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MAY NEWSLETTER 2022



Mary, Patroness of our School

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL:

The end of this school year finds us welcoming a return to normal. We are busy preparing for the close of the 2021-2022 academic year, the preparation for the 2022-2023 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 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 people of Ukraine and the end of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The final day of school for our underclassmen is Tuesday, June 7, 2022. 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 these next few months. I hope that everyone has a great summer!

Mrs Lynn A. Sabal

We welcome the Class of 2026! Make sure to read the newsletter for important information!

Liturgical Calendar

Thursday, May 12th -
Thursday, May 26th -
Thursday, June 2nd -
Friday, June 3rd -

Liturgy and May Procession
Liturgy, Feast of the Ascension
Baccalaureate Mass @ 7 PM
Commencement @ 7 PM

Please note that Main Office Summer Hours are from 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM. These hours begin on Wednesday, June 8th until August 15th. The Main Office will be closed Friday, July 1st, and Monday, July 4th for the holiday.



Congratulations Seniors, Class of 2022



The Valedictorian for the Class of 2022 is Seth Krammes and the Salutatorian is Jacob Challenger.

The Principal's Honor Roll for the Class of 2022 is: Seth Krammes, Jacob Challenger, Kieran Seven, Fletcher Eades, Riley Cassidy and Hayden Daubert.

The following students were named **Schuylkill Scholars**: Seth Krammes, Jacob Challenger, Kieran Seven, Fletcher Eades, Riley Cassidy and Hayden Daubert.

The following students were honored on April 30th as **Bishop's Catholic Scholars**: Helena Fredericks and Fletcher Eades.

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 12th – Liturgy and May Processions
- May 12th – May 15th – School Play – “Something Rotten”
- May 15th – Female Scholar Athlete Banquet
- May 16th – School Closed**
- May 19th – Field Day
- May 20th – Class Trips
- May 24th – Last Academic Day for Seniors
- May 25th – Senior Locker Clean-Out and Practice for Baccalaureate and Graduation
- May 26th – Senior Exams and Liturgy – Feast of the Ascension
- May 27th – SR/JR Prom – School Closed**
- May 30th – School Closed Memorial Day**
- May 31st – Exams all students – Early Dismissal @ 12:50 PM
- June 1st – Exams all students – Early Dismissal @ 12:50 PM
- June 2nd – Exams all students – Early Dismissal @ 12:50 PM – **Baccalaureate Mass @ 7 PM**
- June 3rd – Juniors only report – Early Dismissal @ Noon - **Commencement Exercises @ 7 PM**
- June 6th – Sophomores and Freshmen Report – Early Dismissal @ Noon
- June 7th – 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 report cards.

SENIORS: All financial, academic and service hour 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.

FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE

POT OF GOLD WINNERS – APRIL 7, 2022

\$250 – LJH – Seller: Rugh

\$150 – Jess Huumanick-Murphy– Seller: Trent Firestone

\$50 – Alice Eisenhart- Seller: Autumn Gehrman

\$50 – Greg Sagan- Seller: Nick Sagan



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

Studies Office

Deficiency notices for the 4th quarter were emailed on April 20th. Parents should be aware that these deficiencies 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.

Parents and students are reminded that attendance for examinations is mandatory. No student will be excused from any session. There will be early dismissal for all students on Tuesday, May 31st through Tuesday, June 7th. The seniors will also have an early dismissal on Thursday, May 26th, when they start their final exams.

Final examinations will be given Tuesday, May 31st, through Thursday, June 2nd, for all students. Seniors will start their final examinations on Thursday, May 26th.

The schedule is as follows:

Thursday, May 26: Periods 2 and 8 – seniors only

Tuesday, May 31: Periods 3, 7, and 5 – all students

Wednesday, June 1: Periods 1, 4, and 6 – all students

Thursday, June 2: Periods 2 and 8 - underclassmen

Report cards for underclassmen will be distributed on Thursday, June 7, 2022. 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 regard 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 May 3rd –18th. Students taking an AP class **must** take the exam for their course and should be sure to be present on the day of the exam. All AP payments were due by April 29, 2022.

