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## **JANUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome Back! The beginning of the New Year gives us the opportunity to thank God for the blessings he has bestowed on us during the past year. May we use this New Year to grow in faith, to cherish the gift of life and to thank God for bringing us to 2026.

As we wrap up the first semester, Mid-Term Exams will take place the week of January 12<sup>th</sup>. The schedule is listed below and students have been made aware of the upcoming exams.

Thank you for being an important and vital part of Nativity BVM High School.

Michael S. Grabowski



### **CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE:**

As we begin a new calendar year and a new semester, we look to Jesus Christ to guide us and help us continue to grow as His disciples. With January comes Catholic Schools Week, a reminder to be grateful for and to celebrate the blessing of our school family, centered on Christ. We continue to look for new opportunities to help our students put their faith into action. On January 21<sup>st</sup>, members of our Evangelization Team will be visiting the residents of Providence Place.

Rev. Kevin J. Bobbin

Chaplain, Nativity BVM High School

Pastor, St. John the Baptist Church

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### **Liturgical Calendar for the Month of January**

Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup> – Liturgy

Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> – Liturgy – Catholic Schools Week Mass

### **Important Calendar Dates**

January 5, 2026 - School Re-opens and Activities resume

January 13-15, 2026 – Early Dismissal @ 1 PM for Exams

January 16, 2026 – End of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

January 19, 2026 – School Closed – Teacher In-Service – Martin Luther King

January 20, 2026 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Begins

January 23, 2026 – Progress Reports Issued

January 25, 2026 – Open House and Registration 1-3 PM

January 25, 2026 - Catholic Schools Week begins

**PLEASE NOTE:** *In order for students to receive report cards, tuition payments and fundraising must be up to date.*

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**FROM THE DEAN'S OFFICE:****Service Hours**

Please check Mobile Serve for updated service hours. There are several students who have logged zero hours this year.

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**STUDIES OFFICE NEWS:**

First Semester Exams will take place January 13-15<sup>th</sup>.

The exam schedule will be:

Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>: Periods 1,7,6

Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>: Periods 2,3,5

Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>: Periods 4,8

No lunch will be served on exam days.

Exam Times:

8:15- 8:30	Prayer/Announcements and Prep time
8:30 – 9:45	1 <sup>st</sup> Exam
9:45 – 10:00	Exam Preparation
10:00 – 11:15	2 <sup>nd</sup> Exam
11:15- 11:30	Exam Preparation
11:30 – 12:45	3 <sup>rd</sup> Exam

All exams will be 1 hour and 15 minutes long.

In the event of snow on any of these days, the schedule will be moved to the next day. On a two hour delay, the exams will begin two hours later than listed here and students will be dismissed at regular 2:34 dismissal time.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

*In order for students to take their mid-term exams and receive report cards, tuition payments and fundraising must be up to date.*

The second quarter will close on Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup> with report cards scheduled to be given to the students on Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Parents are reminded that the parent portal for grades, discipline reports, and attendance is available at anytime once your account is created.

The parent portal will not be available from January 9<sup>th</sup> to January 23<sup>rd</sup> for the preparation of report cards.

The third quarter will begin on Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. Students will receive their third quarter schedules during the week of January 5<sup>th</sup> so any corrections can be made before the start of the quarter.

If you have any questions please e-mail Mr. Naffin at [jnaffin@nativitybvm.net](mailto:jnaffin@nativitybvm.net)

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## NEWS FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Nativity is currently accepting inquiries for enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year. Individual meetings, school tours and shadow days are being scheduled for possible enrollment. Please contact Mrs. Jennifer Daubert in the Development office with any enrollment questions. Advertising for enrollment for the next school year is currently on Nativity's social media platforms.

### OPEN HOUSE AND REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2026-2027 school year at Nativity is scheduled for Sunday, January 25, 2026 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.

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### NOTES FROM THE ATTENDANCE OFFICE:

Parents please be aware of the **importance** of making a phone call to the attendance office, **before 8:45 AM**, when your student is absent. Also, if your student is going to be late because of an appointment, please call the attendance office and make us aware of the lateness. Additionally, if your student becomes sick during the school day, they are to report to the main office before calling home. More and more students are texting or calling home before coming to the office. This is not allowed and could result in an unexcused dismissal. Please make sure that your son or daughter is on time for school. They must be in their homeroom before the 8:15 AM bell rings. Students who are late 3 times must serve a detention. It is crucial that we emphasize the importance of being on time!

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### **ATHLETIC NEWS:**

All of our winter teams and athletes are gearing up for a successful run through their schedules in January and February. Plan to come out and support their efforts. All game information can be found on Big Teams Fan Central.

### **YEARBOOK NEWS:**

As a reminder, the last day to order a yearbook at the regular price of \$85.00 is January 9, 2026. After that date, the book will be first come, first serve and the price will jump to \$95.00. Please email Ms. Reynolds with any questions at [jreynolds@nativitybvm.net](mailto:jreynolds@nativitybvm.net). Thank you for supporting the Lawtonian Yearbook!

### **NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT:**

#### **A Message from the Director of Guidance, Mrs. Brensinger**

“Let our New Year’s resolution be this: we will be there for one another as fellow members of humanity, in the finest sense of the word.” -Goran Persson

I wish all of the Nativity Families a very Happy New Year!

Please feel free to contact me at any time at [guidance@nativitybvm.net](mailto:guidance@nativitybvm.net)



#### **Google Classroom**

A reminder to please continue to check Google Classroom for important announcements. Please email [guidance@nativitybvm.net](mailto:guidance@nativitybvm.net) if you wish to be added to the classroom of your student.

#### **Schuylkill Technology Center Interest for Next School Year**

**STC Applications are open!** – Any Sophomore or Junior student interested in attending STC for the Spring 2027 semester must complete this interest form!

#### **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 posted on the Senior Class Google Classroom

Here is the link to the Scholarship Packet that I regularly update <https://tinyurl.com/nativityscholarships>.

## **Seniors**

**I got accepted!!-** Be sure to give copies of acceptance letters and financial aid awards to Mrs. Brensinger. This is required for graduation. Please compile a folder with all letters and turn them in at one time, no later than May 1st.

## **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.***

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## **GREEN & GOLD NEWS:**

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU** to everyone who helped to make our \$20,000 annual fundraiser a SUCCESS. It is a team effort - parents, sellers and purchasers are to be commended! A complete list of the winners is on our Facebook Page.

Our Annual Basket Auction will be May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. If anyone has a family donation that they would like to donate early just send it to the office. We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you to everyone for all your support throughout the year!

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## **Student Council News**

Student Council has begun preparations for Catholic School's Week which will run from Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup> this year. We have been working hard to plan activities that will be fun for our students and our school community.

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## **FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE:**

### **POT OF GOLD WINNERS**

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1 <sup>st</sup> ) Alexis Bixler	seller: Abby Strauss
2 <sup>nd</sup> ) Eric Strausser	seller: Gavin Strausser
3 <sup>rd</sup> ) Ginger F.	seller: Charlotte R.
4 <sup>th</sup> ) Mary Lopez	seller: Addison Messner

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**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.

Secretary, Youth Protection and Catholic Human Services

P.O. Box F, Allentown, PA 18105-1538

610-871-5200 ext. 2204

[prusso@allentowndiocese.org](mailto: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](http://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

