounced check fee: amount of check + \$25.

Parent/Guardian Name: (Please clearly print)

Signature of Parent/Guardian

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