

FEBRUARY - 2018 NEWSLETTER



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Catholic Schools Week always reminds us that we must focus on our Catholic Schools and specifically on Nativity as a community of Faith. Our Catholic Faith is first and foremost the reason that Nativity High School continues to serve the community. Thank you for your support of Catholic Education!

We are proud of the many accomplishments of our students in and out of the classroom. From essay contests, to the Academic Team, to basketball and band, our students excel. Please take every opportunity to spread the good news about Nativity to your families, friends and co-workers. We have so much to offer the young people in our community and we all need to play a role in encouraging students to enroll. Our continued growth will enable the “Light of Faith” to continue to burn brightly atop Lawtons Hill!

Mrs Lynn A. Sebal

CONGRATULATIONS to Emily Carpenito, who won 2nd place, representing Nativity BVM High School at the Diocesan level, in the annual “STAND UP FOR LIFE” essay contest



to Nativity’s participants in the 2018 Winter Carnival Snowflake Princess Pageant: Juniors, Morgan Jacoby, Brittany Kenton, who placed 5th runner up and Mikaela Tobash, who was crowned the Snowflake Princess.

Liturgical Calendar

February 2 nd	Mass - Catholic’s Schools Week with Bishop Schlert
February 14 th	Mass - Ash Wednesday Lent Begins
February 23 rd	Stations of the Cross

** Confessions are heard the day before Mass is celebrated.

Governance Board

The Governance Board meets every other month and continues to work on behalf of Nativity BVM High School. You can contact members of the board at their email address: governanceboard@nativitybvm.net

Important dates:

February 12 th	-	Green & Gold Jewelry Bingo @ 1:00 PM
February 19 th	-	School Closed President’s Day
February 21 st - 24 th		Course Selection meetings for underclassmen



CLASS RINGS 2019

Information regarding Nativity HS Class Rings or the Golden Cross was given to juniors. Please read carefully. Ring Mass will be held on April 26, 2018. More information will follow.



FROM THE STUDIES OFFICE

Report Cards were distributed on Friday, January 26, 2018. Hopefully parents reviewed the reports with their child. Any student who failed a course for the year must make it up. Information will be sent home soon.

The middle of the third quarter will be during the fourth week of February. Deficiency notices will be mailed the twenty-first (21st) of the month.

Course selection meetings have been scheduled.

Juniors: Thursday, February 22nd
 Sophomores: Wednesday, February 21st
 Freshmen: Tuesday February 20th

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

Course request sheets and fee will be due by Friday, March 9^h.

FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

PLEASE NOTE: All Nativity tuition assistance applications must be completed online through FACTS. There is no longer a paper application.

FINANCIAL AID information for the 2018-2019 school year will be sent home with students in mid February. You may now begin applying for financial aid for this coming school year via FACTS. You may access all information regarding financial aid via Nativity's website, www.nativitybvm.net.

Please contact Mrs. Daubert at the school with any questions.



Financial Concerns

It is essential that all families keep their tuition and fundraising payments up to date. Students who have outstanding balances will not be able to receive report cards, take exams or possibly not be able to participate in activities. This includes field trips and the prom.

Seniors who are applying to college must have their financial obligations up to date in order for transcripts to be released. Please make every effort to make payments in a timely fashion. It is crucial to the cash flow of the school. Thank you for your understanding!



POT OF GOLD WINNERS

January 24, 2018

- 1st) Vincent Messina
Seller: Luke Messina
- 2nd) Karen Hayes
Seller: Madison Hayes
- 3rd) Kimberly Kreitzer
Seller: Morgan Kreitzer
- 4th) Donna Davis
Seller: Tom Ellex



SENIOR NEWS

GRADUATION

TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2018 @ 7:00 PM

BACCALAUREATE

MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2018 @ 7:00 PM

All orders for graduation announcements and souvenirs have been placed. T-shirts, key rings, tassels, etc. will be given, to those seniors who placed an order, during the month of January. Nativity's personalized announcements will arrive within the next few weeks and will be distributed from the main office to those seniors who placed an order.

NEWS FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

The following scholarship information is available in the Guidance Office & has been on announcements:

THE SNAYBERGER MEMORIAL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP – For Schuylkill County residents. Preference given to students with relatives that worked for the Walk-in Shoe Company. Beginning January 15th applications may be obtained by contacting Randa Simmons at 1-800-278-5141 or rsimmons@wilmingtontrust.com. Deadline to apply is March 31, 2018. Follow instructions to the finest detail.

THE EDWARD AND HANNAH WINGARIS SCHOLARSHIP – Specifically, applicants must have resided in the Borough of Minersville or Branch Township, Schuylkill County, PA. Applicants must be graduating seniors from Nativity or Minersville. Academic ability and financial need are also criterion. See Ms. Stasulli for an application. Deadline to apply is March 8, 2018.

