

**NATIVITY BVM HIGH SCHOOL  
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## **JUNE 2018 NEWSLETTER**



### **SUMMERTIME**

The Nativity BVM High School administration, faculty and staff wish everyone an enjoyable, restful and safe summer. Our seniors end their high school careers with Baccalaureate Mass on June 4<sup>th</sup> and Graduation on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Good luck to our seniors as they begin their college careers and adult life. Please remember to keep close to your faith this summer and attend Mass on Sunday.

God Bless,

*Mrs Lynn A Sabol*

Mrs. Lynn Sabol

### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

Everyone is invited to Baccalaureate but tickets are needed to attend Graduation. Please contact the Main Office if you would like to attend.

**A Special** 

Thank you to Mr. Lee Strause for his 44 years of service to Nativity BVM High School and Catholic Education. Mr. Strause will be retiring at the end of the 2017-2018 school year. The thousands of students whose lives he touched will be forever thankful for the knowledge he shared during his tenure at Nativity. We will miss him very much but we wish him a Happy Retirement and remind him that he is always welcome here on the "Hill".



### **Summer Giving**

We have two summer projects that we are hoping to complete. One is painting of the bleachers in the gym and the other is the repainting of the Chapel and some other Chapel improvements. If you are able to make a donation or if you can offer your time and talent, please contact Mrs. Sabol. Thank you to all of our generous donors!

## NEW STUDENTS

New students are always welcome to enroll at Nativity. If you know of any students who are interested, please encourage them to contact Mrs. Jennifer Daubert through the Main Office.



## Summer Hours

The school office will begin summer hours on Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. Please note the following changes for the summer:

- Office hours will be from 8:30 AM until 1:30 PM daily.
- The school office will be closed on Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> in observance of Independence Day.

If you need to contact the school at any time, please call the school office @ 570-622-8110 and leave a message. Accommodations will be made for everyone! Regular office hours will resume on Monday, August 20, 2018.



## Tuition and Fundraising

In order for Nativity to function and provide students with a quality education, we must collect tuition and fundraising on a regular basis. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Young in the financial office.



## Dress Code

Dress Code information for the 2018-2019 school year will be emailed during the month of June. Please refer to the school website and handbook regarding acceptable uniforms. Dress pants may be worn by both girls and boys. The girls skirt must be of appropriate length. If you need to purchase a new skirt, please visit the school store. Also, please note that shoes must be leather dress shoes. We are also adding dress shorts to the uniform which **MUST BE** purchased through the school store and Flynn & O'Hara. More information will be sent in the next correspondence.



## Important Summer Dates:

June 18<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> Little Girls Basketball Camp  
July 23<sup>rd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> Little Girls Volleyball Camp

## Important Dates for School Year 2018-2019

Sunday, August 19 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Orientation Meeting	6:00 PM
Monday, August 13 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Official practice date for fall sports	
Monday, August 27 <sup>th</sup>	Freshmen and New Students Report	8:10 AM
Tuesday, August 28 <sup>th</sup>	All Students Report	8:10 AM

## NEWS FROM THE STUDIES OFFICE



*Report cards for underclassmen will be distributed on Friday, June 8, 2018.*

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

**Students who fail a course for the year, must attend summer school or do makeup work approved by the principal. Please contact Mr. Strause (Studies) at 622-8110 if your student has failed any course for the year.**

Have a nice summer vacation.



## FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

ATTENTION FAMILIES: All tuition assistance will be posted onto accounts by the middle of July. Please contact Jenn Daubert at 570-622-8110 with any questions.

PLEASE NOTE: A new policy has recently become effective for families who receive the Eastern Pennsylvania Scholarship Foundation Scholarship (EPSF). Please read the following carefully: EFFECTIVE FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2016-2017 and moving forward, THE EASTERN PA SCHOLARSHIP ADVISORY BOARD HAS ENDORSED THE FOLLOWING: IF A FAMILY HAS NOT PAID THEIR PAST TUITION BILL (2017-2018) THEY WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE AN EITC/OSTC SCHOLARSHIP FROM THE EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION.

It is the responsibility of each family to make sure that their tuition is paid in full each year. Failure to do so will make the family ineligible to receive an EPSF Scholarship. This also applies to Nativity Financial Assistance and other Scholarships.

## GUIDANCE NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Seniors & Parents – Final High School transcripts will be mailed/uploaded to your destination college the second week of June. Best wishes to all of you!! I am available during the summer at (570) 544-9131 ext 1212 if you have any questions or concerns. Be sure to have your child send a thank you to all scholarship committees in which they received an award. It has been a pleasure working with this class!

Junior Parents – You are welcome to schedule a college planning meeting with Mrs. Stasulli. Please call (570) 622-8110 or email at [guidance@nativitybvm.net](mailto:guidance@nativitybvm.net) . I have met with many parents. My door is always open to you. Each junior had an individual meeting to get ready for senior year.

