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APRIL 2018 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear Nativity Family,

Happy Easter! May we be joyful with the risen Christ and pray that we find the Light of Christ this Easter Season.

Mrs Lynn A Sabol

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NOTES from the Principal:

Thank you to Fr. Loeper, Fr. Maletz, and Fr. Zelonis for helping with the Lenten Penance service. It is a blessing to have our pastors involved with the faith of our students.



Liturgical Calendar

- April 6th - First Friday Adoration
- April 12th - Liturgy
- April 26th - Liturgy – Junior Ring Mass
- April 27th - Underclassmen Retreat @ Nativity



Junior Ring Mass

Members of the Junior class will receive their class rings and crosses on Thursday, April 26th. All students must bring in their rings and crosses by Monday, April 23rd in order for them to be labeled for the ceremony. All members of the Junior class are asked to participate even if they have not purchased a ring. Mass will begin @ 10:30 AM and parents and family members are encouraged to attend.

School Safety

The Nativity BVM School Administration, Faculty and Staff are committed to providing a safe, secure educational environment . Procedures are in place and drills have been done to prepare for possible situations. We would ask that everyone checks that doors are closed as you leave the building and under no circumstances are any doors to be propped open !



Arrival at School

All students must be in their classrooms before the 8:15 AM bell. Students who arrive late 3 times will be issued a detention. Students who are late because of a bus issue are not penalized. Please make sure that your children arrive on time whether they are driving themselves or they are being driven by you or someone else. Thank you for your cooperation.

Calendar Changes

This is to notify you of our change in schedule due to the recent snow days. Nativity BVM High School will be in school the following days which are not on our original calendar:

Monday, April 2, 2018- (Easter Monday)
Thursday, June 7, 2018 – Early Dismissal @ 12:50 PM
Friday, June 8, 2018 – Early Dismissal @ 11:00 AM

There have also been changes to the Early Dismissal schedule to accommodate a change in our exams and the added days due to snow. The corrected dismissals are listed below:

Wednesday, May 30, 2018 – Regular Dismissal – Senior exams only – with
graduation practice to follow.
Thursday, May 31, 2018 - Early Dismissal @ 12:50 PM – Exams all students
Friday, June 1, 2018 - Early Dismissal @ 12:50 PM – Exams all students
Monday, June 4, 2018 - Early Dismissal @ 11:00 AM – Exams – underclassmen only
Tuesday, June 5, 2018 Early Dismissal @ 12:50 PM
Wednesday, June 6, 2018 Early Dismissal @ 12:50 PM

There will not be any change for Baccalaureate Mass on Monday, June 4, 2018 @ 7 PM or Graduation on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 @ 7 PM.

Dress Code

A reminder - students must come to school in regulation school uniform. Please make sure that your sons and daughters are dressed appropriately. Specifically, dress shoes must be worn. No sneakers!

In the November newsletter, the possibility of shorts being worn was addressed. The school store has sample shorts for boys and girls from Flynn & O'Hara. If you are interested in purchasing shorts for your son or daughter, please contact Mrs. Eckley at the School Store. A date when the shorts will be able to be worn will be announced after Easter. All other uniform rules will apply with these shorts including those related to shoes. ***Only shorts purchased through the school store may be worn!***

Financial Concerns

It is extremely important that all financial obligations are being met in a timely fashion. Students whose tuition and fundraising are not up to date will not be able to take exams, receive report cards and transcripts, attend school trips or attend the prom.

Students who are behind in their tuition payments may not be able to participate in sports and other activities. Please see the Tuition Collection Policy or call Mrs. Margaret Young if you have any questions. The policy is on the Nativity website.

NEWS FROM THE STUDIES OFFICE

The 4th Quarter begins on Monday, April 2nd. Report Cards will be distributed on Friday, April 6th. If there are any questions regarding grades, please contact Mrs. Strause in the Studies Office.

Deficiency notices for the 4th quarter will be mailed on April 25th. Parents should be aware that these deficiencies will include failures or possible failures for the quarter, semester and for **the year**. You should especially be aware if a student has the possibility of failing for the year as this will affect graduation. We call your attention to the following diocesan policy.

