

NATIVITY BVM HIGH SCHOOL
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NEWSLETTER



WELCOME BACK!!

Values Then... Values Now... Value Forever....

I hope everyone had a relaxing and productive summer break! We look forward to opening school on August 29, 2022. We will continue cleaning protocols that were in place last year and we are confident that we can provide a safe and healthy environment for all of our students, faculty and staff. As we move forward, please know we will continue the many traditions that are a part of Nativity, always mindful of safety protocols as they relate to the safety of our students.

Our Catholic Faith is at the heart of the educational process at Nativity. Nativity High School offers an exceptional educational experience for our students. We receive constant positive feedback from our graduates and we know that we are helping to produce vibrant, energetic, hardworking and successful young adults.

We are hoping for a school year full of positive excitement and renewal of our Catholic faith, great academic achievements, success on the athletic fields, promotion of music and the arts and exceptional participation in all activities. With God's help we continue to strive for excellence in everything we do.

The Nativity community working together ensures this success. All of our hard work and the dedication of our parents, alumni and friends have enabled us to move forward. As a family, we treasure our traditions and constantly create new and exciting programs for our students. As we continue throughout this school year let us keep our theme in mind. There is no substitute for a Catholic school where Catholic values are lived every day.

Mrs Lynn A Sabol

Mrs. Lynn Sabol

Summer Hours: The Main Office will be open from 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM through August 19th. Beginning August 22nd, the Main Office will return to regular hours from 7:30 AM – 3:45 PM.

WELCOME

We are excited to start the 2022-2023 school year with some new Faculty and Staff members. Please welcome Mrs. Roxana Achach our new Spanish teacher. Also, a special welcome to Ms. Kaylee Clauser, our new full-time music teacher. It has been several years since we were able to hire a full-time music teacher. Ms. Clauser will be teaching music at Nativity and at Assumption BVM and St. Nicholas Schools. We are looking forward to a resurgence in our music program, band and chorus!

BEST WISHES

We wish good luck to Mrs. Lori Cassidy as she leaves Nativity for another school. We thank her for all of her time and talent she shared with us!

STAFFING

We are in the process of hiring an English teacher and should have someone in place within a week. We are still looking for a Part-Time Business teacher. If you know of anyone who is interested, please contact the school office.



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Freshmen and New Parent Orientation – Sunday, August 28, 2022 @ 6:00 PM in the cafeteria.

***** Please note this is only for parents of incoming freshmen and new students to Nativity.**

Fall Sports Pep-Rally – Sunday, August 28, 2022 @ 7 PM in the gym – All are invited!

The following is the schedule for the 1st week of school. Please note that all days are full class days.

Monday, August 29, 2022 –	Freshmen
Tuesday, August 30, 2022 –	Sophomores
Wednesday, August 31, 2022-	Juniors
Thursday, September 1, 2022 -	Seniors
Friday, September 2, 2022 -	All students report

Monday, September 5, 2022 – School Closed – Labor Day

Wednesday, September 7, 2022 – Back to School Night – 6:30 PM

Thursday, September 8, 2022 – Opening of School Mass

Friday, September 9, 2022 – Atty. General Presentation

Thursday, September 15, 2022 – College Financial Aid Night @ 6:00 PM

Thursday, September 22, 2022 – Liturgy – Student Council Installation



From the Dean's Office

We are all looking forward to the new school year; we cannot wait to see some fresh new faces as well as our returning students. Please remember to make sure you are ready for your first day of school which includes:

- No facial piercings at all; no ear piercings for boys
- Natural colored hair
- Boys- hair trimmed above the eyebrows and above the collar; no facial hair
- No athletic socks- Nike does not make school socks!
- Skirts are to be two inches above the knee
- Dress shoes or appropriate leather-topped school shoes only. No Hey Dudes or Canvas Shoes

Thank you very much for abiding by these rules. Our uniforms, including socks, can be found in the school store at the basement level of the school. During the month of August, the school store will be open Tuesday-Thursday 11:30-1:00 or by appointment. Starting August 22, the school store will be open every day.



Cell Phone and Electronic Communications Policy 2022-2023

Due to the rise in discipline issues and distractions in the classrooms, Nativity BVM High School will be operating under a strict no-cell phone policy, including at lunch.

