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JANUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

We ask God to continue to bless our Students, Parents, Families, Faculty, Staff and Administration through 2019. The month of January brings many important academic, spiritual and social events. The beginning of the New Year gives us the opportunity to thank God for the blessings he bestowed on us during the past year. May we use this New Year to grow in faith, to cherish the gift of life, and to thank God for bringing us to this New Year.

Semester exams test the knowledge our students have learned since the beginning of the school year, our liturgical celebrations give us the opportunity to celebrate our faith together and Catholic Schools Week enables us to celebrate our Catholic schools. Please join us for one of our liturgies as we celebrate National Honor Society Induction and Catholic Schools Week.

Thank you for being an important and vital part of Nativity BVM High School.

HAPPY 2019!

Mrs Lynn A. Sabol



Liturgical Calendar for the Month of January

Thursday, January 10th – Liturgy – Vocations

Welcome: Father Mark Searles

Wednesday, January 28th – Liturgy – Catholic Schools Week & National Honor Society Induction

Important Calendar Dates

January 2, 2019 - School Re-opens

January 13, 2019 – Open House & Registration 1 PM

January 15-17, 2019 – Semester Exams

January 21, 2019 – School Closed – Teacher In-Service – Martin Luther King

January 25, 2019 – Progress Reports Issued

January 28-February 1, 2019 – Catholic Schools Week

February 1-2 – Diocesan Music Festival @ Berks Catholic

PLEASE NOTE:

In order for students to take their mid-term exams and receive report cards, tuition payments and fund raising must be up to date.

National Honor Society



Students who have met the requirements and have petitioned for acceptance into the Saint Thomas Aquinas Chapter of the National Honor Society will be inducted during Mass on January 28, 2019.



CONGRATULATIONS to Emily Carpenito and Madison Hayes who have been named as finalists in the Diocesan Stand Up for Life Essay Contest!



NEWS FROM THE STUDIES OFFICE

First Semester Exams will take place January 15, 16, and 17, 2019. Please have students well rested and report on the day their exam is scheduled. All exams will be 1 hour and 15 minutes long.

The exam schedule will be:

Tuesday, January 15th : Periods 1, 3 and 5

Wednesday, January 16th : Periods 7, 8 and 6

Thursday, January 17th : Periods 2 and 4

Exam Times:

8:15- 8:30 Prayer/Announcements and Prep time

8:30 – 9:45 1st Exam

9:45 – 10:00 Exam Preparation

10:00 – 11:15 2nd Exam

11:15- 11:30 Exam Preparation

11:30 – 12:45 3rd Exam

In the event of snow on any of these days, the schedule will be moved to the next day. On a two hour delay, the exams will begin two hours later than listed here and students will be dismissed at regular 2:34 dismissal time.

The second quarter will close on Friday, January 18th with report cards scheduled to be given to the students on Friday, January 25th.

Parents are reminded that the parent portal for grades, discipline reports, and attendance is available at any time once your account is created.

The parent portal will not be available from January 14th to January 28th for the preparation of report cards.

The third quarter will begin on Monday, January 21st. Students will receive their third quarter schedules during the week of January 7th so any corrections can be made before the start of the quarter.

If you have any questions please e-mail Mr. Naffin at jnaffin@nativitybvm.net.

FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE



REGISTRATION for the 2019-2020 school year at Nativity is scheduled for **SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 2019** from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at the school. Faculty, staff, administration and coaches will be available to answer questions. Tours of the school will be given and tuition assistance drawings will be available that afternoon for those who register. Please contact Jennifer Daubert at 570-622-8110 with any questions.



ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME:

Induction ceremonies for Nativity's Athletic Hall of Fame will take place on Saturday, February 9, 2019 at the Girls Basketball game vs. Mount Carmel High School. A lunch reception for inductees and their families will take place at the school beginning at 11:15 AM. The formal induction ceremony will be held in between the JV and Varsity games. The JV game begins at 12:30 PM.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Football:

Schuylkill County Football Coaches Association South All-County Team:

Sincere Walker (1st Team Defensive Back)
Ryan Schreffler (2nd Team Fullback)

Lions Club MVP:

Ryan Schreffler

Volleyball:

Schuylkill League Senior All-Star Game Participants:

Allison Bolich
Morgan Jacoby
Luca Walborn



FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE

POT OF GOLD WINNERS

DECEMBER 5, 2018

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| 1 st) | Florence Kuperavage | seller: J. Kuperavage |
| 2 nd) | Allison Prezelski | seller: Prezelski |
| 3 rd) | Bryan Denion | seller: Connor Denion |
| 4 th) | Tom McBride | seller: Haley Rymarkiewicz |



NOTES FROM THE ATTENDANCE OFFICE:

Parents please be aware of the **importance** of making a phone call to the attendance office, **before 8:45 AM**, when your student is absent. Also, if your student is going to be late because of an appointment, please call the attendance office and make us aware of the lateness. **And**, if your student becomes sick during the school day, they are to report to the main office before calling home. More and more students are texting or calling home before coming to the office. This is not allowed and could result in an unexcused dismissal.



PARENTS/ GUARDIANS OF THE GRADUATES, CLASS OF 2019

A representative from Herff Jones was here on Wednesday, December 12th to measure your student for his/her cap and gown for graduation. Each graduating student was given a packet of information about Graduation Announcements and memorabilia for the class of 2019. **PLEASE BE SURE TO READ THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND TO RETURN IT BACK TO SCHOOL NO LATER THAN JANUARY 16, 2019.** If payment plans are needed, your student was informed what process to follow. Please **DO NOT DELAY**, an additional fee for announcements will be charged after the cut-off date. If you have any questions, please contact Jane in the main office @ 570-622-8110.



GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Sophomore HOBY Leadership Award - For sophomores it is time for the appointment of the Nativity Hugh O'Brien Leadership recipients. The HOBY recipient is chosen by a faculty committee based on a submitted leadership essay and their qualities as a leader. The winners will attend a 4 day leadership conference in May at Shippensburg University. Sophomores interested in applying should see Mrs. Arnold in Guidance. Applications are due January 8, 2019.

Governor's School Science Opportunities

Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh is hosting the PA Governor's School for the Sciences June 30 – August 3, 2019. Student applicants must be current juniors & recommended by Nativity Faculty. The Pennsylvania Governor's School for the Sciences (PGSS) was established in order to provide a summer enrichment experience in the sciences and mathematics for talented Pennsylvania high school students and to encourage them to pursue careers in the fields of science, technology, engineering or mathematics. The program provides instruction in biological sciences, chemistry, physics, mathematics, and computer science, with emphasis on collaborative learning and team research. If interested, please see Mrs. Arnold in Guidance. **Deadline to apply is January 31, 2019.**

Summer Camp Opportunities at Lehigh/Pitt/Penn State

The following summer camps are available for eligible students: Lehigh University-Iacocca Global Entrepreneurship Intensive global.lehigh.edu/iacocca, The University of Pittsburgh – Health Careers Scholar Academy www.hcsa.pitt.edu & Penn State University – School for Excellence in Agricultural Sciences <http://agsci.psu.edu/school-for-excellence>. Deadline to apply: February 15, 2019.

Scholarship Information

Due February 10, 2019: The Leigh Valley Section of the Society of Women Engineers Scholarship - for any female with an acceptance into a college of engineering with appropriate academic achievements in high school. <http://lv.swe.org/scholarships.html>

Due February 28, 2019: PSECU Scholarship Program for members as of December 30, 2018. Visit their website.

Due March 31, 2019: The Snayberger Memorial Foundation Scholarship. Applications can be picked up at M & T Bank.

Due March 15, 2019: The Women Who Care Scholarship for students with outstanding community service. Applications are in Guidance.

Due March 2019: The United Steel Workers Scholarship to the son or daughter of a United Steel Worker. Information is available in Guidance.

