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DECEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Merry Christmas!

Advent is an important part of the church year. As we begin the season of Advent let us take the opportunity to prepare our hearts and minds for the birthday of Jesus. During each Monday of Advent, members of the student body pray together at the Advent Wreath in the Main Lobby. The blessing of the Advent Wreath and our Advent Penance Service help us to prepare spiritually for the birth of Christ. Finally, we celebrate together the joy of Christmas at our school Christmas Liturgy.

Christmas is a special time for all of us. It is a time for us to recognize the love and goodness of God and a time to know that Jesus has come among us. Especially this year, let us look to the Blessed Mother for help during these uncertain times.

Merry Christmas and a Blessed and Happy New Year!

Mrs Lynn A Sabal



Liturgical Calendar

December 5 th –	Advent Wreath Blessing
December 8 th -	Liturgy for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception– 10:30 AM
December 12 th –	Advent Wreath Blessing
December 15 th -	Advent Penance Service – 10:30 AM
December 19 th –	Advent Wreath Blessing
December 22 nd -	Liturgy – Christmas @ 10:30 AM



Christmas Holidays – A Tradition Continues!

We will again be decorating our Christmas tree in the lobby. Students are asked to bring in an ornament to hang on the tree. This has been a great success in the past as the tree symbolized the entire Nativity community. Please remind your children to bring an ornament into school.



Our **Christmas vacation** extends from Friday, December 23rd through Monday, January 2, 2023. School reopens on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

Looking ahead: School will be closed on Monday, January 16, 2023 for a Teacher/Staff In-Service.

Governance Board

The Nativity Governance Board continues to work with the School's administration for the benefit of Nativity BVM High School. We continue to work on increasing enrollment and financial aid as well as upgrading the school facility. The Board remains committed to providing a Nativity education to all who desire one, regardless of ability to pay. Our efforts in marketing, enrollment and fundraising will continue to make Nativity a viable and vibrant educational alternative well into the future.

Picture Make-Up Day

December 9th will be picture make-up day. If you did not get your picture taken or want a retake, it will be done on this date.



Toys for Tots

Once again, we are collecting Toys for Tots. Pick up date will be on December 8th. We hope that our turnout will be as great as it was last year!!!

From the Dean's Office:

Student Drivers

Please exercise caution and slow down when driving around the school in the mornings and afternoons. There are many students walking during arrival and dismissal during these times and safety is of the utmost importance. As a reminder, **ALL STUDENT DRIVERS** should have a parking pass. They are \$20 for the year and \$10 for a semester.



Dress Code

Students are reminded to come to school in full uniform. Many of the dress code violations we have seen this school year are due to:

- Incorrect shoes- No Hey Dudes. Shoes must be leather top dress shoes.
- Boys' hair must not cover the eyebrows or touch the top of the back collar.
- Girls' skirts must be no shorter than two inches above the knee.
- Socks must be dress socks. No athletic socks.
- When wearing dress slacks or khakis, students must wear a belt.
- No hoodies allowed. Students must wear the uniform sweater.

As a reminder, please make sure shirts are tucked in.

Cell Phones

Thank you for your support with our cell phone policies and procedures. As there have been many recent problems with cell phones, social media, and privacy issues in the school building, students are reminded that they are supposed to keep cell phones in their lockers. They may check their cell phones in between classes. If students do not wish to keep cell phones in their lockers, teachers are collecting cell phones at the door of each classroom to prevent any disruptions. Students may have their phones back at the end of class. If you need to reach your child at any point in the day, you may call the school, or ask them to call you from the office. Thank you so much for your support!

I am free for a conference or phone call if you feel as though your child is struggling with discipline issues or general difficulties in school. My email is nmasinick@nativitybvm.net or you may call the school at 570-622-8110. Thank you!



Studies Office News

Deficiency notices were sent to the parent's home on Wednesday, November 30th. Parents and students should be aware that this is the mid-way point of the second quarter. Deficiencies are a reminder that extra effort needs to be made in the second half of the quarter.

As a reminder, semester classes will be completed at the end of the second quarter and a final average will be calculated for these classes. Since a failing grade in a semester class is a failing grade for the year, the class must be made up either by attending summer school or a program approved by the principal. There is a fee for these programs.

Semester exams will be given from Tuesday, January 10th through Thursday, January 12th. The second quarter will end Friday, January 13th.



Financial Concerns

Please make yourself aware of the tuition collection policy. It is posted on the school website. It is essential that all families keep their tuition and fundraising payments up to date. Students who have outstanding balances will not be able to receive report cards, take exams or possibly not be able to participate in activities. **This includes playing sports.**

Seniors who are applying to college must have their financial obligations **up to date** in order for transcripts to be released. Please make every effort to make payments in a timely fashion. It is crucial to the cash flow of the school. Thank you for your understanding!

Interact Club

Members of the Interact Club collected winter clothing during the month of November. Members of the club also collected diapers and all items were donated to Catholic Charities.



The Interact Club sponsored a Red Cross Blood Drive on November 7, 2022. We met our goal and will sponsor this event again in the spring.

The next event will be the writing of Christmas cards to the students Pre-K through 2nd grade in our partner schools.

News from the Guidance Department

A Message from the Director of Guidance, Mrs. Brensinger

Please reach out if students are worried about the remainder of the school year. I will be leading some lunchtime small groups for various topics. This month, and all year long, please don't be afraid to reach out if needed guidance@nativitybvm.net
I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season!