Policy 5127

Graduation Ceremonies in high school are formal and public exercises which recognize the students who participate in them as having completed all course work necessary to receive a high school diploma. Those students who have not completed and passed all their subjects necessary to receive a diploma are not eligible to participate in Graduation Exercises.

I also call your attention to the following in the Nativity BVM High School handbook:

*A **failure in any subject** (e.g. Theology), including semester courses and quarter courses, could prevent a student from participation in Commencement Exercises. In such a situation, the diploma would be awarded after the satisfactory completion of the course work. This regulation may also be waived by the Principal due to severe hardship or unusual circumstances.*

The scheduling process has begun. All course selection papers and fees were due Friday, March 9th. Any student who has not returned their course selection will be charged an additional fee.

Service hours need to be completed. Hours that have been recorded will be displayed on the report cards. Service hours must be completed in order for students to participate in graduation activities, attend prom, go on class trips, receive a schedule for the 2018-2019 school year or have records sent to colleges.

DEVELOPMENT NEWS

TUITION ASSISTANCE

REMINDER: All tuition assistance must be applied for on-line through FACTS. Please access the site through www.nativitybvm.net. Contact Jennifer Daubert with any questions.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Holly Brutts, proud Nativity mom, has joined Educatius as a local coordinator. Mrs. Brutts is excited to be working with a new group of International students that will be joining Nativity for the 2018/2019 school year.

Do you have the heart and home to make a difference in one of these students lives? We are looking for host families that will welcome one of these new students. For more information on becoming a Host Family contact Mrs. Brutts at 570-691-8816 or e-mail hollybrutts@yahoo.com.

NEWS FROM GUIDANCE

Upcoming April Events

Education/Career Planning Workshop by PHEAA for 9th graders – April 6, 2018

Penn State Summer Program Presentation for interested seniors – April 12, 2018

Clew/HOBY Ninth Grade Youth Leadership Workshop by teacher election – Penn State Schuylkill – April 14, 2018

Spring College Fair (for students only) – April 18, 2018

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following 9th Graders for representing Nativity at the Clew/HOBY Ninth Grade Leadership Workshop at Penn State Schuylkill this month: Francesca Modica, Aidan Cassidy & Camilla Koury. The following students were also chosen, but were unable to attend that day: Liv Lieberman, Cooper Chiplonia & Abigaile Yourey.

Senior Scholarships

*After committing to your college of choice, be sure to contact the Financial Aid Office via email to see if they have any additional scholarships or grants available for you. When the dust settles with acceptances there may still be funds available. Ask and you shall receive.

The following scholarship information is now available in the Guidance Office:

Road to Safety Scholarship Contest from Metzger Wickersham is available in Guidance. Students must submit a creative project (video, poem, song, poster, and more) on the dangers of drunk driving and/or distracted driving. Entries must be submitted by May 5, 2018.

The William J. and Dora J. Kalnoski Memorial Scholarship for Art, Architecture or related fields is available in Guidance. Two letters of recommendation are required. Applications are due by April 20, 2018.

The John Morgan Scholarship for students with a B average and financial need should complete their application by Mid-April. The guidelines for submission are vague, but it is best to get it in as soon as possible.

The Mark Koons Memorial Scholarship is available in Guidance for any student that has a parent that is an active member of the Six County Fireman's Association of PA. Applicants need not be a member at time of application, but they are asked to become a member by the end of their senior year. Applications are due by May 1, 2018.

The John Kaminski Memorial Scholarship is available for students pursuing a career in engineering or science related to mining. Applications are due by May 15, 2018.

The Frackville Business Association Scholarship is available in Guidance for any senior living in the 17931 Zip Code. Deadline to apply is May 14, 2018

The Lithuanian Women's Club Scholarship is available in Guidance for any female, senior scholar with proof of Lithuanian Heritage. Deadline to apply is May 1, 2018.