THE HELEN REBER HILTON SCHOLARSHIP - Applicants can be high school seniors, current college students or graduate students. Applicants MUST BE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF POTTSVILLE. Character, financial need and a GPA of 2.5 are eligibility requirements. Go to www.csascholars.org to apply. Deadline March 15, 2018.

THE JOHN RICH CURRAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – Nativity students with financial need are eligible for this scholarship that only comes around every three years. Candidates must have a B average or better and further their education at a four year school. An essay is required on an assigned topic. Apply online at www.bccf.org . Deadline to apply is March 15, 2018.

THE WOMEN WHO CARE SCHOLARSHIP – High school seniors with an exceptional resume of volunteering are encouraged to apply within Guidance. One candidate will be submitted by Nativity. Apply within Guidance by March 8, 2018.

The LEHIGH VALLEY SECTION OF THE SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS SCHOLARSHIP - Due February 11, 2018 for any female with an acceptance into a college of engineering with appropriate academic achievements in high school. <http://lv.swe.org/scholarships.html>

THE BUICK ACHIEVERS SCHOLARSHIP - For any student pursuing engineering/technology/design/business with an interest in the automotive industry. Deadline February 27, 2018.

SCHUYLKILL ELDER ABUSE PREVENTION ALLIANCE SCHOLARSHIP – For Schuylkill County high school seniors pursuing a post-secondary program focusing on the physical, psychological or financial protection and wellbeing of the elderly. www.sacfoundation.com

THE FRED G. SMITH SCHOLARSHIP - Applicants must be offered admission at Bloomsburg University and plan on attending Bloom U. Applicants must also be a resident of Ashland Borough, Mt. Carmel Borough, Mt. Carmel Township or Shenandoah Borough. Deadline is February 15, 2018.

PLEASE continue to pursue the Scholarships offered on the Schuylkill Area Community Foundation Website www.sacfoundation.com

More from Guidance

Elks State Level Advancement -

Congratulations to **Patrick Stone** for advancing to PA State Level Competition in the Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship.

COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION -

The DEADLINE for applying for the FAFSA is May 1st, but certain colleges require students to apply earlier. ANY PARENT wishing to schedule an appointment with Ms. Stasulli is very welcome to do so by emailing her at guidance@nativitybvm.net . If your oldest child is going off to college this year, it can be overwhelming. Please don't hesitate to set up an appointment. ALL information distributed is posted on the Guidance website.

PSAT TESTING -The results for all sophomores and juniors who participated in the PSAT/NSMQT testing were explained to students and then mailed home to parents. The PSATs can be used to ready students for the SAT. Valuable insight is evident in the results and additional SAT prep information can be accessed with the individual online access code on the following website: www.collegeboard.org Please call Ms. Stasulli if you have any questions.

SAT TESTING – Juniors are encouraged to take the SAT or ACT Test two times before their senior year. March 10, 2018 is the next testing date for the SAT. The registration deadline without a late fee is February 9, 2018. SATs are offered in May, June and August, as well.

SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOP FOR SENIORS

– Linda Paciewicz from PHEAA will be at Nativity to speak to seniors about Scholarship searching and tips on Thursday, February 22, 2018.

JUNIOR JUMP START - March 1, 2018 -

6:00 pm for parents. Junior Night at Nativity preparing our students for their college pursuit including SAT Prep, College Tips, and Summer Opportunities. Don't miss out! During the day Linda Paciewicz from PHEAA will work with our juniors.

SPRING COLLEGE FAIR - Our Spring College Fair is slated for April 18, 2018. Military representatives will also be on campus.

CAREER EXPLORATION- In February Sophomores and Freshmen will complete career search interest inventories. Choices 360 will be used in the process.

NOTRE DAME SUMMER PRECOLLEGE PROGRAMS - precollege.nd.edu

Notre Dame University has several interesting summer opportunities for current juniors and sophomores. For more information check out the website.

NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP

FORUM: NATIONAL SECURITY – Held in Washington DC in the summer of 2018. For academically eligible juniors interested in National Security as a career. Candidates will be screened by Nativity for nomination. See Ms. Stasulli.

School Hapenings

NATIVITY MUSIC NOTES

Following a successful Christmas concert, the Nativity music department will be focusing on participation in 6 festivals as well as the annual Nativity Spring Concert in May. Five Nativity Band members from the area partner schools represented the Nativity Band at the Lebanon Valley College Middle School Band Festival on the college campus January 11. Participating were: Stanley Gorski, Aleksandr Gorski, and Josh Steffan (Assumption BVM); Ace Christian (Trinity Academy and future Nativity freshman); and Jacob Challenger (St. Ambrose and future Nativity freshman). Eight band and chorus students at Nativity participated in the annual Diocesan Music Festival hosted by Allentown Central Catholic H. S. Band members Joseph Manus and Kaitlyn Bowers, and chorus members Iris Chow, Emily Bischoff, Jenna Jullawan, Kali Opolsky, Ben Tran, and Cameron Shockley joined with students from the other 5 Catholic high schools in the Allentown Diocese to perform a concert January 27 under guest conductors Ralph Brodt III (former band director at ACCHS) and Ed Millisits (retired choral director at Easton Area H. S.)

