



# Nativity BVM, INC. News

Development Newsletter

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## NOTE FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Dear Alumni and Friends of Nativity:

In August of 2018, Nativity BVM High School began its 62nd year of serving the families of Schuylkill County. This year we opened our doors to 195 students. These 195 students have been making memories and striving to improve their knowledge just as the thousands of students who have come before them—YOU and all of our alumni.

Many of you attended our Homecoming Game in October which was the culmination of a week filled with school spirit activities. John Schaeffer '67 was the lucky winner of our \$4000+ 50/50 drawing.

On January 21, 2018, Nativity opened its doors to prospective students and parents. As part of the Open House, students were invited to tour the school and get acquainted with its faculty, coaches and staff. A number of students registered for the 2018-2019 school year.

Our National Honor Society continues to grow, as we inducted 10 new members during a recent school mass. These students help to portray the value of the education that is available at NBVM.

All of this is possible because of the continued support we receive from members of the community, the Diocese and most especially our loyal alumni. It is because of you that we are able to offer needed tuition assistance, upgrade our facilities and provide new technology for our students. Without you we could not spread the Good News of Christ.

We would like to thank the Alumni who continue to help our school thrive. The Classes of '63, '64 and '67 are currently actively fundraising for the betterment of our school. Pottsville Catholic High School Class of '55 continues with their scholarship fund. Many other classes have also contributed to Nativity in the past. Recently we have had many upgrades to the school:

- Sidewalks have been completed
- Security cameras installed
- Brand new dugouts on backfield

As we reflect throughout this school year we are reminded of how Nativity BVM continues to be a family. Working together we keep our goals going forward. We at Nativity BVM will continue to pray for all our alumni and friends as we thank God for your generous support.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Forney Daubert '91, Director of Development

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, April 14, 2018 Century Benefit, Schuylkill Country Club, Cocktail Hour 6 PM

Saturday, May 5, 2018 and Sunday, May 6, 2018 Green and Gold Chinese Auction

Sunday, May 27, 2018, Green Wave Association 23rd Annual Golf Tournament @ Mountain Valley Golf Course

Friday, October 19, 2018 Annual Homecoming Football Game and Alumni Tailgate @ St. Clair Memorial Stadium



Nativity BVM High School's Interact Club recently concluded a winter clothing and coat drive to benefit Schuylkill Women in Crisis.

## Alumni News

Congratulations to **Shaun Witmer '09** and his wife, Crystal, who recently welcomed a baby girl, Zoe Jane Witmer into their Family. Zoe was born 20 inches and 5 pounds, 12.4 ounces.

Congratulations to **Laura Bolich '15**, currently a Junior at The Pennsylvania State University, State College, who accepted an Internship with Penn State Athletics in Social Media working with Penn State Football. Laura's major is Integrative Art Design – focus on photography.

Congratulations to **Kathleen M. McNamara, Ph.D. '67**, who has retired as the Chief Psychologist with the Pacific Islands Health Care System, Department of Veterans Affairs. She also had served as the rural health psychologist and, for more than the past 10 years, also held the positions as the staff psychologist at the VA's Maui Community Based Outpatient Clinic, providing clinical care to Veterans of Maui and Molokai. In her retirement, Kathleen continues on a part-time basis with her private practice, specializing in neuropsychological services. She also is volunteering with AARP and with her Congressional Delegates, Senator Mazie Hirono and Representative Tulsi Gabbard, continuing to focus on the needs of our Veterans.

Congratulations to **Sandra C. Ketner '93**, counsel in the Reno Office of Littler, who has been recognized by "The Best Lawyers in America" as "Lawyer of the Year" within her practice in Reno. Ketner earned her J.D. from Temple University and her B.S. from LaSalle University, cum laude.

Congratulations to **Samuel Slimmer '95**, an Emergency Care Physician at Geisinger Hospital in Danville. Samuel became a father to a baby girl in April. Her name is Ellianna Susan Slimmer.

Congratulations to **Lara Slimmer '97**, who is a psychologist with Forensics Associates of Pennsylvania.

**John Fredericks '87** authored a series of children's books titled, "Peg Person Pat", that are available on Amazon. He is also the featured illustrator on a series of children's books titled, "Principal Sam" Books, also available on Amazon. John is a member of the Wyoming Valley Art League and a Science teacher at Dallas High School.

**Mark Sabol '14** is in his senior year at DeSales University and will graduate in May 2018 with a B.S. in Sport Management. Mark interned at the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs during the summer of 2017 and completed an internship with the Athletic Department of DeSales University during the Fall of 2017.

To find out all the latest happenings from "The Hill", please check out Nativity High School on our website, [www.nativitybvm.net](http://www.nativitybvm.net), our Facebook page, Nativity BVM High School Athletics and Events, and on Twitter at [nativitybvm55](https://twitter.com/nativitybvm55).

## Faculty Wish List:

We are currently seeking funds for items in all of our academic departments. Any help that you can provide us is greatly appreciated. Past support has enabled us to purchase additional text books (student and teacher editions), DVD players, DVD's and art supplies. Thank you for your support of Nativity.

