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FEBRUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Catholic Schools Week always reminds us that we must focus on our Catholic Schools and specifically on Nativity as a community of Faith. Our Catholic Faith is first and foremost the reason that Nativity High School continues to serve the community. We have so much to offer the young people in our community and we all need to play a role in encouraging students to enroll. Our continued growth will enable the “Light of Faith” to continue to burn brightly atop Lawton’s Hill!

We continue to be proud of the many accomplishments of our students in and out of the classroom. Please take every opportunity to spread the good news about Nativity to your families, friends and co-workers.

Thank you for your support of Catholic Education!

Liturgical Calendar

February 3rd – Mass: Feast of St. Blaise and Blessing of Throats
February 9th & 10th – Sophomore Retreats and Circle of Grace
February 12th - Mass: NHS Induction
February 18th - Mass: Ash Wednesday

Important Dates

February 13th – Noon Dismissal; No Lunch
February 16th - School Closed – President’s Day
February 22nd – Progress Reports for 3rd Quarter Issued

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

February brings us to the season of Lent. We will celebrate a school Mass on Ash Wednesday, February 18. Although we are still in winter, Lent is the springtime of the Church year, a time that invites us to renewal and growth as disciples of Jesus. We also look forward to our retreat days for the Sophomore class: February 9 and 10, and our Mass on February 12 in which we will induct new members to the National Honor Society.

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

GOVERNANCE BOARD

The Governance Board meets every other month and continues to work on behalf of Nativity BVM High School. You can contact members of the board at their email address: governanceboard@nativitybvm.net.

SERVICE HOURS

Service hours as of the end of the second quarter are listed on student report cards. The requirements, by grade, are listed below. All hours must be logged and verified using the MobileServe application. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school.

	To attend Prom:	To graduate/be promoted to next grade:
Seniors	30 Hours	40 Hours
Juniors	22 Hours	30 Hours
Sophomores	15 Hours	20 Hours
Freshmen	7 Hours	10 Hours
International Students	7 Hours	10 Hours

SPRING PROM

The Jr/Sr Prom may seem far off but many young ladies shop early for their dresses. As a Catholic School, a reminder that prom dresses must be modest. Dresses may not be shorter than fingertip length and if you are wearing a long dress, the slit may not be higher than fingertip length. Midriffs must be covered and all dresses must be modest. Anyone who comes to the prom dressed inappropriately will be asked to change or wear some type of cover up. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Jennifer Daubert.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR SENIORS

Please note the date change for Baccalaureate!

BACCALAUREATE - GRADUATION - Monday, June 1, 2026 @ 7:00 PM
Tuesday, June 2, 2026 @ 7:00 PM

FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

PLEASE NOTE: All Nativity tuition assistance applications must be completed online through STS. There is no longer a paper application.

Financial Aid information for the 2026-2027 school year will be sent home with students in mid-February. You can then begin applying for financial aid for this coming year via STS. You may access all information regarding financial aid via Nativity's website, www.nativitybvm.net. Please contact Mrs. Daubert at the school with any questions.

FINANCIAL CONCERNS

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 field trips and the prom.

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!

SCHOOL NURSE

ACTION REQUIRED- Attention parents of rising seniors!

The Pennsylvania Department of Health requires that your child have the second dose of meningitis vaccine (serogroup A,C,Y,W-135) by the start of your child's senior year. Please make an appointment for your child to receive this shot and submit a copy of the updated shot record to Angela Holobetz RN in the Nativity main office prior to the start of your child's senior year 2026-2027.

INTERACT CLUB NEWS

The Interact Club continues to provide service to the school in preparation for our Open House. The following are upcoming projects:

- Presentation at Rotary Club Lunch – Feb. 11th
- Easter Egg Hunt at Assumption BVM and St. Nicholas School (if possible)
- Spring School Clean-up
- Spring Red Cross Blood Drive
- Field Day and Picnic

Interact members are also working on developing some new projects. If anyone has a service project in mind, please contact Mrs. Sabol.

ATHLETICS



The winter sport season is a week away from concluding the regular season. Our coaches and student athletes have competed and represented the Green and Gold proudly. The Golden Girls basketball team has shown great improvement the second time through divisional play and picked up non-league wins against Salem Christian and Bethlehem Christian. Coach Reed and his staff have helped to lay the foundation built behind the mantra of “Faith, Family and Tradition”.

We have several athletes participating on their home district swim teams. Congratulations to Jay Tang and Eli Kim (Pottsville), Martine Bellan-Huchery (Blue Mountain) and C.J. Williams (Mahanoy) on their performances throughout the season.

Kaiden Renn will conclude his senior year of high school wrestling with the Pottsville team. Injury cut short his junior season and he has bounced back to place 4th at the Schuylkill League Championships.

The Hilltoppers led by Brady Burke and his staff are working towards the return to the Schuylkill League and District XI playoffs. A strong finish in their four games will put them in great shape for both tournaments. Congratulations to Trey Keating as he broke the 2000 career point mark and became the top scorer in Nativity basketball history.

Spring sports registration is open and will close on Friday February 20, 2026. Information can be found using the links below.

Registration: [Spring Sport Registration](#)

Physical Sign Up: [Spring Sport Physicals](#)

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FYI

Physicals for spring sports must be completed along with the other paperwork before any student can participate in Spring sports.

STUDIES OFFICE

Report Cards were distributed on Friday, January 23, 2026. Parents should review the reports with their child. Any student who failed a course for the year must make it up. