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JANUARY 2022
NEWSLETTER

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

We ask God to continue to bless our Students, Parents, Families, Faculty, Staff and Administration through 2022. Scripture tells us that generation upon generation heard the “whisper” that Jesus would come to earth. They called him the Messiah, the Promised One, the Long-Awaited One. The “whisper of Jesus” was heard through the words of the prophets and countless people waited in joyful hope for his coming. Jesus is revealed to each of us in so many ways throughout our lives. Do we look for him in the encounters we have? Have we heard the whispers and roars of HIS love in our lives? Like the Magi, do we offer him homage and gifts from our hearts? Take a few minutes to reflect on how Jesus has come to you ~ perhaps in prayer, perhaps in the words or kindness of another person, perhaps in the stillness of your hearts. Look for him each day and allow the “whisper of his love” into your hearts.

As we move into the month of January, the Pandemic continues with the new omicron variant, however, we are moving forward and will be back in school on January 3, 2022. By working together and continuing to follow all safety protocols, Nativity students are able to continue academic instruction in school. Please know that until January 10, 2022, masks are required in school and at all school events. As per the letter you received via email from Dr. Fromuth, Superintendent of Schools, as of January 10, 2022, we will transition to a mask-recommended policy. Another copy of this letter is attached to the newsletter. Please know that the Nativity BVM High School administration, faculty and staff are hopeful that most families will continue to wear masks as it has been shown to be effective in mitigating the spread of COVID-19.

We will be returning to our traditional mandatory semester exam schedule in January. The schedule is listed below and students have been made aware of the upcoming exams. Our liturgical celebrations give us the opportunity to celebrate our faith together. At this time, parents are still permitted to join us for these liturgies on January 6, 2022 and on January 20, 2022, when we will induct our new members into the National Honor Society.

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 2022.

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

HAPPY 2022!

Mrs Lynn A Sabal



Liturgical Calendar for the Month of January

Thursday, January 6th – Liturgy

Friday, January 7th – First Friday Adoration

Thursday, January 20th – Liturgy – National Honor Society Induction

Important Calendar Dates

January 3, 2022 - School Re-opens and all Sports and Activities resume

January 11-13, 2022 – Early Dismissal @ 1 PM for Exams

January 14, 2022 – End of the 2nd Quarter

January 17, 2022 – School Closed – Teacher In-Service – Martin Luther King

January 18, 2022 – 3rd Quarter Begins

January 24, 2022 – Progress Reports Issued

January 30, 2022 – Open House and Registration 1-3 PM

January 30, 2022 - Catholic Schools Week begins

PLEASE NOTE: *In order for students to receive report cards, tuition payments and fundraising must be up to date.*



NOTES FROM THE ATTENDANCE OFFICE:

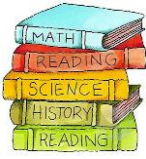
Parents please be aware of the **importance** of making a phone call to the attendance office, **before 8:45 AM**, when your student is absent. Also, if your student is going to be late because of an appointment, please call the attendance office and make us aware of the lateness. Additionally, if your 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.

Please make sure that your son or daughter is on time for school. They must be in their homeroom before the 8:15 AM bell rings. Students who are late 3 times must serve a detention. It is crucial that we emphasize the importance of being on time!



HELP NEEDED

Hess Catering is in desperate need of workers for the Nativity High School Cafeteria. These are part-time positions and would be great for someone who wants to work around a school schedule. It is also a great opportunity for a retired person to work part-time. If interested, please contact Sandy Hess at Hess Catering @ 570-385-5058.



NEWS FROM THE STUDIES OFFICE

First Semester Exams will take place January 11, 12, and 13.

The exam schedule will be:

Tuesday, January 11: Periods 3, 7 and 5

Wednesday, January 12: Periods 1, 4 and 6

Thursday, January 13: Periods 2 and 8

Please have students well rested and report on the day their exam is scheduled.

Exam Times

8:15- 8:30	Prayer/Announcements and Prep time
8:30 – 9:45	1 st Exam
9:45 – 10:00	Exam Preparation
10:00 – 11:15	2 nd Exam
11:15- 11:30	Exam Preparation
11:30 – 12:45	3 rd Exam

All exams will be 1 hour and 15 minutes long.

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.

