

NATIVITY BVM HIGH SCHOOL NEWS
ONE LAWTONS HILL, POTTSVILLE, PA 17901
PHONE: (570) 622-8110
www.nativitybvm.net



OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

October brings many things to us; changes in temperature, changes in leaf colors, and the end of the 1st marking period of the academic year. As Catholic High School students, the young men and women at Nativity continue to build themselves through their faith and their dedication to excellence. We continue to encourage our students academically, spiritually, athletically and socially to be the best they can be.

Michael J. Ghebrach

Principal

Important Dates:

Homecoming	October 3 rd
Pilgrimage to National Shrine	October 7 th
Senior Yearbook Photos	October 8 th
School Closed	October 13 th for a teacher in-service day.

Testing*	October 15 th - Seniors (ASVAB)
	October 17 th – Freshmen (PSAT)
	October 20 th – Sophomores (PSAT)
	October 22 nd – Juniors (PSAT)

**Please note that some students will be using their school laptops for this testing and all devices must be charged prior to the tests. Cost is \$18.*

Ring Mass	October 21 st
End of 1 st Quarter	October 24 th
Cap/Gown Fitting	October 27 th

Chaplain's Message:

We look forward to two major spiritual activities in October. On October 7th, the senior class will travel to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC to participate in our diocesan pilgrimage, which is held every few years. This will serve as the senior retreat for this school year. On October 23rd, the freshman class will also have their retreat day in school.

Meanwhile, Live Vertical has returned for their third school year of leading our Theology classes in Eucharistic Adoration once a month and supporting our campus ministry efforts. Our Evangelization Team continues to develop and look for ways to invite our school family into a deeper living of our faith.

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

School Safety:

The administration and faculty strive to ensure that students are safe and secure while at school. Various drills and precautions are in place to make sure that students know what to do and where to go in case of an emergency. These drills are necessary and will take place monthly. In October, in addition to a fire drill, the "Shakedown Drill" will be held to prepare students for the possibility of an earthquake.

Additionally, to ensure the safety of all our students, any adult who volunteers or works at Nativity or any other Diocesan school or parish must complete the "Protecting God's Children" seminar and complete all applicable clearances. Please know that your son/daughter's safety and well-being is of our utmost concern.

From the Dean's Office:

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:

- Boys' hair must not cover the eyebrows or touch the top of the back collar.
 - Boys must be clean shaven.
 - Girls' skirts must be no shorter than two inches above the knee.
 - Socks must be dress socks. No athletic socks. Socks must be the same color.
 - Shirts should be tucked in and belts must be worn.
-

Service Hours - MobileServe:

All students must set up an account on Mobile Pass to submit and track community service hours. Information was handed out the first week of school and students were given the opportunity to set up their account.

Students must complete and log 75% of their required service hours to attend Prom in the Spring and 100% of their required service hours to receive end of year grades or diplomas.

If you have any questions regarding MobileServe, please contact Mrs. Holohan.

Important Information for Senior Parents:

In order for transcripts to be sent, students must be up to date with tuition, fundraising, etc.. This is a busy time of year for seniors with college applications. Please make sure that your son's/daughter's accounts are paid in a timely fashion.

As a reminder to senior parents, the deadline for senior Baby Ads is Friday, October 31st, 2025. Photos can be emailed to Miss Reynolds or hardcopies of photos can be sent in, scanned, and sent home. There was a paper sent home at the beginning of the year outlining the pricing for these pages. If there are any questions or concerns, please email Ms. Jess Reynolds at jreynolds@nativitybvm.net. Thank you!

Attention parents and/or guardians of Juniors:

As a reminder, ring mass is October 21st of this year. If you would like to participate and you're buying a ring or cross, orders should be made to Sophy's in St. Clair (the only place to buy the Nativity cross) or wherever you're placing an order as soon as possible so orders have enough time to come in. Rings, crosses, or jewelry will be due to Ms. Reynolds on October 14th. Please contact Ms. Reynolds with any concerns at jreynolds@nativitybvm.net.

