

NATIVITY BVM HIGH SCHOOL NEWS
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OCTOBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

The month of October brings many changes. Leaves change color, the temperature drops and the 1st marking period of the academic year comes to a close. As we move quickly through this everchanging school year, we must thank God for the ability to be in-person with our students! The ability to see them every day is a blessing. As Catholic High School students, the young men and women at Nativity continue to build themselves through their faith and their dedication to excellence. We continue to encourage our students academically, spiritually, athletically and socially to be the best they can be.

Mrs Lynn A Sabol

Important Dates

School is closed on Monday, October 11th for a teacher in-service day.

Help Needed!

We are in need of a part-time Music teacher and Math teacher. Please contact Mrs. Sabol for more information.

“Call to Protect” Program

Two sessions of the “Call to Protect” seminar will be held on October 22nd for 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.

COVID-19 Protocols

Students are required to wear masks at all times. We are grateful for the cooperation of our students and their families as we continue to ensure that our students are safe. We continue to practice social distancing and follow all protocols to ensure a safe environment for the Nativity community.

School Safety

The administration and faculty strive to ensure that students are safe and secure while at school. All common areas are disinfected regularly during the school day and classroom desks are sanitized regularly. 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 to prepare students for the possibility of an earthquake.

Additionally, to ensure the safety of all 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 of our utmost concern.

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.

Finances

It is imperative for the financial stability of the school that everyone makes tuition and fundraising payments on time. If there is a concern, please contact Mrs. Young in the financial office. All students must be up to date with tuition, fees and fundraising in order to participate in activities.

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.***

Math Club

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.

ATHLETIC NEWS

Congratulations to Boys Soccer coach Ed Burke on his 50th win against Williams Valley. Great job Coach!!

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 4th through October 15th. All winter clothing must be washed and cleaned before being brought to school. Additionally, all donated items will be sanitized. 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.

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.

Please look over the October calendar for many important liturgical events and school activities. Dates for fall sports playoffs are not finalized yet and will be updated as needed.

FROM THE STUDIES OFFICE

Progress Reports will be emailed on Wednesday, October 6th. Hopefully, your student is progressing well but if not, 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 29th. Report cards will be distributed on Friday, November 5th. There will be a Parent Conference Night on **Monday, November 15th**, to discuss your student's progress in all classes. These conferences will be by appointment only. More information will follow.

Congratulations to Nativity Senior, Fletcher Eades, who was awarded Letter of Commendation by the National Merit Scholarship Program for Outstanding performance on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test in 2020.

SKI CLUB

We are looking for a parent to take over as the ski club coordinator. Please call the office if you are interested.

GREEN AND GOLD

The Green and gold would like to thank everyone who donated to our yard sale. Unfortunately, it was not as successful as we hoped it would be. Thank you to all for helping us.

The month of November we will be selling the Gift Card Calendars. Anyone who would like to donate a \$25.00 gift card, it would be greatly appreciated. We will be mailing out 5 calendars to each family to sell but if you could sell more, please ask Mrs. Yaneck in the main office and she will get more for you. The cost will be \$10.00 each.

We are also getting ready for our big fundraiser- the \$20,000 raffle. Tickets are \$100 and only 550 tickets will be sold. If you are interested in selling them, please let Mrs. Yaneck in the office know. For every 5 tickets you sell, you will receive a chance to win a \$500 tuition award.

SCHOOL STORE- New items have added to the store which include Black Nativity Green Wave Football Hoodies, Gold Nativity blanket and Green Wave Beanie Hats.

Soft Pretzels will now be sold every Wednesday. Price is \$1.25 for a pretzel and .75 for a dip.

Reminder that Nativity Masks (\$4.00) and Sport passes (\$50 - Adult and \$25- Students) are available in the store.

Dig pink volleyball T-shirts will be available for sale in the store for the October 7th Dig Pink game.

Certificate program- Gift certificates, as always, are available in the school store or by text to Sue Eckley (570-640-0930). It is a great way to help with tuition cost. More info on upcoming Specials and Christmas Open House will be in the November Newsletter.

POT OF GOLD-

1 st - Carol Troutman	Seller- Caelan Quick
2 nd - Maria Stevens	Seller – Zach Pribish
3 rd – Diane McShaw	Seller- Abigail Schreppel
4 th - Kelly Gallagher	Seller - T. Kramer

HOMECOMING 2021

Good Luck to the following students who are running for Homecoming Queen and King of the Hill:

Homecoming Queen

Kami Abdo
Adrienne Barowski
Lauren Ferhat
Helena Fredericks
Riley Leskin

King of the Hill

Grant Lapachinsky
Cody Miller
Marquis Ratcliff
Charlie Schuster
Stephan Spolski

LUNCH MENU October 4th – 8th

Monday – Hot Dogs with toppings – Pierogies -Jello and a drink

Tuesday- Hoagies: Italian or Turkey w/ lettuce and tomato- chips Fruit and a drink

Wednesday- California Burger or cheeseburger French fries pudding and a drink

Thursday- Breaded chicken patty w/ lettuce and tomato- tater- tots cake and a drink

Friday- Macaroni and cheese Stewed tomatoes Roll and butter Dessert and a drink

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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 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.