Health/Physical Education	English
Math	Social Studies
Religion	Language
Sciences	Art
Computers	Business
School Play	

Deepest Appreciation to **Erin Boran '78** for her continued generosity to the art department.

## DECEMBER SWEEPSTAKES DRAWING WINNERS

- December 1-Mandy Wills
- December 2- Mark Angelo
- December 3- Mary Macunas
- December 4- Carissa Lake
- December 5-Gerald Williams
- December 6- Maury Molin
- December 7- Tom Seaman
- December 8- John Lipsett
- December 9 –Christian Geirsson
- December 10- Maria Rowlands
- December 11- Pat Schuettler
- December 12- Mary Macunas
- December 13- Arlene Guidas Romanoski
- December 14- Ed & Sis Zembas
- December 15-Tina Souchak
- December 16- Charles Kustan
- December 17- Janie Shoener
- December 18-Jan Yupcavage
- December 19- Jane D. Reiley
- December 20-Margaret Olson
- December 21- Susan McCord
- December 22- Tom Fiorillo
- December 23- Delores Nawrocki
- December 24- Sue Schaffer
- December 25-Seth B
- December 26- Joe Bartashus
- December 27- Mary Webb
- December 28- Richard Kryscio
- December 29- Joe Morgalis
- December 30- Mike Donlin
- December 31 – Paul Scholtes

## Class Reunions

**The Nativity Class of 1968** will hold their 50th year reunion on Saturday, September 15, 2018 at the Schuylkill Country Club. For further information, please contact Larry Lonergan at [larrylonergan130@gmail.com](mailto:larrylonergan130@gmail.com).

**The Nativity Class of 1967** held their 50th reunion in October of 2017. All who attended enjoyed the various activities the committee planned for the weekend. Jenn Daubert, Development Director, gave us a tour of the building and we were amazed at some of the changes (trying to remember what room it was when we attended) and remembered some of the other rooms and our activities there. Jenn told us about the constant change to Nativity to keep it updated. Recent additions have been a computer cart, new sidewalks, painting, lockers, etc. Future improvements will include updates in the chapel and the science labs. Reunion classes have also set up scholarships for future students. In keeping with that idea, the Class of 1967 is collecting donations to update the chapel (new lights, painting and drapes). As an incentive, Bill Wachter has pledged to match 20% of the donations. If you have already donated—THANK YOU and if you haven't and would like to, please send your donation to NATIVITY BVM HIGH SCHOOL—One Lawtons Hill, Pottsville, PA 17901. Please mark Class of '67 on the memo line.



*The Nativity BVM Class of 1972 recently held their 45th Class Reunion.*

## ATTENTION ALUMNI

Please provide us with your current e-mail address, phone number and address so we can update our database. Any additions, corrections or updates can be sent to [jldaubert@nativitybvm.net](mailto:jldaubert@nativitybvm.net). Thank you for your assistance!



*Maury Molin '72 visited with NBVM's Girls Soccer Team and Coaches in his hometown following their game against Notre Dame East Stroudsburg in the Fall.*

## IN MEMORY OF THOSE WHO HAVE ENTERED INTO ETERNAL REST:

John A. Balulis '62  
Donald "Don" Behler '75  
Patricia Mahaney Brand, Educator at Nativity BVM HS  
Rev. James J. Burdess '76  
Mary "Mamie" Pytko Burns PCHS '49  
Dr. John "Jack" Canfield '58  
Mary A. Stephen Canfield PCHS '54  
Ronald F. Christ, Assistant Football Coach at Nativity BVM HS under George Pavalko  
Margaret T. "Peg" Campion Clews PCHS '49  
Joseph C. Ferhat, Sr. '63  
Pauline Marie Janesco Gallo '67  
Dorothy Josphine McCready Gardner PCHS  
Loretta Rabuck Grecky '57  
James J. Hampford III '69  
Kathleen A. O'Connor Hampford PCHS '49  
Annabelle Contestable Hartman PCHS '45  
Michael Hashin '59  
Robert Hassel PCHS '51  
Natalie Ann Napior Hildebrand '60  
John Dennis Keating '59  
Elizabeth Matz Kemmerling '62  
Barbara Lagus Kessler '58  
William E. Kirwan, Sr. PCHS '49  
Robert John "Bob" Klein PCHS '55  
John B. Lieberman IV '87  
Doris Yost Lonergan PCHS '45  
Margaretta "Marge" Lonergan '57  
Florence "Flossie" Lozoskie Marchetti  
St. Stephen High School '48  
Charles V. "Charlie" Maurer II '56, Educator at Nativity BVM HS  
Edward F. Misstishin PCHS  
Vincent J. Mistysyn '62  
Thomas W. Mooney PCHS '45  
Kathleen K. Kasinecz Norkus '64  
Joseph James O'Donnell '72  
Anthony J. Orlick '62  
Patricia Ann Ready Rakiewicz '56  
Joanne T. "Jane" Raybould Wesner Reichert '58  
Edmund A. Reiley, Jr. PCHS '48  
Florence M. Spahr Page '59  
Joseph Thomas "Tex" Savitsky '61  
Francis N. Scholtes, Sr. PCHS '55  
Eileen Marie Lipshaw Sheehan '76  
Sandra Marie Panchison Sninsky '60  
Lucille Wachter Spotts '62  
Barbara Sucidlo '59  
John J. Sullivan '57  
William F. Watson St. Stephen High School  
Antoinette DeStefano Wojciechowsky  
St. Stephen High School '39  
Bernard J. Walasavage Sr. '65