Due March 1, 2019: East Penn ASHE Civil Engineering Scholarship for high school seniors who are enrolling in a program leading to a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering or Civil and Construction Engineering Technology.

Due March 1, 2019: The Penn State Wylonis Scholarship for Schuylkill Campus Freshman pursuing a career in STEM fields. Leadership, a 3.2 GPA and financial need are requirements. See Guidance for more information.

College Financial Aid

Important Dates: **May 1, 2019** – Deadline to Apply for 4 year college applicants; **August 1, 2019** – Deadline to apply for community colleges, trade school & 1 year Nursing School applicants.

Important FSA ID Acquisition: Students and at least one of their parents must secure a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) to use as an electronic signature when completing the FAFSA online. It is best to obtain the FSA ID before accessing the FAFSA for completion. This service is provided at the Website <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>.

PSAT Testing

The results for the PSAT 2017 have been e-mailed to all freshmen, sophomores and juniors, who participated in the PSAT/NSMQT testing. We will be arranging for a time to review and interpret the results with all students after the Christmas break. The results are crucial for SAT preparation.

FROM THE **ART** DEPARTMENT: “Winter Wonderland”

The Christmas gala results are in and Nativity's tree was awarded “The People's Choice Award”. Congratulations to Evelyn Datte, Madison Wytovich, Noelle Brutts, Elizabeth Newton and Lindsay Purcell who made the ornaments and decorated the tree during their Thanksgiving break.

The Republican Herald has announced the winners in the 2019 Artist of the Month Contest. Lydia Green, artist of the month for February, will have her design and biography published in the January 27th edition of the newspaper. The artist of the month for December, 2019 is Gwen Lehprasant, who's art work is entitled Ho!Ho!Ho!



FROM THE FRENCH DEPARTMENT:

French 1, French 2 and advanced French enjoyed crepes before leaving for Christmas break. Each student prepared their own crepe using an authentic crepe pan. Joining in this French experience were students from two of the art classes. After all, many famous artists hail from France.
Joyeux noel et Bonne ann'ee

NATIVITY MUSIC NOTES

After a very successful Christmas concert by the Nativity Band, Nativity Concert Chorus, and combined Partner School Band, the Music Department will now be preparing for several music festivals and the Spring Concert in May. Nativity Band members from Assumption BVM School will go to Lebanon Valley College January 10th for the LVC Middle School Band Festival. Stanley Gorski, Joshua Steffan, Connor McGowan, and Aleksandr Gorski will join with about 200 other middle school students in preparing music for a concert to be presented at 7 PM that evening.

Eight Nativity High School band and chorus members will travel to Berks Catholic H. S. January 9th for the day to get acquainted with the music to be performed at the Diocesan Music Festival Concert Saturday February 2nd at 2 PM at Berks Catholic H. S. Representing Nativity will be Jacob Challenger, Ace Christian, Kaitlyn Bowers, Sean Crane, Asha Thomas, Phuong To, Sally Ngo, and Hairou Li.

Jacob Challenger will also represent Nativity as an accompanist in the Schuylkill County Chorus Festival at Pine Grove H. S. and in the trumpet section in the Schuylkill County Band Festival which will be hosted by Nativity the beginning of March.

The Nativity Music Department offers sincere appreciation for the support of the Nativity community for arts education in our schools.



STUDENT COUNCIL

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK - 2019

Monday, January 28, 2019 –

Celebrating Our School Community

We open our Catholic Schools Week by bringing our community together to celebrate the holy sacrifice of the Mass. There will be donuts distributed to bus drivers and van drivers to thank them.

Tuesday, January 29, 2019 –

Celebrating Our Wonderful Students

We celebrate the gift of our wonderful students by treating them to a dress down day of Nativity spirit wear and a dodgeball tournament!

Wednesday, January 30, 2019 –

Celebrating Our Blessed Nation

We celebrate our nation with a special assembly about homeland security with a guest speaker. We will also treat everyone to hot chocolate at lunch!

Thursday, January 31, 2019 –

Celebrating The Gift of Vocations

We will have a special guest presentation regarding vocations and there will be a dress down day with a donation given to support vocations!

