

NATIVITY BVM HIGH SCHOOL NEWS
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OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER



The school year is moving along quickly as we soon approach the end of the 1st marking period. We continue to encourage our students academically, spiritually, and socially to be the best they can be. As Catholic High School students, the young men and women at Nativity continue to build themselves through their faith and their dedication to excellence. This year we continue the challenge for our students to broaden the knowledge of their faith while also expanding their outreach to the community as we continue our *Tradition of Excellence*.

In order to reach out to our parishes, all of our sports teams and activity groups will attend mass together at various parishes in our area. Please join us in supporting our parishes, local priests and especially our Chaplain, Fr. Dave Loeper.

Mrs Lynn A Sabol

Welcome!

A warm Nativity welcome to **Mrs. Sarah Arnold** our new Guidance Counselor

Parent Involvement

It is extremely important that all parents/guardians volunteer at school events. We need everyone's help to make our school events successful. We are in need of help at the last two home football games, October 12th and October 19th. Thank you to the parents who have been helping at the home soccer and volleyball games. More help is always appreciated!

“Call to Protect” Program

Two sessions of the “Call to Protect” seminar will be held in October with all freshmen and new students. Each year, children are taught how to identify and thwart the lures that are used to lead youngsters from a safe environment into one where they are vulnerable to exploitation and other crimes. The program is designed to be age appropriate. Principles are rooted strongly in the Catholic Faith with spiritual experiences of prayer and reflection included.



School Safety

The administration and faculty strive to ensure that students are safe and secure while at school. Various drills and precautions are in place to make sure that students know what to do and where to go in case of an emergency. These drills are necessary and will take place monthly. In October, in addition to a fire drill the “Shakedown Drill” will be held on October 18th to prepare students for the possibility of an earthquake.

Additionally, to ensure the safety of all of our students, any adult who volunteers or works at Nativity or any other Diocesan school or parish must complete the “Protecting God’s Children” seminar and complete all applicable clearances. Please know that your son/daughter’s safety and well-being is our utmost concern.

Communication

It is extremely important to keep open lines of communication between parents and teachers. If you have a concern, please contact your child’s teacher either by calling the school office or by emailing the teacher. All email addresses can be found on the school website



Important Information for Senior Parents:

In order for transcripts to be sent, students must be up to date with tuition, fundraising etc. This is a busy time of year for seniors with college applications. Please make sure that your son's/daughter's accounts are paid in a timely fashion.

Spring Prom – During the month of October there will be a meeting for all Junior & Senior Parents regarding the Spring Prom.



Social Media

All Nativity students are aware of the appropriate use of social media. We encourage using social media to positively impact the school and community. **The use of social media to cause harm or negatively affect Nativity BVM High School, its students, teachers, staff or legacy will not be tolerated.**



The Math club is offering tutoring services for students who need help in their math classes. Students can find a list of available tutors near the bulletin board on the second floor near the math classrooms. Our 8th grade enrichment program begins on Wednesday, October 3rd @ 1:45 PM. Students from our Partner Schools come every two weeks for this special class. The Math Club will also take part in the Bloomsburg Math Competition on November 15th.



Interact Club

The Interact Club will host a winter clothing and Diaper Drive again this fall. The club will be collecting coats and winter clothing along with diapers from October 1st through October 22nd. This club is involved in many service projects. If there is a project that you need help with, please contact the school office. The Interact members will also be working at the Pottsville Soup Kitchen.



Important Dates:

Monday, October 6th “Call to Protect”-
All International students and new students.

Monday through Friday, October 8th-12th
“Spirit Week”

October 10th PSAT, ASVAB Testing

October 19th Senior Retreat
“Call to Protect” – All freshmen

Saturday, October 20th Green & Gold
“Halloween Dance “

Friday, October 26th 1st Quarter ends

Monday, October 29th 2nd quarter begins

Please look over the October calendar for many important liturgical events and school activities.



