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July 2025 Newsletter



FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

As I write this letter, my time at Nativity, as principal, is winding down. During the months of July and August I will be working with Mr. Grabowski and Mrs. Daubert to provide for a smooth transition. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been a part of my life at Nativity. The students, alumni, parents, faculty, staff, priests, board and friends of Nativity have all played an important role in my and my family's life and I will be forever grateful. Thank you for your kind remembrances, cards, posts and calls over the last few months. Nativity BVM High School will always be an important part of my life. I am grateful to be staying on part-time to teach two math classes and help out in some other ways as well.

That being said, I hope that everyone is enjoying their time off from school. Summer vacation is a time for relaxation and renewal. We are busy preparing for next school year and want to provide information for the 2025-2026 year to you. Members of the faculty are attending workshops and classes for professional development. I hope all of our students are working on their summer reading assignments as they prepare to return in August!

There are several important events taking place over the next few weeks and we wanted everyone to make sure they were aware of all the exciting happenings here on the "Hill". **Please check the school website nativitybvm.net** or contact the Main Office if you have any questions with regards to the upcoming events. ***Also, please refer to the Dress Code information in this newsletter before buying any clothing or shoes for next school year.*** Lastly, please remember to attend mass during the summer. There is no vacation from our faith! Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Mrs. Lynn A. Sabol

CONGRATULATIONS!

The Nativity family congratulates Mr. Michael Grabowski who has been appointed by Bishop Schlert to the position of Principal of Nativity BVM High School beginning July 1, 2025.

Best Wishes to Mr. Daniel Lisella as he embarks on a new endeavor in his teaching career!



CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

We would like to thank Mr. Daniel Lisella for his years of service as theology teacher and for all of his assistance with school liturgies and various aspects of campus ministry. Mr. Lisella is leaving us to teach at his alma mater. We will soon be welcoming a new theology teacher who will also officially serve as campus minister. I look forward to working with my new partner(s) in campus ministry and with our Evangelization Team, supported by our friends from Live Vertical, to help our school community become even more vibrant in living our faith.

On June 19 our Evangelization Team participated in an outdoor retreat called Verso L'Alto, led by Live Vertical. To prepare for the upcoming school year, we enjoyed a day of team-building activities, reflection, discussion, brainstorming ideas, and Mass. Please pray for the students and adults on our Evangelization Team as we look forward to the coming school year.

Rev. Kevin J. Bobbin
Chaplain, Nativity BVM High School
Pastor, St. John the Baptist Church

Welcome

Nativity High School welcomes Mr. Travis Rogers to the Nativity family. He will be serving as Campus Minister and a member of the Theology Department.



Summer Reading

Please check the Nativity BVM website (nativitybvm.net) for summer reading information. All students were given information before school ended. If you have any questions, please contact the Main Office.



IMPORTANT DATES:

JULY 2025

July 3 rd	School and Main Office closed at Noon for the 4 th of July Holiday
July 4 th & 7 th	School and Main Office Closed for the 4 th of July Holiday
July 7 th – 9 th	Little Golden Girls Basketball Camp
July 10	Diocesan Summer Workshop for Principals
July 14 th -18 th	Nativity Little Girls Volleyball Camp
July 27 th	Meet & Greet for Freshmen and all new students and parents 5:00 PM Fun Night for all Nativity Students @ 6 PM
July 28 th – Aug. 1 st	Gym Closed for Floor Refinishing

AUGUST 2025

August 4 th	Heat Acclimation – Football
August 5 th	Governance Board Meeting 4 PM
August 11 th	1 st Official Practice - Fall Sports
August 18 th	Alice Training for staff
August 15 th	Mass for the Feast of the Assumption @ 12 Noon in the chapel
August 20 th	Faculty/ Staff In-Service
August 21 st	Faculty/Staff In-Service and Meeting
August 22 nd	Teacher Retreat Day
August 24 th	Parent Orientation Meeting 6:00 PM – All New parents are encouraged to attend
August 24 th	Fall Sports Pep Rally @ 7:00 PM
August 25 th	School Opens for Freshmen
August 26 th	School Opens for Sophomores
August 27 th	School Opens for Juniors
August 28 th	School Opens for Seniors
August 29 th	All students report – Opening of School Picnic

Please click the link to access the [2025-2026 Calendar](#)

Summer Giving!

