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MAY NEWSLETTER 2021



**Mary, Patroness of our school,
 Pray for Us!**

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL:

The month of May is devoted to Mary, the Patroness of our school. We thank Mary for giving us our Savior and we implore that she continues to intercede on our behalf. Please continue to pray for the end of this COVID-19 pandemic.

The end of this school year finds us trying to find normalcy. We are busy preparing for the close of the 2020-2021 academic year, the preparation for the 2021-2022 school year, and of course Graduation, Baccalaureate and other activities. It is always a time of mixed emotions as our seniors are winding down their high school careers. We are sad to see the seniors graduate but happy that they are moving on to the next part of their lives. For most it involves college, but for all of them it will be a time of change and challenge. They will embark on a new journey, one that leads to their futures. We wish them the best of luck and will keep them in our prayers.

The final day of school for our underclassmen is Wednesday, June 9th. Please see the schedule for the end of the year in this newsletter. We hope that the summer brings us closer to the end of this pandemic and we ask God to bless us throughout the summer. I hope that everyone has a great summer!

Mrs Lynn A. Sabal

We welcome the Class of 2025! Make sure to read the newsletter for important information!

Liturgical Calendar

Thursday, May 13th - Liturgy, Ascension and May Procession

Thursday, May 27th - Liturgy

Baccalaureate Mass & Graduation - Tuesday, June 8th @ 7 PM

Please note that Main Office Summer Hours are from 8:30 AM – 1:30 AM. These hours begin on Thursday, June 10th until August 16th.



Congratulations Seniors Class of 2021



The following students were named **Schuylkill Scholars**: Connor Denion, Sam Sterns, Alexander Mathers and Keegan Brennan, Marcus Vaupel and Cooper Chiplonia.

The following students were honored virtually as **Bishop's Catholic Scholars** on May 6th: Samantha Heenan and Cooper Chiplonia.

Valedictorian, Salutatorian and Principal's Honor Roll will be announced following mid-quarter progress reports.

Governance Board Update

Our Governance Board has been diligently working on our behalf. We are continuing to look for new sources of scholarship money to help all of our students. Enrollment continues to be the most important part of our efforts. It will ensure Nativity's bright future on the "Hill". We all must spread the good news about Nativity in our communities. **There are many possible students in our parishes and hometowns that just need to hear about Nativity and all it has to offer.** Please help us to "Spread the Good News"!!!

Important Upcoming Dates:

May 6th – Bishop's Catholic Scholar Virtual Ceremony @ 4:30 PM

May 11th – Spring Band and Chorus Concert

May 13th – Liturgy and May Processions

May 20th – May 23rd – School Play – "Into the Woods"

May 28th – SR/JR Prom - Last academic class day for Seniors

June 1st – Senior Exams, Locker Cleanout and Cap & Gown Distribution

June 2nd - Exams all students

June 3rd – Exams all students

June 4th – Exams – underclassmen – Seniors do not report to school

June 7th – Senior Practice @ 9 AM - Juniors report normal time with early dismissal @ Noon

June 8th – Baccalaureate/Graduation @ 7 PM - Sophomores report @ normal time with early dismissal @ Noon

June 9th – All underclassmen report for Closing Exercises and Liturgy with dismissal at 11:00 AM

IMPORTANT FINANCIAL INFORMATION

A reminder that all Financial obligations, tuition and fundraising must be met in order for students to receive progress reports.

SENIORS: All financial and academic requirements must be met in order to participate in graduation exercises and attend the prom. Please refer to the senior letter which was mailed in April.



Help!

We would like to freshen up the grounds around the building for Baccalaureate and Graduation. If you are able to help or donate towards the project, please contact Mrs. Sabol.



FROM THE STUDIES OFFICE

Progress Reports for the 4th quarter will be emailed on May 5th. Parents should be aware that these reports 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 and/or summer school.

Report cards for underclassmen will be distributed and emailed on Wednesday, June 9, 2021.

Senior report cards will be distributed after the graduation ceremony and will be mailed, if they are not ready for distribution after graduation ceremonies.

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. Please contact Mrs. Sabol or Mr. Naffin (Studies) at 622-8110.

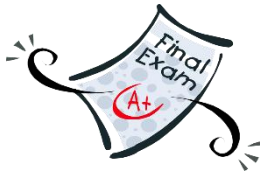
Students involved in the Dual Credit Program with Alvernia University will receive information on transcript requests in a separate mailing.

AP tests will be administered from May 4th through May 14th.

AP Schedule is as follows:

- Tuesday, May 4th – AP Calculus AB
- Wednesday, May 5th – AP English Literature
- Thursday, May 6th – AP US History
- Wednesday, May 12th – AP English Language
- Friday, May 14th – AP Biology

All AP Fees are due by Monday, May 3rd.



FINAL EXAMS

Final exams will be given this year, however, the exam will be a final test for the 4th quarter and will represent 20% of the 4th quarter average. The exam will only include academic material taught during the 4th quarter. Please see the exam schedule below:

EXAM SCHEDULE

Tuesday, June 1st – Senior exams only periods 1 & 3

Wednesday, June 2nd – exams all students periods 2,5,7

Thursday, June 3rd – exams all students periods 4,8,6

Friday, June 4th – exams underclassmen only periods 1 & 3 ** Seniors do not report to school

FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

Acceptance Letters & Financial Packages - Seniors, please bring Mr. Rienzo copies of your acceptance letters and financial packages from **ALL** of the colleges/universities that have offered you acceptance. This is needed for graduation statistics, and must be turned in by May 3rd.

Do you want to compete in college sports? Join the NCAA Eligibility Center for their spring webinar for college-bound student-athletes and your families on Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Eastern. This webinar will teach you about the initial-eligibility requirements you must meet in order to study and play sports at an NCAA Division I or II school. Register at <https://pub.s1.exacttarget.com/txgw3ulvaay>

University of Scranton Business High School Scholars Virtual Information Session – Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Learn more about the opportunity to take a business course on campus this summer at a reduced tuition rate. Financial assistance for tuition and books may be available based on need. RSVP online at Scranton.edu/bhsscholars.

College Open Houses for Juniors – Many colleges/universities have Open Houses targeted at Juniors, soon to be Senior students. It is a great time to start looking. Summer also has many opportunities.

SAT Testing- June 5th is the last test for this spring semester. Get registered before the May 6th deadline. For practicing www.khanacademy.org is an excellent site, free of charge.



FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE:

2021 JUNE SWEEPSTAKES TICKETS are now available at Nativity.

Donation: \$10 each

Tickets are good for all 30 drawings in June

\$100 prize Monday to Friday

\$150 prize for Saturday & Sunday

\$300 prize on Father's Day

\$300 prize on First Day of Summer

ATTENTION FAMILIES:

Tuition assistance determinations will be made in late June 2021. Tuition Assistance will be posted to FACTS accounts by the middle of July. Please contact Mrs. Daubert with any questions. There is still time to apply for tuition assistance for the 2021-2022 school year.

CENTURY BENEFIT

Friday, June 4, 2021
 Cocktail Hour: 6:00PM
 Dinner 7:00 PM (choice of entrée)
 Mountain Valley Golf Course, Barnesville
 Cost: \$125.00
 Silent Auction

Music by DJ Chris Polm

Witness the Induction of the New Golden Cross Society recipients:

Dr. Patrick J. "PJ" Brennan '72
 Edward J. Donahue III '63
 Karen Ferenchick '81
 Michelle Stock Lewandowski '74
 Tom "Tipper" Lucas PCHS '55

A drawing for two \$250.00 Scholarships toward Nativity tuition for the 2021-2022 will be held for any parent who attends Century Benefit.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Jenn Daubert at 570-622-8110.

DEVELOPMENT NEWS**DAY OF GIVING**

We are looking forward to participating in the Schuylkill Gives program on May 14th! Schuylkill Gives is a 24-hour, online giving initiative designed to strengthen our Schuylkill County nonprofit community including Nativity BVM!