FROM THE STUDIES

OFFICE

Deficiency notices were mailed on Thursday, September 27th. Hopefully if you have received one, your student is making progress toward improving their grade. Please contact your student's teachers if you have any questions. All faculty email addresses are available on the school's website, www.nativitybvm.net, on the Administration and Faculty tab.

The end of the first quarter is Friday, October 26th. Report cards will be distributed on Friday, November 2nd. There will be a Parent Conference Night on **Monday, November 12th** to discuss your student's progress in all classes. These conferences will be by appointment only. More information will follow.



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FROM THE FINANCIAL POT OF GOLD

OFFICE

CONGRATULATIONS to the Winners of the September 19, 2018 drawing:

- 1) \$250 – Nikki Boyer Seller: Shelby Boyer
- 2) \$150 – Marie Ryan Seller: Madison Ryan
- 3) \$50 – Jason Fenstermacher Seller: Grace Fenstermacher
- 4) \$50 – John Crane Seller: Sean Crane



FROM THE DEAN OF STUDENTS:

Parking Permits will begin to be checked this week. Any student parking in the school parking lot without a Parking Pass will be issued a detention. Parking Passes are \$10 and should be prominently displayed at all times during school hours.

Dress code infractions have been an ongoing issue and students have been, and will continue to be issued detentions if they are written up for dress code violations. Please make sure your son, daughter, or exchange student has the appropriate uniform, including socks and shoes. Also, please make sure skirts are covering the front and back of the thigh, remind the girls they are not to roll the waist band on their skirts, and remind the boys to tuck their shirts, as well as wear a belt.

Mr. Wehr has gone out of his way to provide treats for our sports teams on a Friday at lunch time. If you see Mr. Wehr, please thank him for his support and for adding to our school spirit!!

THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE



ALUMNI TAILGATE

Nativity's Alumni Tailgate will be held at the Saint Clair Veterans Memorial Stadium at 5:30 PM on Friday, October 12, 2018, before our Homecoming Football Game. Nativity will play Bucktail that night. Please join us for our annual event.

GIANT A+SCHOOL REWARDS

Shop Giant Food Stores and earn money for Nativity! Register your Bonus Card @giantfoodstores.com/aplus and designate Nativity BVM High School, Pottsville, PA as your school of choice!

- 1) Earn one point for every dollar you spend
- 2) Get double points for any participating products tagged throughout the store.
- 3) Get triple points for purchasing any healthy ideas labeled item.



SGA NEWS

Dear Friends,

INDUCTION MASS

We would like to personally thank all the parents and family who came to worship with us for our induction mass. We also would like to thank Mrs. Jane Yourey for her help with programs and Father Loeper for the wonderful homily and blessing.



HOMECOMING COURT

The students will do a vote to reduce the Homecoming Queen Candidates to five. The school will then vote on Spirit Day, for their

CONGRATULATIONS! TO OUR STUDENT COUNCIL AND CLASS ELECTED OFFICERS



CENTRAL OFFICERS:

Gabriella Quinn – President
Ryan Schreffler – Vice-President
Jade Stickell – Secretary
Anna Adams – Treasurer

SENIOR CLASS

Briana Kenton – President
Brittany Kenton – Vice-President
Allison Bolich – Representative
Haley Zimerofsky – Representative

JUNIOR CLASS

Brent Hinkle – President
Jacob Ferhat – Vice-President
Anna Lieberman – Representative
Logan Palko – Representative

SOPHOMORE CLASS

Samuel Sterns – President
Cooper Chiplonia – Vice-President
Aidan Cassidy – Representative
Camilla Koury – Representative

FRESHMEN CLASS

Lauren Ferhat – President
Marquis Ratcliff – Vice-President
Helena Fredericks – Representative
Benjamin Sipes – Representative



FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

Senior College Planning: Senior year is a whirlwind of activities! Seniors must complete a transcript request form including a fee of \$10.00 for each college they want their transcripts to be sent to by Guidance. Transcripts are sent with each senior's resume. Resume outlines were given to each senior in homeroom. Please call if you wish to come in and speak with Mrs.