AP Schedule is:

Tuesday, May 3rd – Psychology
 Wednesday, May 4 – Literature and Composition (morning) and Computer Science A (afternoon)
 Thursday, May 5 – Statistics
 Friday, May 6 – US History
 Monday, May 9 – Calculus AB
 Tuesday, May 10 – Language and Composition
 Wednesday, May 11 – Biology
 Friday, May 13 – Music Theory
 Wednesday, May 18 – Computer Science A

ATTENTION PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF SOPHOMORES:

Ring Mass will be held next year during the fall semester. Brochures for ring styles were distributed to students after we returned from Christmas break. In order to ensure that rings and/or crosses are delivered on time, the last day to have orders into Herff-Jones is Sunday, May, 1, 2022. A web address to place your order went out in a one-call. Rings do not need to be ordered from Herff-Jones if you would prefer to order from a local jeweler. If you have any questions or concerns, please email Ms. Reynolds at jreynolds@nativitybvm.net.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

We would like to take the opportunity to thank all who participated in the St. Fidelis Fund tickets sales. We wish good luck to those who are in the drawing. For any winners, we will be in contact with you. Also, we will be having our elections for class and central office in the beginning of May. We look forward to seeing who next year's leaders will be. Good luck to all students running!

INTERACT CLUB

The Interact Club will host the spring Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, May 9th. Members of the Interact Club will also be sponsoring Field day on Thursday, May 19th.

FRENCH CLASS

French classes are anxiously awaiting their end-of-the-year cooking lesson. Students will prepare cheese fondue dipping cubes of a French baguette into the mixture.

Items of their choice such as chips, caramels, marshmallows etc. can then be coated with the chocolate fondue. The list is endless. In the past, surprisingly, orange sections have been voted the best!



ART DEPARTMENT

Congratulations to Riley McDonald whose art work of Beetlejuice was selected to be on the Beetlejuice Fan Art Mural on Broadway!!! Riley was also interviewed by Channel 16 along with her art teacher, Mrs. Schwenk.

The 2022 Congressional Art Competition invited high school students to submit artwork that complied with regulations established by their local congressmen.

Our congressman, Dan Meuser (PA-09), required that submissions be a reflection of Pennsylvania. Winning artwork from this competition will be sent to Washington D.C., where it will hang in the Cannon Tunnel of the U.S. Capitol for one year.

Senior, Olivia Rugh, entered her art piece entitled “A Brisk Day in PA” done in cray-pas to Congressman Meuser’s office.

A reception will be held May 3rd at the Walk in Art Center to announce the winner.
Good Luck Liv!!



FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE:

2022 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 2022. Tuition Assistance will be posted to STS accounts by the middle of July. Please contact Mrs. Daubert with any questions. There is still time to apply for tuition assistance for the 2022-2023 school year.

DAY OF GIVING

We are looking forward to participating in the Schuylkill Gives program on May 11th through 12th! Schuylkill Gives is a 24-hour, online giving initiative designed to strengthen our Schuylkill County nonprofit community including Nativity BVM!

Mark your calendars for these days of giving. To participate on May 11th to 12th, 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 11th to 12th. Please remember to this share link with family and friends. As always, we appreciate your support.

ATHLETIC NEWS

Congratulations to Marquis Ratcliff for winning the Holland Award for the second year in a row! Congratulations Marquis!!!

Congratulations to Senior Kami Abdo, who was named to the Republican-Herald Honorable Mention Team for Girls Basketball!

Tutoring Opportunity!

Mr. Lisella, Theology Department Chairperson, is providing an opportunity open to all new and current students for tutoring in Theology during the summer months. More information about topics and schedule will follow in the summer newsletter! If you have any questions, or would like more information about this immediately, please contact Mr. Lisella directly at dliella@nativitybvm.net or call (570) 622-8110 and leave a message for him in the Main Office. God bless you!

FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

A Message from the Director of Guidance, Mrs. Brensinger



As we enter the last full month of school, students are reminded to visit Guidance. Preparing for finals can be very stressful and I am happy to help students create a plan to help them get organized.

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

Dates to Remember:

PACAC College Fairs: <https://www.pacac.org/college-fairs-recordings>

Senior Graduation Requirement-May 3rd, copies of all college acceptance letters and financial aid offers are due to the Guidance Office. Please, if you have not yet completed the graduation survey, [Click Here](#)

SAT Testing this year: June 4th (Deadline to Register is May 5th)

College Commitments

After committing to your college of choice, be sure to contact the Financial Aid Office via email to see if they have any additional scholarships or grants available for you. When the dust settles with acceptances there may still be funds available.

Scholarships

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

Additional opportunities through Schuylkill Area Community Foundation.

-https://www.sacfoundation.com/other_funding_sources.htm

-<https://www.sacfoundation.com/scholarships.htm>

Important Information about Academic Accommodations!