Save the Date 2017/2018 School Year – Financial Aid Night: **September 19, 2018**; College Fair: **October 3, 2018**; PSAT Testing & ASVAB: **October 10, 2018**; Junior Jump Start: **March 26, 2019**.

### Resources for College Bound Students:

American Educational Guidance Center - Developed the following website: <http://www.college-scholarships.com/schools/pennsylvania/>. The website has a wealth of information about Pennsylvania schools and also has a scholarship link on the site.

Are You a Smart Borrower? - [MySmartBorrowing.org](http://MySmartBorrowing.org) is an interactive tool, delivering compelling content and real-life scenarios. Use MySmartBorrowing to encourage students to use critical thinking skills when making choices about their financial future.

Federal Financial Aid – [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) is the official site for Federal Government financial aid for college.

Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency – [www.pheaa.org](http://www.pheaa.org) – is the state level financial aid source for higher education. Many excellent resources are available on this site.

SAT Testing- For studying [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org) is an excellent site, free of charge. It is a best kept secret. Penn State has opened up a new study session over the summer of 2018. Information is on their website. Also, information is available in Guidance for SAT Prep with Dr. Crossen in August.

Summer Scholar Opportunities/Underclassmen - Many colleges and universities offer enrichment camps and courses over the summer. It enriches the mind. Research the school you wish to attend. They may offer something in your field or major. Get your foot in the door. A full list of programs is available in guidance.

Bereavement Camp – For children ages 8 – 16 that have suffered a loss of a loved one. The camp is free of charge and runs July 28 – 29, 2018 in Orefield, PA. Registration deadline is June 16, 2018. Call 1-877-438-3511.

Employment Opportunity – Lehigh Valley Hospital in Pottsville, call Human Resources for additional information. 570-621-4000.

Have a Safe & Enjoyable Summer!

**SCHOOL**



**SUPPLIES**

## **NATIVITY SCHOOL STORE NEWS**

The school store will be open every TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Certificates will be available and orders for school uniforms will be taken. If you are unable to come in during these days or times, you can call Sue Eckley at 570-640-0930 and a time will be offered that is more convenient. Beginning August 13<sup>th</sup>, School Store will resume Monday through Friday, 11:30 to 1:00 PM.

### **UNIFORM INFORMATION:**

A bulk order for uniforms will be going out Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup> and again August 9<sup>th</sup>. We will continue the same uniform style for our golf shirts, skirts and sweaters. Order forms will be available in the school store. NEW ITEM will be boys and girls khaki shorts as an option for 2018-2019 for fall and spring.

N.B. The swap shop could use a few items. Please consider donating uniforms that no longer fit or are not needed.

#### CERTIFICATE PROGRAM:

A complete list of certificates is available in the school store. Scrip certificates will be ordered every Monday morning. You may call or text Sue Eckley with your order.

#### SUMMER HAPPENINGS

During the month of July when you purchase \$300 or more in certificates you will receive a FREE \$10 gift card of your choice or you may put the \$10 directly on your tuition bill.

#### SPORTS PASSES:

Sports Passes for 2018-2019 year are available in the school store. The pass is good for all home sporting events excluding tournaments and playoff games. The cost for a student pass is \$25 and an adult is \$50.

#### SCHOOL STORE FINANCES:

The school store has had another wonderful year with thanks to our students, parents, faculty and alumni. The School Store was able to give the Green & Gold Club \$5,000 from the sales at the store and from our certificate program. The School Store also gave \$1,500 to Nativity High School from our famous Tuesday Pretzel Sales.

**SPECIAL THANKS** to Karen Greco, Malissa Dexter, Sue Snyder and Theresa Patton for helping every week in the school store.

GOD BLESS AND HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

Sue Eckley (School Store Coordinator)



#### NATIVITY MUSIC NOTES

The Nativity Band and Chorus performed a well-received spring concert May 20<sup>th</sup>, and the Green Wave Marching Band participated in Memorial Day parades in Port Carbon and Pottsville. The Nativity Concert Band and Concert Chorus will be performing selections before the graduation ceremony June 5<sup>th</sup> to end the school year. Marching band rehearsals will begin with music rehearsals in July and band camp beginning August 6<sup>th</sup>. The Nativity Music Department greatly appreciates the support given to the arts in our schools by the Nativity community; we'll see you at the football games in the fall, where this year's marching band field show is "Road Trip"!

#### NATIVITY FYI

**MANY THANKS** to Reverend Leo Maletz and the parish of **Saint Matthew the Evangelist Parish**, Minersville and to **Saint John the Baptist Parish Family Guild**, Pottsville, for the treat of Dairy Queen Blizzards for our annual Field Day.

**AHERA**

In compliance with the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the asbestos Hazard Emergency Response (AHERA) an inspection for asbestos was performed at each of our schools within the Diocese of Allentown. A copy of the inspection reports are on file in the school's Administrative Office for your review any time during normal school hours. In the event you have any questions or concerns, please contact the School's Principal or the Diocesan Asbestos Coordinator.