This summer we are still looking to replace a stage curtain. The backstage curtain has been damaged and is no longer useable. New curtains have been ordered and will hopefully be in place during the fall of 2025. This is a significant cost to the school so we are looking for donors to help us with this project. If you are able to donate, please send it to Nativity and designate the donation specifically to help defray the cost of the curtain. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

Additionally, preparations for the upcoming school year are in full swing. The following projects are in the process of being completed:

- Resurfacing of the gym floor
- Cleaning, Painting and waxing of classrooms
- New flooring in the basement. The basement will be closed as of June 23rd.
- Maintenance and work on all fields
- New stalls in the boys second floor bathroom.

These projects have been partially completed through the efforts of grants like the Forward with Christ Campaign and private donors. We are still looking for donations toward summer giving to help with these projects. If anyone would still like to donate, please send the check made out to Nativity BVM High School to Mrs. Sabol's attention and note on the check that it is specifically to be used towards summer giving. ***A special thank you to the families who donated this summer.***



From the Dean's Office:

Dress Code - Click [here](#) to access 2025-2026 Nativity Dress Code.

- Some reminders:
 - ✓ 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.
 - ✓ Shirts must be tucked in so that the belt is visible at all times.
- Please review casual dress down day rules in the handbook.

*Failure to adhere to the regulations will result in discipline action.

• Service Hours

- All service hours must be logged using the Mobile Serve Application. If you are a new student, click [here](#) for instruction on setting up your Mobile Serve Account.
- Service hour requirements:
 - ✓ Freshmen – 10 hours
 - ✓ Sophomores – 20 hours
 - ✓ Juniors – 30 hours
 - ✓ Seniors – 40 hours
- All service completed this summer will count towards the 2025-2026 requirements.

Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Mr. Grabowski

mgrabowski@nativitybvm.net

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Student Schedules

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Schedule

We are currently working on the student schedules for the 2025-2026 school year. Please look for them in the mail in early July. If a student did not turn in a course selection paper, classes will be assigned by the Studies Office!

Any student who failed a class for the 2024-2025 school year must make up the credit over the summer. Please contact Mr. Naffin as soon as possible if you did not receive the needed information.



Meet & Greet & Fun Night

Please join us for a Meet and Greet on **Sunday, July 27th at 5:00 PM**. We welcome all of our freshmen and new students along with their parents for this social event. More information will be sent via email and social media. We look forward to meeting the new members of the Nativity family! If you are planning to attend, please call the office (570-622-8110) and let us know how many people will be coming as refreshments will be served.

All Nativity students grades 9 through 12 are invited for a fun night on **Sunday, July 27th @ 6 PM**. We will have a movie, corn hole and spike ball games. Refreshments will be provided. Please check the Nativity Facebook page for more information.

Interact Club

Any Interact Club member interested in helping with **Fun Night**, please contact Mrs. Sabol @ Nativity.



Tuition and Fundraising

It is extremely important that all tuition and fundraising is up to date. Letters regarding outstanding balances will be mailed in July. The school fee of \$325 is due by the end of July. Please check your tuition and fundraising statements for information. Please contact the financial office with any questions.

Attention Seniors: all tuition and fundraising must be up to date in order to send out any transcripts for college applications.