Finances:

It is imperative for the financial stability of the school that everyone makes tuition and fundraising payments on time. If there is a concern, please contact Mrs. Young in the financial office. All students must be up to date with tuition, fees and fundraising in order to participate in activities.

Social Media:

All Nativity students are aware of the appropriate use of social media. We encourage using social media to positively impact the school and community. ***The use of social media to cause harm or negatively affect Nativity BVM High School, its students, teachers, staff or legacy will not be tolerated.***

Math Club:

The Math club is offering tutoring services for students who need help in their math classes. Students can find a list of available tutors near the bulletin board on the second floor near the math classrooms. Additionally, the Math Club will be attending the Bloomsburg Math Competition on November 11th.

Interact Club:

The Interact Club will host a winter clothing and Diaper Drive again this fall. The club will be collecting coats and winter clothing along with diapers from September 29th through October 24th. All winter clothing must be washed and cleaned before being brought to school.

The Interact Club will also be sponsoring the annual Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, November 3rd. Students who are 16 years of age are encouraged to participate. More information will be available in the November newsletter.

This club is involved in many service projects. If there is a project that you need help with, please contact the school office. The Interact members will also be working at the Catholic Charities Food Truck.

Music Ministry:

Students involved in Music Ministry sing at all liturgical events at Nativity. We welcome new students to this group and also any student who can play a musical instrument can assist at liturgies.

Communication:

It is extremely important to keep open lines of communication between parents and teachers. If you have a concern, please contact your child's teacher either by calling the school office or by emailing the teacher. All email addresses can be found on the school website.

Please look over the October calendar for many important liturgical events and school activities. Dates for fall sports playoffs are not finalized yet and will be updated as needed.

Picture make-up day:

Picture make up day and Senior yearbook photos will be October 8th.

Office:

Please be sure to call your child off if they are not coming to school or if they have a doctor's appointment that they will be late.

Please let the office know if there are any changes of address or phone numbers. It is important that we have the correct numbers at all times in case of an emergency.

Student Council:

Student Council members for the 2025-2026 school year:

Central Office: President – Trey Keating; Vice President – Ryan Grabowski; Secretary – Jackson Daubert; Treasurer – Chloe Covell

Senior class officers: President – Andrew Smith; Vice President – Madeline Daynorowicz; Representatives – Naomi Neifert and Lily Baran

Junior class officers: President – Bo McDonald; Vice President – Layne Pasker; Representatives – Samantha Krusinsky, Finley McNamara, and Emmalee Pinkey

Sophomore class officers: President – Eli Rugh; Vice President – Lauren Clark; Representatives – Addison Messner, Olivia Whitaker, Anders Ryon, and Sarah Hummel

Freshman class officers: President – Ella Grabowski; Vice President – Ava Stankavage; Representatives – Cole Felty, Harry Marks, and Emmalyn Gruber

Student Council is currently preparing for Spirit Week and Homecoming. The 2025-2026 Student Council was inducted during Mass on September 29th. Student Council is looking forward to having a great year filled with fun activities!

This year's homecoming candidates for Queen are: Lily Baran, Chloe Covell, Mia Michalik, Lillianna Mull, Naomi Neifert, Madison Thompson

Candidates for King of the Hill are: Jackson Daubert, Trey Keating, and Andrew Smith. Winners will be announced at the Homecoming Football Game vs. Mahanoy Area on Friday, October 3rd.

Studies Office:

Deficiency notices were emailed on Wednesday, September 24th. Hopefully if you have received one, your student is making progress toward improving their grade. Please contact your student's teachers if you have any questions. All faculty email addresses are available on the school's web site, www.nativitybvm.net, on the Administration and Faculty tab.

The end of the first quarter is Friday, October 24th. Report cards will be distributed on Friday, October 31st. There will be a Parent Conference Night on **Monday, November 10th** to discuss your student's progress in all classes. These conferences will be by appointment only. More information will follow. Letters will be sent home the week of October 6th.

Parent Portal:

We would like to remind all parents that our school has a Parental Internet Access Service that allows parents/guardians access to information regarding their child. If you decide to use this service, you may access various types of information regarding your child. Information such as Attendance, Discipline, Grades, Scheduling information will be available.

The URL for this access is: <https://nbvm.crportals.studentinformation.systems/>

The information to create an account was part of the first day of school package. If you did not create an account or forgot your information please contact Mr. Naffin at jnaffin@nativitybvm.net



Guidance Department:

This month, and all year long, please don't be afraid to reach out if needed: guidance@nativitybvm.net

Guardians, please stay connected with me via your students' Google Classroom. If you wish to be added, please email me.

PSAT

All freshmen, sophomores, and juniors are required to take the PSAT test in October. There is a \$18 fee for the PSAT. Please send the money in an envelope with your child, and they can hand it in to the main office. Thank you for your cooperation. The \$18 fee is due by October 10th. The testing schedule is as follows: Friday, October 17th- Freshmen, Monday, October 20th- Sophomores, and Wednesday, October 22nd – Juniors. Should you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Mrs. Brensinger at guidance@nativitybvm.net

The ASVAB- All Seniors will complete the ASVAB test on Wednesday, October 15th

Postsecondary Prep for Class of 2026 and 2027

A reminder that Seniors will only receive **three (3) excused absences for college and career visits, and Juniors receive 1**, utilizing weekends and school closures is imperative!

Google Classroom

There are many important items on your Class of 2026 Google Classroom under the classwork tab.

Virtual College Financial Aid Night, October 6th at 6 pm- [Click here to register](#)

Meet Virtually with a PHEAA Representative about financial aid options and the FAFSA. Please register at this link by October 3rd so the presenter from PHEAA knows you plan to attend. **This is open to Juniors and Seniors**

Virtual College Funding Coach Event, October 8th at 6pm: -[Click Here to Register](#)

Learn from Presenter Rory Sullivan who speaks to attendees with a timely message: teaching parents how to pay for college for their kids without sacrificing their retirement savings. He focuses on legal strategies for qualifying for more financial aid and leveraging assets to make your money work more efficiently and effectively – helping to reduce the total cost of attendance. **This is open to Juniors and Seniors**



Scholarships

Attention Junior and Senior Families now is a great time to search for scholarships. Remember, scholarships are free money! We have a full packet available, please know that many deadlines have not yet been released and I update them as they come in.

[Nativity Scholarship Packet Link](#)

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 (2024-2025), 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.

Homecoming Football Game 50/50:

Our Homecoming drawing is a huge fundraiser for the year, therefore, we will continue with this yearly tradition as our Homecoming Football game versus Mahanoy Area is scheduled to be held at St Clair on Friday, October 3rd at 7:00 pm. Your support of Nativity and our 50/50 drawing is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your consideration and understanding. Go Nativity!!

Yearbook:

As a reminder to senior parents, the deadline for senior Baby Ads is Friday, October 31st, 2025. Photos can be emailed to Miss Reynolds or hardcopies of photos can be sent in, scanned, and sent home. There was a paper sent home at the beginning of the year outlining the pricing for these pages. If there are any questions or concerns, please email Ms. Jess Reynolds at jreynolds@nativitybvm.net. Thank you!



Athletics:

The 2025 golf regular season started with the team's first match on August 7th and concluded on September 11th. Coach Will Waldick's squad rolled to an impressive 15 win with 1 loss record and tied with Schuylkill Haven for the Division 2 title. Seniors Ryan Grabowski, Trey Keating, Andy Smith and Brody Sophy helped to lead the team throughout the season as they finished with a 10 match win streak. Also contributing to the team's outstanding season were Juniors Stephen Karinch and Bo McDonald. At the Schuylkill League championships the team finished third and Smith placed 7th. Next up is the District XI team tournament on September 30th at the Steel Club.