As always, the music department is grateful to the Nativity community for supporting the arts in our schools!

ATHLETIC NEWS

JUST A REMINDER

Spring sports will begin soon. If you did not get a physical this year, you are reminded that a physical is needed to participate.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Ryan McDonald, Lions Club Football MVP!
To Julia Klembara, Nativity's Female Scholar Athlete!

To Luciano Yourey, Nativity's Football Scholar Athlete!

To Camilla Koury who will be playing with a high level premier soccer team out of Reading. Her team has been officially accepted into the Las Vegas Players College Showcase. The tournament is March 16-18th in Las Vegas.

To Samantha Heenan and Emily Yordy (All-State Volleyball team).

To Madison Clarke, Girls Soccer Scholar Athlete!

To Christian Vasquez, Boys Soccer Scholar Athlete!

Pottsville Republican/Herald All Area Volleyball Team:

Samantha Heenan: Rookie of the Year

Luca Walborn: 1st Team

Emily Yordy: 2nd Team

Emily Flanagan: Honorable Mention



FROM THE ART DEPARTMENT:

WELCOME BACK MRS. SCHWENK!

A Special Thank You to Erin Boran '78 who gave a generous donation to the Art classes in September and December of 2017. She is a true benefactor of the arts.

Artists of the month for the calendar year 2018 that are featured in the Republican/Herald are: Senior, Ricky Li January Artist, featured in the December 31st issue and Jenna Jullawatilert, November Artist. Don't miss her drawing and biography in the October 28, 2018 calendar page of the Republican/Herald.

Once again service hours are available for the open house program the first Saturday of each month at the WIAC. Remaining dates are February 3rd, March 3rd, April 7th, May 5th and June 2nd. Programs run from 1:00 – 5:00 PM. If interested, please see Mrs. Schwenk.

Thank You to the Nativity students who helped make this year's Haunted Orphanage a huge success. If you have not already done so, see Mrs. Schwenk to verify your service hours. Failure to do this will result in the loss of these hours.

Haunted Orphanage Four has already received approval for October, 2018 and promises to be even bigger and better. Design and construction hours will be held Sundays from 1-6 PM beginning in February and continuing until the event, October 19th and 20th. Please notify Mrs. Schwenk of your intentions as far as participation and work schedule. This year's theme is based on fairy tales and spooky nursery rhymes.



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AS A REMINDER --- Nativity is hosting the 2018 Schuylkill County Scholastic Chess Tournament on February 17, 2018.

For additional information or entry forms, please call Al Bobinas at 570-728-1389.

GREEN AND GOLD BOOSTER CLUB

Thank you to those who helped with the Surf and Turf Bingo. It was a great success.

Our next fundraiser is a Gift Card Bingo on Sunday, February 11th. Prizes will include gift cards from area restaurants, department stores and businesses.

We are in need of workers, both parents and students. Also, please consider donating a food item or monetary donation to help offset the cost.

Upcoming Events:



Girls Night Out Bingo – Saturday Night March 11th - prizes include jewelry, designer purses, wine baskets, etc. This is a fun night and is BYOB! We had a great time last Spring and had many requests to repeat this fundraiser. Get a group of your friends together and join us!

Chinese Auction – May 5th and 6th. Our first meeting is Feb. 20th 6:30 at the school. We need lots of help with this one. Please come to the meeting or contact Diane Yanek at 570-294-0551 if you can canvas for prizes!

Finally...THANK YOU to the Raffle Committee who worked so hard to help make this year's raffle a great success. The committee members include Sue Eckley, Sharon Modesto and Michelle Lewandowski.



SCHOOL STORE NEWS & CERTIFICATE INFORMATION

School Store: School Store hours are 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM Monday through Friday. A variety of athletic wear as well as uniform clothing are all available in the store. Come See Us!

Certificate Program: All accounts were credited for September, October and November. Your next credit will include December, January and February.

Our certificate program has all your shopping needs. Here is a reminder of in-stock gift cards:
Giant, Weis, Boyers, Redners, BG's, Sheetz, Exxon/Mobil, Sunoco, WaWa, Kohl's, Boscov's, Michaels, Schuylkill Valley, Lowes, Walmart, Sophy Jewelers, CVS, Rite Aid, Cracker Barrel, Dunkin Donuts, Dairy Queen, Friendly's, McDonald's, Mustard Seed, Nutty Pear, Ruby Tuesday's, Palermo's, Starbucks, Subway, Taco Bell, Wheel, Greystone, Roman Delight, Vito's and Roma.

If you are in need of heating fuel we have: Tobash, Jack Rich, Shewokis and Quality.

Any questions please contact Sue Eckley @ 570-640-0930.

HAVE A SUPER SUNDAY!



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