Service Plans

Student support plans are reviewed and renewed on a yearly basis. For students in need of learning supports Nativity has two (2) plans to meet their needs.

- 1.) Equitable Participation Service Plan (EPSP) is similar to an Individualized Education Plan (IEP). It is available to students that have been evaluated by a psychologist and have met the necessary criteria.
- 2.) Student Support Plan (SSP) is similar to a 504 plan. It is available to students that have been evaluated by a psychologist and have not met all the necessary criteria but still need support to be successful.

If you have any concerns or questions about student support plans, please contact Al Bobinas, Ed. D. at: abobinas@nativitybvm.net

PSAT and SAT Accommodations through College Board

Please contact Mrs. Brensinger in Guidance if you have a Service Plan in place and are looking for accommodations for the PSAT or SAT. This is a 7-week process at minimum, so parents are encouraged to reach out immediately. Parents will need to fill out the Consent form located on the College Board website and give it to the office for Mrs. Brensinger : <https://accommodations.collegeboard.org/request-accommodations/request/through-the-school>

If you need additional help please contact Mrs. Brensinger at guidance@nativitybvm.net

Attention New Students: If you had a learning plan prior to enrolling at Nativity, please be sure to bring a copy to the office for Dr. Bobinas. We ask that you give us a copy of the plan and a copy of the Evaluation/Re-evaluation. Thank you.



Nativity Prom and Promenade: Friday, May 27, 2022

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| 3-4:10 pm | Photographs at Nativity BVM High School - Campus Ministry room (students only, please) or outdoors at Nativity High School as weather permits. Exact location will be determined by the photographer. |
| 4:15 | Line Up for Grand March on the stage – please check Guest List for your Position number. |
| 4:30-5:30 | Promenade: Nativity BVM High School Gym |
| 6-10:00 pm | Formal Spring Prom: Kemfort’s Cottage: 810 West Bunting Street, Pottsville, PA |

***Students and Parents, Please Note:** Nativity BVM is committed to preserving a safe, drug and alcohol-free environment for our students. In accordance with this commitment, Nativity BVM reserves the right to administer random sobriety tests to students at all school functions. Please be advised that we take the safety of our students very seriously. Policy details are listed in the student handbook. If you have further questions, please call the school at 570-622-8110.

Masking is Optional: Masks are encouraged, but not required. If you are feeling ill, please do not enter the school.



DRAMA CLUB

The Nativity Drama club will be putting on the musical “Something Rotten” on May 12, 13, 14 and 15 at 7:00 PM. The link for tickets is on the Nativity Facebook page.

GREEN & GOLD

The basket auction will be held May 7th and 8th. Saturday, May 7th, the doors open for shop and drop at 4:00 PM. Sunday the doors open at 10:00 AM with the auction starting at 2:00 PM. Please come out and support us as we raise funds for the school to assist with all activities at NBVM.

If you bring a food item or baked good, please remember to sign up for your student to receive a service hour.

We would like to thank all of you for your help and support throughout the school year. We would not be able to accomplish our goals without your help.

SCHOOL STORE

A contract was signed with Flynn and O’Hara Uniforms this week. As expected, you will see a slight increase in prices for the next school year. Order forms will be available in June. **Note...** You can take advantage of the In-stock uniform sale going on for the month of May before prices increase. Below will be the new prices for the 2022-2023 school year.

Short Sleeve Golf Shirts	\$30	Long Sleeve Golf Shirts	\$31
Short Sleeve Banded	\$35	Long Sleeve Banded	\$36
Dry Fit Shirts	\$31	Cardigan Sweaters	\$44
Green Vest	\$37	Pullover Sweaters	\$42
Skirts	\$56	Shorts	\$29

Swap Shop

We could use a few items. Any uniforms that no longer fit or students who are graduating, please consider dropping them off at the school office.

Pretzel sales

The school store was able to give Nativity High School \$1500 from our famous pretzel sales.

Thank You's

A special thank you to parents, Amanda Rymarkiewicz, Sharon Modesto, Amy Jenkins and Erin Heckman for helping with school store this year.

A special thank you to Grace Fenstermacher, Grant Lapachinsky and Jasir Jones who came in every day to help with second lunch and Lillie Schropp, Olivia Rugh, Etain Hatch and Miranda Burkot who periodically came in to wrap candy or work the front counter.

Certificate Program News:

We will be crediting your accounts again in the beginning of May from earnings in March and April.

Any questions, please contact:

Sue Eckley (School Store Coordinator) at 570-640-0930

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.