Our boys cross country team is off and running with an undefeated division record, 6-0, and in first place. Coach Vince Zimerofsky's team relies on veteran junior runners Nash Stehr, Shane Meyer and Wyatt Hylka to lead the Green Wave efforts. Also on the team are freshmen Brady Loftus, Daniel Kim and International students Jay Chhun and John Dang. Individual highlights halfway through the season are first place finishes by Wyatt Hylka and Shane Meyer in the Sol Lipton and Cane Invitationals respectively. October will determine how special this team can be as they compete in the Schuylkill League and District XI championships.

Coach Jenn Daubert and her staff are working hard to bring the best out of the volleyball team as they make their way through their challenging division and non-league schedule. Seniors Lily Baran, Morgan Howell and Chloe Covell spearhead this young squad's efforts while juniors Addisan Ricard, Finley McNamara, Amara Miller, Madison Purcell and Janelle Ziegmont are chipping in with solid performances as the team battles to achieve their goals of league and district playoffs.

The Green Wave football team's record stands at 3 wins and 3 losses. Coach Pat Mason and his staff were tasked with rebuilding a team that lost a bevy of seniors and most of last year's offensive production. The Green Wave busted out of the gates with two wins over Holy Redeemer and Pine Grove Area. Seniors Colt Mason, George Shimko, Aidan Becker, Aidan Ricard, Evan Ritter and Dalton Seisler have demonstrated strong leadership contributing to the positive start for this young team. October 3rd will be the Homecoming game versus Mahanoy Area. Plan to attend and help rally the team to a win.

Also competing this fall are juniors Emmalee Pinkey, Samantha Krusinsky and sophomores Anders Ryon and Joshua O'Toole as members of the Shenandoah Valley soccer teams. Nativity is part of a cooperative agreement with SV and our student athletes are representing themselves well for their respective teams. You can find out when and where they are playing along with our other teams using the below link: [nativity athletics](#)

Pot of Gold Winners 9/24/2025:

1st Winner: Jeremy Rock

Seller: Syllas Geisweit

2nd Winner: Heather

Seller: Madison

3rd Winner: Tom Cappela

Seller: Chloe Zulick

4th Winner: Sadie Bowman

Seller: Jacob Bowman

Green And Gold:

The month of November we will be selling the Gift Card Calendars. Anyone who would like to donate a \$25 gift card or a donation of \$25.00 it would be greatly appreciated. We will be mailing out 5 calendars to each family to sell but, if you could sell more, please ask Mrs. Yaneck in the main office and she will get more for you. The cost will be \$10.00 each.

We are also getting ready for our big fundraiser- the \$20,000 raffle. Tickets are \$100 and only 550 tickets will be sold. If you are interested in selling them please let Mrs. Yaneck in the office know. For every 5 tickets you sell you will receive a chance to win a \$500 tuition award.

Gift cards are available in the Main Office during the day. This is a great way to help with your tuition aid.

School Store:

Uniform clothing including shirts, skirts, 1/4 Zips and sweaters are now in stock. Please check the school store if interested in purchasing.

New Nativity apparel was also added. Baseball hats, hoodies, t-shirts, lanyards and blankets.

We also offer Nativity water bottles which are approved to be used during school hours.

The annual Dig Pink Volleyball game is scheduled for Thursday, October 3 and the school store will be setting up tables in the main lobby area with Nativity Apparel and Dig Pink T-Shirts for sale.



From Dr. Bobinas:

Student Learning Supports

Classroom 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 supports to be successful.

Attention New Students: If your student has a learning plan, please make sure that Nativity has a copy of the plan and a copy of the Evaluation/Reevaluation. Thank you.

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

Office of Safe Environment:

Pamela J. Russo, M.S.W, M.S.
Secretary, Youth Protection and Catholic Human Services
P.O. Box F, Allentown, PA 18105-1538
610-871-5200 ext. 2204
prusso@allentowndiocese.org

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.