The Mid-East Chapter of PASBO Scholarship is available in Guidance to any senior pursuing a career in Business Administration. Deadline to apply is April 14, 2018.

All college-bound seniors should be visiting the Schuylkill Area Community Foundation website, as there are many scholarships and awards listed on the site that are applicable to Nativity students.

Job Opportunities

Lehigh Valley Hospital Schuylkill – Dietary Department is looking for student foodservice workers. Must be 16 or older. Apply online at www.sodexousa.com/home/careers-usa.html Job ID # 2018-00466

Schuylkill County Career Fair

The Northeast PA Manufacturers and Employers Council, Inc. is sponsoring a career fair at Martz Hall in Pottsville on Thursday, April 5, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. There is no cost to attend this event. A range of local businesses will be providing information about the many in-demand careers within our region. This is open to students in grades 7-12. Contact Ms. Stasulli if interested. Transportation will not be provided by the school.

Summer Experiences for Underclassmen

There are many programs and classes offered by different colleges and universities for underclassmen over the summer. If your student has a special interest, please have him/her stop by the Guidance Office to review the material. If your student has a first choice college narrowed down, attending a summer camp or taking a course with them is a great way to get noticed. Check out the College website for leads.

College Prep Meeting for Juniors

JUNIOR Parents are welcome to call and schedule a one on one College Preparation Meeting with Mrs. Stasulli. Contact by phone at (570) 622-8110 or via email at guidance@nativitybvm.net
[ALL juniors will have an individual meeting with Mrs. Stasulli.](#)

Dates to Remember:

SAT Testing this year: May 5 & June 2, 2018 – watch for registration deadlines to avoid late fees.

ACT Testing: June 9 & July 14, 2018

FAFSA Submission: May 1st for four year colleges, August 15 for two year college or trade schools

COOL Websites

www.MySmartBorrowing.org - site on do and don'ts of college borrowing

www.YouCanDealWithIt.com – Dealing with college debt

FROM THE FINANCIAL OFFICE

POT OF GOLD WINNERS
MARCH 21, 2018

- 1st) Nanny McFarland
Seller: Sincere Johnson
- 2nd) Rayne Slackus
Seller: David Seiders
- 3rd) The Quicks
Seller: Shane Quick
- 4th) Bal Matharu
Seller: Maya Matharu

PLEASE NOTE: Each family is obligated for \$700 in Fundraising through the Pot of Gold. Families may choose to sell \$700 worth of Pot of Gold tickets, buy out of selling tickets, or a combination of both to fulfill their mandatory fundraising quota.

Please remember to return your Pot of Gold ticket request form. If we do not receive the form you will automatically be given forty (40) Pot of Gold tickets.

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION:

A REMINDER TO PARENTS: PLEASE CALL THE MAIN OFFICE or the **ATTENDANCE OFFICE BEFORE 8:45 AM daily**, if your child is going to be absent from school. Also, if your family is planning a vacation or planning to be away for several days, have your student request a form to be filled out by their parents and teachers. This form should be handed in to Mrs. Yourey prior to their extended absence. Thank you!



Prom Attire

As a Catholic High School, we require that all students dress appropriately. Specifically, we need to address the young ladies and their prom dresses. ***Please note that no dresses may expose any midriff, nor may the dresses be exceedingly short or revealing.*** If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Sabol at school

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND SCHOOL?

Math Club

The math club will be hosting our semi-annual Mathletics competition on Thursday, April 11, 2018 at 3:30 PM.



Interact Club

The Interact Club will be hosting a 2nd Blood Drive on May 14th.



ATHLETICS

The school is alive with all the spring sports in action. Spend an afternoon at Nativity's athletic fields and enjoy a game or track meet.

Charity Bowl All Stars for Basketball are Casion Flowers, Madison Clarke and Julia Klembara.



FROM THE THEATRE ARTS GROUP

Mark your calendar for the Nativity BVM Drama Club production of their spring musical, *Once Upon A Mattress* to be held Friday, **April 20th**, at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, **April 21st**, at 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, **April 22nd** at 2:00 p.m. This is a wonderful Musical Comedy that was originally written as an adaptation of the Hans Christian Anderson Fairy tale, The Princess and the Pea. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$7 for students age 18 and under. All tickets will be available at the door.