Friday, February 1, 2019 –

Celebrating Our Faculty and Staff

We will be treating all of our devoted faculty and staff to lunch during their lunch periods to thank them for their hard work and dedication to the students of Nativity.

** All morning prayers during this week will be tailored to the themes of each day!

ATTENTION PARENTS OF JUNIORS:



Ring Mass will be on April 25, 2019. Brochures for ring styles and the Nativity Cross were distributed to students in October, 2018. In order to ensure that rings and/or crosses are delivered on time, the last day to have orders into Sophy Jewlers, Saint Clair, is Friday, March 1, 2019. If you have any questions or concerns, please email Ms. Reynolds at jreynolds@nativitybvm.net.

GREEN & GOLD NEWS:



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Thank you to everyone who donated food, their time and gift cards to the Gift Card Bingo. We had a great crowd and thanks to your donations we made over \$3,000.00.

Our first event in January is on January 6th. It is the Surf and Turf Bingo. There is a \$20.00 entrance fee for Bingo. Doors open at 11:30 AM with Bingo beginning at 1:00 PM. Prizes will include gift cards from Marlin Markets, Tony's Meats and Adelpia Seafood.

Next Meeting: On Saturday, January 19th at noon we will be having our first Chinese Auction planning meeting! Please join us!

Wishing our Nativity Family a Blessed and Happy New Year!



Nativity B.V.M. High School 29th Annual Raffle Winners List

First Prize - \$20,000.00: #271 – TOM SCHOFFSTALL

Second Prize - \$100.00 each:

#186 – Bill Coyne – Schuylkill Haven, PA
 #171 – Fran Bedway – Schuylkill Haven, PA
 #118 – William H. Makovsky, Zionsville, PA
 # 113 – Camille Afshani (Graf), Williamsville, NY
 # 317 – Doug Naftzinger, Auburn, PA
 #119 – Richard S. Sotak, Emmaus, PA
 #170 – Joe & Patti Penkunas, Wake Forest, NC
 #194 – Scott Fellows, Pottsville, PA
 #060 – R. Derenzo, Auburn, PA
 #253 – Carolyn Tobin, Branchdale, PA
 #251 – Joe Wayne, Girardville, PA
 #064 – Kathy Cossuto, Norwalk, CT
 #109 – U.P & B.D. Pottsville, PA
 #044 – Mary Mongilutz, Allentown, PA
 #187 – Susan Klosinski, Schuylkill Haven, PA
 #157 - Pat & Bernie Boran, Orwigsburg, PA
 #394 – Lisa Wehr, Minersville, PA
 #391 – Robert McHale, Bernville, PA
 #105 – Marilyn Haffey, Westminster, CO
 #283 – Ferenchick, Pottsville, PA
 #107 – Stephen J. Yambor, Northampton, PA
 #254 – Arlene Leitzel, Barnesville, PA
 #039 – Rev. James P. Thomas, Belleville, IL
 #534 – Robin Reiley, Pottsville, PA
 #413 – Jim Markus, Middleport, PA
 #433 – Janet Zem, Palo Alto, PA
 #344 – Jane Cook, Pottsville, PA
 #195 – Francis Piccioni, Pottsville, PA
 #232 – Mohan Family, Hegins, PA
 #150 – Terrence Feeley, Etters, PA
 #496 – Cathy Carpenito, Pottsville, PA
 #441 – Raymond Dee, Naples, FL
 #196 – Michael Sausser, Schuylkill Haven PA
 #392 – Kathleen Shelcusky, Woodstown, NJ

\$500 Nativity Scholarship – Jake Kuperavage

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to everyone who helped to make our annual fundraiser a **HUGH SUCCESS**. It is a team effort and parents, sellers and purchasers are to be commended!
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS!

Sue Eckley

Mrs. Sue Eckley
 Coordinator

Sharon Modesto

Mrs. Sharon Modesto
 Chairperson

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.allentown.org and click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right-hand corner of the page.

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