CELL PHONES, SMART WATCHES, ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

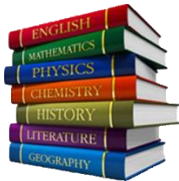
At the 8:05 bell, cell phones should be placed in student lockers and checked between classes, if needed. Cell phones and electronic communication devices are a distraction to the learning process and prohibit positive social interaction, and therefore should not be visible during class time or lunch periods. If a student misuses their electronic device during the school day, they will be subject to the following disciplinary consequences:

1st Offense: The student will be required to pay \$15.00 per device. The cell phone/smart watch will be confiscated and held by the Administration until the end of the school day and the \$15.00 per device is paid by the student. The device(s) will not be given back to the student until the money has been paid.

2nd Offense: Same as first offense. Additionally, the student will serve 1 after school detention.

Subsequent Offenses: Additional detentions and fines will accumulate. Students will surrender the device(s) to the Administration before the start of each day for the remainder of the quarter. This will lead to suspensions as designated in the Discipline Code.

Failure to turn each and all devices over will result in a \$25 fine per device and two (2) detentions.



Studies Office

On Friday, July 22, a letter along with your son/daughter's schedule was sent home regarding the 2022-2023 school year. Please contact Mr. Naffin at jnaffin@nativitybvm.net or 570-622-8110 Studies Office #6 to schedule an appointment for any schedule conflicts or requests. The hours for the Studies Office will be 9 AM to 1 PM.

If you need to come into the school for a schedule change request, it must be by appointment only. There will be no charge for schedule change requests made by August 27, 2022. Any schedule change requests made after August 27, 2022 will have a \$60.00 fee for each and every course change affected by your request. No changes will be made once classes begin.



URGENT – HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

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Host families needed for the upcoming
Nativity School Year (2022-23).
If interested, please call our school
at 570-622-8110.
We appreciate your support!



Welcome back!

From the Nativity Student Council, we hope that your summer break has been safe and relaxing. As we look forward to the coming school year, we take this opportunity to thank all the faculty and staff for their dedication to Catholic education. We are happy to announce the following students on their election for the upcoming year:

Central Officers

President – Emma Bolich
Vice-President – Lola Rymarkiewicz
Secretary – William Burke
Treasurer – Cameron Strauss

Senior Class

President – Maura Heckman
Vice-President – Ian Andrefski
Representative – Caitlin Capella
Representative – Zachary Mills

Junior Class

President – Jack Messina
Vice-President – Ethan Grabowski
Representative – Nolan Kokitus
Representative – Spencer Mathers

Sophomore Class

President – Sara Spolski
Vice-President – Liam Messina
Representative – Miranda Burkot
Representative – Nick Wagner
Representative – Ty Kaunas

We will have freshman and international student elections in September.

Parking Permits

Students must have their new parking permits purchased by the end of the day on Friday, September 9th. Cost of the permit is \$15. Students must complete paperwork with the license and registration for the car they are registering. Beginning on Monday, September 12th, detentions will be issued to any student who does not have a new parking permit and parks on school grounds.

Covid-19 Vaccinations

If your child has had the covid-19 vaccine or any of the booster shots please send a copy of the card into the office for our files. If you have any questions about it please call the office.

From the Development Office

Attention Families: All tuition assistance has been posted onto accounts unless your application has not been verified. Please contact Jenn Daubert at 570-622-8110 with any questions.

Please Note: A policy has become effective for families who receive the Eastern Pennsylvania Scholarship Foundation Scholarship (EPSF). Please read the following:

The Eastern PA Scholarship advisory Board has endorsed the following: If a family has not paid their past tuition bill (2021-2022), they will not be eligible to receive an EITC/OSTC scholarship from the Eastern Pennsylvania Scholarship Foundation.

It is the responsibility of each family to make sure that their tuition is paid in full each year. Failure to do so will make the family ineligible to receive an EPSF Scholarship.



ALUMNI TAILGATE

As a result of the Covid-19 Pandemic, we have made the decision to modify this year's Homecoming Alumni Tailgate Party which is scheduled for Friday October 7, 2022. The tailgate party will be held inside the stadium at 6pm on a smaller scale than in the past. We are excited to be able to continue this yearly tradition, even with modifications, and are committed to moving forward with the best interest for the safety and well-being of the Nativity Community in mind. Our Homecoming 50/50 Drawing is a huge fundraiser for the school, therefore, we will also continue with this yearly tradition as our Homecoming Football game versus Tri- Valley is scheduled to be held on time. Your support of Nativity and our 50/50 drawing is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your consideration and understanding. Go Nativity!