Sophomores and Juniors

Reading & Writing Skills: SAT Prep Class Registration Prepare for upcoming SATs! Join an SAT® Prep class to improve your Evidence-Based Reading and Writing score.

December 8th – Any Sophomore or Junior student interested in attending STC for the 2023-2024 school year must see Mrs. Brensinger by this day!

Scholarships -Juniors and Seniors

Attention Junior and Senior Families now is a great time to search for scholarships. Remember, scholarships are free money! Don't be afraid to Google Search and look for scholarships now! Scholarships are often announced during the school day, and hung up by the Guidance Office if applicable. The Scholarship packet can be viewed [here](#) .

Testing Scores

PSAT Scores – PSAT scores will be available in early December to all students that completed the test. Students will need to log into (or create) their Collegeboard.org account in order to view their scores.

ASVAB Scores- Seniors will be reviewing their ASVAB scores with a member of the military who is a certified ASVAB interpreter. This will take place in early December. Any senior who is hoping to go into the military and has not yet met with a recruiter should speak with Mrs. Brensinger immediately.

Seniors

I got accepted!!- Be sure to give copies of acceptance letters and financial aid awards to Mrs. Brensinger. This is required for graduation.

College Applications and Recommendation Letters

Students are reminded that we recommend doing all college applications in Common App, unless you are applying to a school, not on Common App. This will save the student time, and effort and help them keep everything organized

Transcript Requests

All Seniors in need of transcripts being sent to the schools they have applied to may pick up a form outside of my office in the green basket. This form must be turned in with the \$35 transcript request fee and must have your resume attached to it as well when you hand it in. ***Friendly reminder, no transcripts will be sent if there are any financial holds on the student's account.***



Math Club

Math Club members are continuing to tutor as needed. Members of the Math Club competed successfully at the Bloomsburg Math Competition.



DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Nativity is currently accepting inquiries for enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year. Individual meetings, school tours and 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 2023-2024 school year at Nativity is scheduled for Sunday, January 29, 2023 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.

POT OF GOLD WINNERS

NOVEMBER 18, 2022

- 1) Mike Becker– seller: Aiden Becker
- 2) Pam Nosti-seller: Spolski
- 3) MJQS-seller: M Quirk
- 4) Erin Fellingner-seller: Verchick

Athletic News

Volleyball

Coaches' Division 4 All-Star selections:

Emma Bolich: Player of the Year

Ryliegh Sinko (1st team)

Arieanna Sherman (1st Team)

Bella Bartashus (1st Team)

Sara Spolski (2nd Team)

Julianna Carlson (2nd Team)

District XI Class "A" All District Team

Arieanna Sherman (1st team)

Emma Bolich (1st team)

Bella Bartashus (2nd Team)

Senior All-Star Game:

Bella Bartashus

Emma Bolich

Schuylkill League Football Scholar Athlete:

Kyle Kenton

Attendance

Just a reminder that any student who is absent from school for 3 consecutive days or more must have a doctor's note to return to school and participate in extracurricular activities.

Please remember to also call the school if your child is going to be absent or late so we know they will not be in.

Art

Lola Rymarkiewicz, Ava Frantz, Brian Callaghan, Mackenzie Miller and Ava Putalavage demonstrated their creative artistic talents by assisting Assumption BVM with this year's haunted house.



Green & Gold Club

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

The Green and Gold Booster Club is thankful for the support we have been given by the families, staff and students at Nativity. In this time of giving, volunteering your time at Nativity can bring friends and fun into your life while giving back to the school and its students. Green and Gold welcomes all who want to help and looks forward to welcoming more volunteers into its family.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

The Green and Gold would like to have a few bingos in the new year. Watch for further details.

We would like to thank everyone who participated in our November gift card calendar. Our profit was over \$3,500. Thank you very much!!!!!!



Raffle Update: Tickets are now available for the \$20,000 Green and Gold Raffle. Drawing will be held on December 9th. Any family who agrees to sell five (5) raffle tickets will be entered into a drawing to win a \$500.00 tuition credit to Nativity. Tickets are \$100 and there will only be 555 tickets sold. For more information, please contact Sue Eckley @ 570-640-0930 or stop by the school store.

SCHOOL STORE

As basketball season approaches, let's not forget to get your Sport Passes! They are available in the school store (adults \$50-students \$25.)

Christmas Open House at School Store:

Come enjoy an afternoon from 1:00-4:00 on Sunday, December 4, 2022. Start your holiday shopping early with family and friends while having drinks and cookies/cupcakes (made by Momma Millie's Bakery). Uniform clothing, Nativity apparel and all miscellaneous items will be offered. Plus, we will be revealing new Nativity clothing at this time. Free gift wrapping will be available.

Any students needing service hours will have the opportunity to volunteer at this event. (see Mrs. Eckley at the store to sign up). This event will be held in the school store. (entrance is around the side and down the ramp)

Always remember the school store is open Monday-Friday from 11:30-1:00.

During this time only, the gift certificate program will run a special from Sunday 12/4 until Friday 12/9 as a one-time gift to our families. For every \$600 or more in gift certificates purchased, 100% of the school's profit will go toward your tuition (ex. Purchase \$600 in certificates and your normal earnings for tuition was 3% or \$18, now receive twice that amount or \$36 toward tuition). Also, we now have TJ Maxx gift cards- 3%, Special 6%!!

Merry Christmas from the school store – Sue and Amanda

**WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
BLESSINGS IN THE NEW 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