Back to Back DXI titles was the goal for the 2025 Hilltopper baseball team and that is exactly what they accomplished and more! Coach Kreiger and his club put together a strong close to the regular season winning 5 out of their last 6 games in preparation for the tournament. They made quick work in the semifinals against Weatherly winning 15-0 in 3 innings and then took care of Notre Dame East Stroudsburg by the same score in 4 innings. Next was the PIAA 1A State Tournament where the Hilltoppers garnered the program's first ever state playoff victory over Dock Mennonite by the score of 7-6. In the quarterfinal match up with D2 MMI the team found a way to bring the 3-1-win home advancing to the semifinals against D5 champion Southern Fulton. The Toppers fought hard but came up short, 3-0, and closed out the season one win short of the PIAA 1A State Championship game.

2025 PIAA AA State Runner Up That is how the Green Wave track and field team concluded their season. It was a well-deserved accomplishment for Coach Zimerofsky's squad as throughout the entire season they proved that they were a formidable team that knew no limits. Seniors Noah Dolbin, Michael Stank, Nolan Daynorowicz and Liam Messina dominated their opponents in the 4x400 relay and then added individual efforts to head to Shippensburg qualified for seven track events. Noah Dolbin advanced in all 3 of his individual events and brought back a gold medal in the 110 hurdles and bronze medals in the long jump and 300 hurdles. Then he took the track with his 1600 teammates where they ran a 3:22 and a second-place finish. That added up to 30 team points and a second-place finish in the PIAA State Championship team race.

Congratulations to senior Sara Spolski as she captured victories in the Schuylkill and DXI meets in the 400 meter dash and a return trip to the PIAA state championship. There she ran a personal best :58.88 and closed out her career in 11th place at the meet.

Attention all 2025 - 2026 student athletes and families. Now is the time to complete the process of becoming certified to participate in fall, winter and spring sports programs. Fall athletes' deadline is July 1, 2025. All registrations are online via the BigTeams Student Central website. Athletes must create a student login and link to their parent's account. Once registered, download Section 6 of the PIAA CIPPE form and schedule a physical exam with your PCP or register with St. Luke's for a free appointment on July 15th.

SPORT SIGN UP: [BigTeams](#)

GUIDE TO CREATE ACCOUNT: [Getting Started Help Guide: Parents - Create Your Parent Account, Create & Link Your Student's Account and Complete Forms](#)

July 15th, 2025 @ Coca-Cola Park 2-6:45 PM

[St. Luke's Coca-Cola Park Physicals \(English\).pdf](#)

Download this form to take to physical appointment

[Section 6 PIAA Comprehensive Initial Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation \(CIPPE\).pdf](#)

DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

ATTENTION FAMILIES: All tuition assistance will be posted onto accounts by the end of July. 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 carefully:

THE EASTERN PA SCHOLARSHIP ADVISORY BOARD HAS ENDORSED THE FOLLOWING: IF A FAMILY HAS NOT PAID THEIR PAST TUITION BILL (2023-2024) 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.



It's Back for 2025-2026

All students will receive a Student Pass for Athletics the first week of school. This pass will enable all students to attend every **Nativity home event** for the entire year. There will be no charge for these passes.

All Sport Passes

We will be selling "All Sports Passes", which allows entry into all "HOME" sporting events. The cost of these All Sports Passes is: **Adults: \$75.00**

Students (other than Nativity Students): \$25.00.

Sports passes will be available in the Main Office.

Individual Game Ticket Prices for all sports: Adults \$6.00, Students (Non-Nativity) \$3.00

Bus Forms

Bus forms were sent out to the students that did not hand theirs in at the end of the year. Please fill them out and send back to the school so they can be sent to the school districts. If you do not need the bus please fill it out and note on it that they will be driving or a passenger with someone. The school districts need to know how many students attend Nativity so that the bus schedule can be developed.

GREEN AND GOLD NEWS

The mission of the Green and Gold Booster club is to raise \$35,000 per year to offset the athletic and activity budgets for Nativity BVM High School. This is done through a variety of fundraisers throughout the year. The first fundraiser will be the gift card calendar in November. More information to follow on this and other fundraisers. Please contact Diane Yaneck in the office if you can help. We are always looking for members to help and offer new ideas!