FROM THE ART DEPARTMENT

The SCCA Annual High School Art Show opens on Sunday, April 8th. The program at 1440 Mahantongo Street in Pottsville is from 1:00 to 5:00 PM and includes art work from the students of eleven local high schools. Admission is free.

Nativity Art students will be participating in this year's Block of Art in downtown Pottsville held April 27th, 28th and 29th. The theme this year is "Recycled Art". Nativity's art will be on display in the Majestic Theater.

REMINDER: The first meeting of Allied Artists for 2018 will be held Tuesday, April 17th at 6:30 PM at the SCCA, Pottsville. All are welcome! Junior membership is \$5 annually and adult membership is \$20 annually.

NEED SERVICE HOURS? Volunteers are needed April 27th, 28th and 29th to help in the various gallery venues and to assist with the children's activities during the Block of Art. If interested please see Mrs. Schwenk ASAP to sign up and receive further information.

Because of their dedication and service to residents of Seton Manor, Orwigsburg, seniors, Ty Daubert and Ryan McCloskey have been invited to the Volunteer Appreciation Brunch, Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at the Seton Manor Chapel. Both Ty and Ryan worked at planning, designing and acting in the Halloween Haunted Orphanage since its inception three years ago.

SCHOOL STORE NEWS

MAY MADNESS !!!

During the month of May, the school store will be having an ongoing sale. All in-stock uniforms and all athletic wear will be discounted. **COME TAKE A LOOK!**

When you purchase clothing during this month, our certificate program will be participating in the fun. A purchase of \$30 or more in clothing will allow you to pick a prize containing a free gift card, anything from a \$5 gift card up to a \$25 gift card. Purchases less than \$30 will be given a free candy of their choice or school supply. All purchases will receive a free calendar book.

SWAP SHOP:

The Nativity swap shop could use a few items. Any uniforms which no longer fit or if your child is graduating, please consider sending them into the school store.

GREEN & GOLD

Thank You to everyone who helped make our last BINGO a success.



The last event of this school year is a major fundraiser for us. This is the Chinese Auction. This will be held on May 5th & May 6th. A letter was sent out to the families concerning the auction.

In order for this to be a success we will need help with your donations of food/prizes and your help the week prior and the weekend of the event. We will also be asking each family to sell tickets for our Grand Prize and the 50/50. Please do your best to sell these tickets.

CENTURY BENEFIT SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2018

DINNER

Cocktail Hour – 6:00 PM
Dinner – 7:00 PM – Choice of Entrée

DANCING

MUSIC BY DEVINE MEMORIES

AND WITNESS THE INDUCTION OF THE NEW GOLDEN CROSS SOCIETY RECIPIENTS
Attorney Alvin B. & Anne “Pinkey” Marshall, Lorna Lazovi DiNicola ’84, Michael E. Hashin, Jr. ’59,
Kim A. Sutter

AT THE SCHUYLKILL COUNTRY CLUB
ORWIGSBURG, PA
COST: \$125 per person

A drawing for two \$250 Scholarships, toward Nativity tuition for 2018-2019, will be held for any parent who attends the Century Benefit.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, contact Jenn Daubert at Nativity BVM High School @ 570-622-8110.

VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

The Diocese of Allentown provides assistance to anyone who, as a minor, was sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or employee/volunteer of the Diocese/Parish. Parents, guardians, children, and survivors of sexual abuse are invited and encouraged to contact the Diocese of Allentown for more information about this program. The fullness of compassion should be extended to these victims by the Church.

Victim Assistance Coordinator
DIRECT TELEPHONE NUMBER
(800) 791-9209

To learn more about the Diocese of Allentown's Youth Protection Programs, Sexual Abuse Policy, and Code of Conduct, please visit www.allentowndiocese.org and click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right-hand corner of the page.

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