Arnold about college planning. All seniors will meet with Mrs. Arnold by the end of October.

College Financial Aid FAFSA Assistance— Educational Opportunity Centers, Inc. will walk through the FAFSA with any parent who needs help filling out the form online. Contact Stephanie Sosnoski at 570-454-6161 or stephanie@eocinc.org

Scholarships: Students may pick up the scholarship packet in Guidance. *Many local scholarships are available at the Schuylkill Area Community Foundation website:

www.sacfoundation.com.

PSAT Testing – All sophomores and juniors are required by the Diocese to participate in the PSAT/NMSQT standardized testing which will take place on Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at the high school. Freshmen will take the PSAT 8/9 on the same day. The cost for registration is \$16.00, which will be collected in all homerooms. If you plan to pay by check, please make it payable to 'Nativity BVM High School'. ALL payments are DUE BY OCTOBER 5th.

ASVAB Testing- Seniors will be participating in the ASVAB Test for Career Exploration. There is no charge for this test. It is the best career exploration tool out there.

SAT Prep: www.Khanacademy.org is an excellent site to help students prepare for the SAT and New SAT.

Career Search Engine: www.onetonline.org is a government funded site that is an excellent source for researching any career under the sun. It can be used to pinpoint careers if a student is undecided.

2018 Fall College Fair- Our College Fair will take place on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 during the morning. 35 to 40 colleges are expected to attend. Students will be given a list of questions to ask college representatives to get the most out of the day. The fair is only open to students.



FROM THE ART DEPARTMENT

Allied Artists of Schuylkill County, a community organization, welcomes junior members. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM. An artist speaks and demonstrates his or her skills. The topic for the October 16th meeting is the framing process. Interested students may join for a fee of \$5 while adult membership is \$20. See Mrs. Schwenk for an application.

Don't miss the October 28th edition of the Republican Herald newspaper.

Our 2017-2018 International students, Jenna Jullawateert from Thailand, is the artist of the month for November. Jenna celebrated Thanksgiving for the first time while visiting the United States. Jenna's experience influenced her artwork. Jenna will miss this holiday, as Thanksgiving is not celebrated in her native country.



A HAUNTING WE WILL GO!

A group of Nativity's ghost and ghouls are meeting each Sunday from 12 noon to 4 PM preparing a frightening experience when the doors open for Haunted Orphanage 4, scheduled for Friday, October 19th and Saturday, October 20th. Michael Fox, director of activities at Seton Manor, Orwigsburg, guarantees a scary, frightful night to all who dare to attend. Various

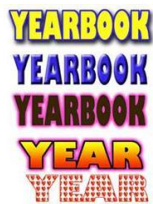
Roles are still available and will earn service hours. See Mrs. Schwenk or Ms. Reynolds if interested. Hope to see you there.



NAIVITY MUSIC

NOTES

The Nativity Green Wave Marching Band continues a busy schedule during the fall band season. Besides performing at Nativity football games the band provided pre-gala music outside the Walk-In Arts Center in Schuylkill Haven September 15th. On September 28th the band will give its annual performance at the Bloomsburg Fair at 10:00 AM on the Free Stage. Coming events in October include participation in area Halloween parades in Pine Grove, St. Clair, and Schuylkill Haven. The Green Wave Marching Band greatly appreciates the support for the arts in our schools by the Nativity community!



NEWS

Senior parents or guardians ... you or your photographer will need to submit to us a formal studio pose no larger than five inches high, at 300dpi in a jpeg format. Outdoor poses will not be accepted. Please send image to tholohan@nativitybvm.net no later than NOVEMBER 30, 2018.