**Please remember Nativity High School in your will and estate planning.**

## Nativity BVM Green and Gold Booster Club 28th Annual Raffle Winners

**First Prize--\$20,000--#296—**  
Dave Laudeman

**Second Prize--\$100 each**  
#380--Ron & Linda Pellish

#101—John Garurick  
#242—E.J. Koslusky  
#276—Thomas and Rosemary Hill  
#124—Fran Bedway  
#146—Martha Davis  
#219—Bob and Dana Oravitz  
#244—Carmen Stack  
#299—Donna O'Brien

#199—Francis Piccioni  
#096—Barbara Prock  
#078—Elaine M. Woltemate  
#064—Albe and Alan Evans  
#217—Mary Catherine and Jack Guzick  
#204—Francine Hepner  
#063—Glenn Hillbish  
#079—Girls at Yuengling Brewery  
#160—Anne Marie Dalessandro  
#115—Marilyn Haffey  
#118—Cathy C. Daniel  
#053—Roma Pizza  
#122—Barbara David and Marge Dean

#123—Chuck and Helena Harach  
#509—ELF  
#416—Ann Marie Whiteash  
#047—Alma Lonergan  
#164—Kristen Pedriani  
#163—James J. Cuff  
#333—Amy Naftzinger  
#222—Bill Shandri  
#534—Adrienne/Darie/Becky/  
Suzanne/Rhonda/Mark/Roz

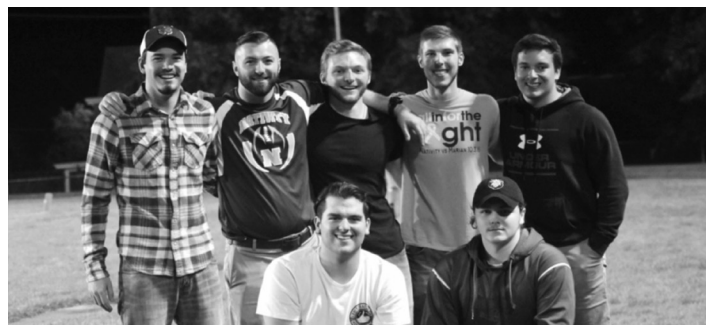
**\$500 Nativity Scholarship—**  
**Samantha Heenan**

## Athletic Hall of Fame

Our fourth annual Nativity Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony was held on Saturday, January 6, 2018. This year's inductees were: Megan Bainbridge '03, Patrick J. Brennan '72, Brenda Campion Churico '79, Anthony Pitrowski '79, Sara Leymeister Siro '03, James Toomey '70, Edward Tray '65 (Coach) and The 1989-1990 Class A Girls State Championship Basketball Team. The ceremony took place between the JV and Varsity boys basketball games against Williams Valley. Congratulations to our newest members of NBVM's Athletic Hall of Fame.



*The 2017-2018 Green Wave Volleyball Team placed second at the District XI Class A Volleyball Championships in the Fall.*



*Recent Nativity alums (and past members of the Green Wave Football Team) support the Green Wave Program at a home game in the Fall.*

### SAVE THE DATE:

**The 2018 Century Benefit will be held on Saturday, April 14th, at the Schuylkill Country Club, Orwigsburg** Cocktail Hour begins at 6:00 PM followed by Dinner at 7PM and the Induction of the New Golden Cross Society Recipients: Atty. Alvin B. and Anne "Pinkey" Marshall; Lorna Lazovi DiNicola '84; Michael E. Hashin '59 and Kim A. Sutter. Cost is \$125.00 per person. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Jenn Daubert at 570-622-8110.

### SAVE THE DATE:

The Nativity BVM Class of 1963 will hold a Mini Reunion at the school on Saturday, November 3, 2018. Lunch will be held in the school cafeteria. The Nativity School Store will be open and tours of the school will be provided. More information will follow. Any questions, please contact Jenn Daubert at the school @ 570-622-8110.

*Please note that all alumni news information published in the Alumni Newsletter is submitted information to the school. Anyone wishing to send alumni news information to the school for publication in our next edition of the alumni newsletter can do so by e-mailing [jldaubert@nativitybvm.net](mailto:jldaubert@nativitybvm.net) or mailing the information to: Development Office, Nativity BVM High School, One Lawtons Hill, Pottsville, PA 17901.*