PLEASE NOTE:

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

The second quarter will close on Friday, January 14 with report cards scheduled to be given to the students on Monday, January 24.

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

The parent portal will not be available from January 10 to January 24 for the preparation of report cards.

The third quarter will begin on Tuesday, January 18. Students will receive their third quarter schedules during the week of January 3 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



NEWS FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Nativity is currently accepting inquiries for enrollment for the 2022-2023 school year. Individual meetings, school tours and the shadow days are being scheduled for possible enrollment. Please contact Mrs. Jenifer Daubert in the Development office with any enrollment questions. Advertising for enrollment for the next school year will soon be on Nativity's social media platforms.

OPEN HOUSE AND REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2022-2023 school year at Nativity is scheduled for Sunday, January 30, 2022 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 @ 570-622-8110 with any questions.



ATHLETIC NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS!

Volleyball:

Congratulations to Sophomore, Arianna Sherman, who was named to the PA Volleyball Coaches Association (PVCA) All-State Team for Class A.

Volleyball: All Area Team

Arianna Sherman – 2nd Team
Emma Bolich – Honorable Mention

Football: All Area Team

Noah Dolbin – Rookie of the Year
Cody Miller – 1st Team Defense

Schuylkill County Football Coaches Association All-Stars

Cody Miller – Dream Team Defense, 2nd team Kicker, 1st Team Defense
Stephan Spolski – 2nd Team Offense, 2nd Team Defense
Liam Reilly – 2nd Team Offense
Noah Dolbin – 2nd Team Offense, 2nd Team Defense
Jack Miller – 2nd Team Defense

PA Coaches All State Team Class 1A

Cody Miller – 2nd Team - Athlete

Boys Soccer: All Area Team

Michael Kadziela – First Team- Midfielder

Girls Soccer: All Area Team

Grace Fenstermacher – First Team- Forward



FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE

POT OF GOLD WINNERS

DECEMBER 3, 2021

1 st)	Mary Pontician	seller: Trent Firestone
2 nd	Katherine Lucas	seller: Miranda Burkot
3 rd)	Mary Messerschmidt	seller Carly Brunn
4 th)	Mark Schropp	seller Lillie Schropp



GUIDANCE OFFICE NEWS

A Message from the Director of Guidance, Mrs. Brensinger

“Let our New Year’s resolution be this: we will be there for one another as fellow members of humanity, in the finest sense of the word.” -Goran Persson

I wish all of the Nativity Families a very Happy New Year!

Please feel free to contact me at any time via email at guidance@nativitybvm.net

Scholarship Information

Attention Junior and Senior Families, I wanted to remind you that the Guidance Page on the Nativity website has a full packet of scholarships that is updated in real time. View the full packet here

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Ln57Dw8fBs7baCNPMeAeZOF_gMRjvceGIOR5JO3kJwM/edit?usp=sharing

College Financial Aid Night Recording

Please view the recording of the December 7th Financial Aid Webinar here:

Webex event recording: Financial Aid Presentation

Password to view the recording: uQkpn2i3

[Recording Link Here](#)

PSAT Testing

PSAT scores were released online in December. To see scores online and get test performance feedback, students will need to log in to or create a College Board account online (go to studentscores.collegeboard.org). Paper score reports will not be handed out, as College Board is no longer mailing them to the schools. The PSAT is great preparation for the SAT. Student scores un-lock free, personalized practice through Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy. Visit satpractice.org, create an account, and link your College Board and Khan Academy accounts for a plan based on your test results.

STC Enrollment for Spring 2023

Students in the Class of 2023 and 2024 who are interested in attending STC in the Spring of 2023, must sign up by Mrs. Brensinger office by January 10th, families are encouraged to attend the STC Open House on March 23rd, to tour and visit the various shops. Please note, only Juniors and Seniors are eligible to attend STC, and it is only during the Spring semester. Email any questions: guidance@nativitybvm.net

FROM THE **ART** DEPARTMENT

The Republican Herald has released the names of each artist of the month for 2022.

Congratulations to:

Olivia Rugh- March

Mikaya Beadle- June

Cienna Centano- November

Their art work and bios will appear in the newspaper on the calendar page.

GREEN & GOLD NEWS

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

A complete list of the winners will be published in next month's newsletter.

We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you to everyone for all your support throughout the year!!

DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC

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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 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