OTHER NATIVITY NEWS

SKI CLUB

Ski Club registration information was handed out to interested students and posted to the group Facebook page. It's not too late to join! Registration and payment to the ski area is due October 27, 2018. Request to join the group Facebook page – *Nativity Ski Club 2019* – for one-click access to the ski area registration link and other important announcements. For more information contact Dottie Sterner at 570-640-1760 or Kathi Sweeney at 717-668-5292.

GOLF CLUB

Due to the recent inclement weather, Mountain Valley Golf Course had to make a change to the date of our Golf Tournament. The following information below is correct:
9th Annual Nativity BVM Golf Team Fundraiser Tournament - Sunday, **October 21, 2018 at Mountain Valley Golf Course. Four person scramble with a 9:00 a.m. shotgun start. Registration and Buffet Breakfast begin at 7:30 a.m. Cost is \$90.00 per golfer and includes: Breakfast Buffet, Greens Fees, Cart, Gifts, Refreshments, various contests, and the Mountain Valley Picnic.** Cost is \$25.00 per person for the Mountain Valley Picnic ONLY. To register or to become a sponsor Contact: Athletic Director Josh Muldowney at 570-622-8110 or Coach Daniel Lisella at 570-622-8110 or email nativitybvmgolfers@gmail.com. Thank you for your support of the Golf Program and may God bless you abundantly!



SCHOOL STORE NEWS:

Any student interested in long sleeve golf or banded uniform shirts, stop in the school store, we have them in stock!

Basketball shirts and hats have been added as well, purchase both for \$30 ... the Bundle Pack Special.

Reminder: Nativity Sports passes are available as well ... Adults: \$50; Student: \$25.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 1) OCTOBER 1st -- DIG PINK VOLLEYBALL GAME ... The school store will have a table at the entrance for the game – purchase \$15 or more and receive a free gift bag. Prizes include candy or gift cards valued from \$5 to \$50. Dig Pink shirts will be available for purchase as well as all Nativity spirit wear.
- 2) OCTOBER 12th – HOMECOMING/ALUMNI FOOTBALL GAME ... Pick-a-Number game at the School Store Tent – Purchase \$25 or more, and receive a free pick-a-number. Prizes include small items (toys, housewares and candy) and big items (gift cards valued from \$5 - \$100).
- 3) NOVEMBER 5th – 9th --NOVEMBER CERTIFICATE SPECIAL ... Purchase \$300 or more in certificates and receive a free \$10 gift card (one gift card per order) or an additional \$10 off of tuition.



- 4) NOVEMBER 28th ... CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE AT THE SCHOOL STORE ... Come enjoy an evening (6:30-8:30 PM) of Drinks, Hors d'oeuvres, Christmas cookies, Holiday music and an evening with friends to get the holiday shopping off to a great start. Free gift with every purchase and free

gift wrapping. The certificate program will also run a special available only this evening. For every \$400 order or more in certificates, you will receive two (02) \$10 gift cards. **YOU** must be present that night to take advantage of the specials. Everything in the school store will be discounted!! Also, Gift Cards make great stocking stuffers and Thinking of you gifts.



5) DECEMBER CHRISTMAS

SPECIAL ... the week of December 10th through the 14th. More information will follow in the November Newsletter.

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

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



NEW YORK ... NEW YORK

Enjoy a FREE DAY in New York City on Saturday, November 3, 2018. This trip is sponsored by the Nativity Alumni Association. The bus leaves Nativity High School at 7 AM and departs from New York City at 8 PM. The cost to enjoy this magnificent day in New York City is \$45. For more information or to reserve your seat on the bus, call Greg @ 570-622-1859.

DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR

Sister Meg Cole
1-610-332-0442 ext. 19

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 Victim Assistance Coordinator coordinates assistance for the immediate pastoral care of persons who claim to have been sexually abused when they were minors by priests or deacons. The Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Allentown is Wendy S. Krisak. The CONFIDENTIAL telephone number is 1-800-791-9209.

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.



HAPPY HAUNTING!