YEARBOOK

Attention parents or guardians of rising seniors:

Senior portraits are due by Wednesday November 23rd, 2022 and baby ads are due by Friday, October 28th, 2022. Please see your one-call email for specifications and more information. Please send portraits and/or baby ads and any questions you have to Miss Reynolds at jreynolds@nativitybvm.net. Enjoy the rest of your summer and thank you for supporting the yearbook.



TICKETS

FROM THE FINANCIAL OFFICE

GET YOUR TICKETS IN! The first Pot of Gold drawing will be held on SEPTEMBER 21st. Please email Mrs. Young if you need additional tickets to fulfill your \$700.00 fundraising obligation or if you have not received them.

REMINDER TO FAMILIES OF SENIORS: Tuition must be up-to-date for transcripts to be released for any purpose. If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Young in the Finance Office.

GUIDANCE OFFICE

A Message from the Director of Guidance, Mrs. Brensinger

Happy Back to School Month! I am very excited to meet all of our new 9th graders and transfer students, as well as welcome back our returning students. This month, and all year long, please don't be afraid to reach out if needed at guidance@nativitybvm.net.



Naviance

Attention Senior Families!

Information about Naviance should have been received in your parent emails on August 1st. If you have not received this information, or have any questions, please email me immediately at guidance@nativitybvm.net.

New this year! There will be a one-time transcript fee of \$35.00 for all seniors. This will be due with your first transcript request.

Scholarships

Attention Junior and Senior Families: now is a great time to search for scholarships. Remember, scholarships are free money! We will have a full packet available on the guidance website by October as many deadlines still aren't posted. Don't be afraid to Google Search and look for scholarships now!

Virtual meetings

Any student wishing to meet with me in August prior to the start of school to discuss items such as post-graduation plans, SAT prep, academic assistance, interview/resume help, or first-year transition worries may email me to schedule an appointment at guidance@nativitybvm.net. Meetings will take place starting August 15th as my schedule permits.

College and Career Fair- October 5th

The annual College and Career Fair is right around the corner! Here are some of the schools and organizations that have expressed interest in attending. If you don't see a school or organization you would like to talk with, please email me, and I will reach out to their Admissions team with an invite.

- Delaware Valley University
- Geisinger St. Luke's Hospital
- St. Luke's School of Nursing
- Harrisburg University of Science and Technology
- Immaculata University
- Joseph F McCloskey School of Nursing
- King's College
- Kutztown University
- Lafayette College
- Lebanon Valley College
- Luzerne County Community College
- Marywood University
- Misericordia University
- Moravian University
- Penn State Schuylkill
- Penn State University
- Saint Joseph's University
- The University of Scranton
- U.S. Army
- Ursinus College
- Villanova University



ATHLETIC NEWS

All Athletic physicals should be completed and turned in by August 8th for football and August 15th for all other sports. The Physical Form is accessible on the school website under Athletics. All athletes and parents are required to be sure this Physical Form as well as the Code of Conduct Form, Emergency Forms and an additional Covid-19 Waiver Form are completed. The code of conduct form must be completed for each sport that the student athlete is participating in. Also, all sports schedules are available on the school's website.



SCHOOL STORE NEWS

Summer hours continue with the School Store Open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM. Beginning August 22nd, the school store will re-open to its usual hours of Monday through Friday 11:30 – 1:00 PM or by appointment if needed.

Students who need uniform clothing for the start of the school year, please come in sooner than later as I have extra items but may not necessarily have what you are looking for and would have to order.

Now is the time to get involved in our certificate program to help with your tuition cost. Reach out to your grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends and neighbors. Our certificate list is always available in the school store. If unsure how the program works, contact Sue Eckley @ 570-640-

0930. Parents will see credits posted in your accounts by the 2nd week in September for certificate purchases from May to August.

Sport Passes are available in the school store, \$50 for adults and \$25 for students.

GREEN and GOLD Happenings!

We will again have the gift card calendar fundraiser in November. Anyone who would like to donate a gift card to this fundraiser please send it into the office as soon as possible or call the office. This was a great fundraiser last year and hope it will be again this year.

Boyer's Keycards

Boyer's keycards are available in the office for anyone who would like one. When you shop at Boyer's and use the card, a percentage of your store order will be donated to Nativity.

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

Pamela J. Russo, M.S.W, M.S.
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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.