Mark your calendars for this day of giving. To participate on May 14th click on the link <https://www.schuylkillgives.com/organizations/nativity-bvm-high-school>.

Nativity BVM appreciates your support of this fun online fundraiser to be held on May 14th. Please remember to this share link with family and friends. As always, we appreciate your support.

SR/JR PROM

The Spring prom will be held at Mountain Valley Golf Course on Friday May 28, 2021. Please contact Mrs. Cassidy if you have any questions.

INTO THE WOODS

DRAMA CLUB

The Nativity Drama club will be putting on the musical “Into the Woods” on May 20, 21, 22 at 7:00pm and May 23 at 2:00 pm. The link for tickets is on the Nativity website. All social distancing and COVID guidelines will be in effect.



BAND & CHORUS CONCERT

Please join us for our spring Band & Chorus Concert on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 7:00 PM. All social distancing and COVID guidelines will be in effect.

Please support the Arts at Nativity BVM High School.

ATHLETIC NEWS

Boys Basketball

All State Team Class A

Kegan Hertz and Marquis Ratcliff - Co-Players of the year
Cody Miller was named to the First Team
Coach Mike Walborn was named Coach of the Year.

All Area Team

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Cody Miller was named to the First Team
Coach Mike Walborn was named Coach of the Year

Girls Basketball

All State 2nd Team

Samantha Heenan

All Area Team

Co-Player of the Year – Samantha Heenan

Pottsville Lion's Club MVP's

Football - Jake Hoffman

Boys Basketball – Kegan Hertz

Girls Basketball – Samantha Heenan

ART DEPARTMENT

In the June 27th edition of the Republican Herald, the biography, photo and art work of Joei Najunas will be featured on the calendar page. Joei was named artist of the month.

FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE

POT OF GOLD WINNERS – APRIL 7, 2021

\$250 – Dora Santarelli – Seller: Tyler Novack

\$150 – Schwalm – Seller: Kami Abdo

\$50 – Britney & Brianna Kenton- Seller: Kyle Kenton

\$50 – Tommy Bartashus Seller: Bella Bartashus

WINNERS: APRIL 28, 2021

\$250 – Dave Souchak – Seller :Kole Evans

\$150 – Bill Shergalis – Seller: Ryan Sickle

\$50 – Jacob- Kyle– Seller: Julie Misstishen

\$50 – Amy Jenkins – Seller: Kathleen Jenkins



FROM THE NURSE:

Children in **ALL** grades (K-12) need the following immunizations for attendance:

- 4 doses of tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis* (1 dose on or after 4th birthday)
- 4 doses polio (4th dose on or after 4th birthday and at least 6 months after previous dose)
- 2 doses of measles, mumps and rubella**
- 3 doses of hepatitis B
- 2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) or evidence of immunity

*Usually given as DTaP, DTP or DT or Td

** Usually given as MMR

Additionally Required to ENTER 7th Grade:

- 1 dose TDaP (tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis)
- 1 dose MCV₄ (Meningococcal)

Required to ENTER 12th Grade

- 2 doses MCV₄ (Meningococcal)

This is **needed to enter** school their senior year or risk exclusion.

Required to ENTER 10th Grade

You will be receiving a two sided form regarding physicals. It is required by law that 11th grade students have a physical examination. This would be the prime opportunity to receive the required vaccination and have the physical form filled out. Have the form completed by your doctor and return it to school by January 31, 2022.

GREEN & GOLD

The Green and Gold is still thinking about the summer carnival, but we are not 100% sure if we are having it yet due to Covid-19. We are thinking about different fundraisers to do in place of it. If you have any ideas please let us know.

The Green and Gold Boosters would like to thank all the parents and students for all your help. We could not do this without your help.



SCHOOL STORE

SUMMER HOURS for the school store will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 11:30 AM until 1:00 PM. Additionally: The swap shop could use a few items. Please consider donating uniforms which no longer fit or are not needed.

DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC
Direct Telephone: (800) 791-9209

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.

OFFICE OF SAFE ENVIRONMENT

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Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service

If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or by calling 800-276-1562.

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 is 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.