Enjoy the rest of your summer!



SCHOOL STORE NEWS

School Store summer hours will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 – 1:00. Certificates will be available and orders for school uniforms will be taken. If unable to come in during this time, you can call me, Sue Eckley @ 570-640-0930 and we can set up a time that is more convenient.

A bulk order for uniforms will be going out Monday, July 14. We will continue the same uniform style for our golf shirts, skirts, sweaters and ¼ zips. It is very important to get your order in as I cannot promise I will have what you are looking for on the shelves. Order forms and samples are available in the store beginning Tuesday, June 17.

Second hand uniform clothing (swap shop) is available for many of your uniform needs. You are able to take up to 4 items.

A complete list of certificates is available in the store. Scrip certificates will be ordered every Monday morning. You may call or text me with your order or stop in the store. Anyone with questions about our certificate program can call Sue @ 570-640-0930. I have many alumni families who participate in the program and would like to give their monies to families who participate as well.

School Store ran a drawing during the month of May where if you purchased clothing, your name went into a drawing to win \$500 tuition credit. Two scholarships (\$500 each) were awarded to Tommy Bartashus and Bella Hranchock on Tuesday, June 3. Congratulations!!

News from the Guidance Department

A Message from the Director of Guidance, Mrs. Brensinger

Happy Summer! I will be on vacation until late July but checking emails as time allows. No matter what it is, please know I am here to help, feel free to contact me at any time via email at guidance@nativitybvm.net

Summer Hours with Mrs. Brensinger

Any family looking to meet with Mrs. Brensinger during the summer may email guidance@nativitybvm.net to request a meeting, or complete this request form here: <https://forms.gle/fd5CXSg9FxympmnRT9>. Office hours are very limited until August, so schedule early! Seniors, this is a great opportunity to get a jump start on applications!

Scholarships

Attention Junior and Senior Families, we have a full packet of scholarships that is updated in real time for after graduation planning. [View the full packet here](#)

Class of 2026

There are many important items on your Class of 2026 Google Classroom under assignments.

This is a reminder that Seniors will only receive 3 excused college visits, so utilizing summer break is imperative!

Regular senior meetings may be scheduled over the summer starting in late July, and will be scheduled using this form: <https://forms.gle/fd5CXSg9FxympmnRT9>. Please make sure all students keep their Google Classroom notifications turned on over the summer.

FINAL TRANSCRIPTS: Unofficial copies will be available, upon request, for athletic recruitment or to begin the application process. If you are applying to a school that id D1 or D2, please contact me for information on getting enrolled in the NCAA portal.

Important Notes for the 2025-2026 school year



The PSAT will once again take place in October, all students in grades 9 through 11 will be required to take the test.

Test Accommodations through College Board for the PSAT and SAT are available Please contact Mrs. Brensinger in Guidance if you have a Classroom Plan in place and are looking for accommodations for the PSAT or SAT. **This is a 7-week process at minimum**, parents are encouraged to reach out by July 1 to Mrs. Brensinger via email at guidance@nativitybvm.net . Parents will need to fill out the Consent form located on the College Board website and attach it to their email:

<https://accommodations.collegeboard.org/request-accommodations/request/through-the-school>

The ASVAB- all Seniors will complete the ASVAB test in October as we have in years past.

The College and Career Fair-This Fall, all Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors will attend our annual fair on September 19th. If students are interested in a specific school, please see or email Mrs. Brensinger, she will invite them.

Reminder about Google Classroom over the summer!



Students are encouraged to keep their notifications for Good Classroom on over the summer! Announcements may be made about community service opportunities, special events, and grade-specific information may be sent. Please email guidance@nativitybvm.net if you wish to be added to the classroom of your student.

DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

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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 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.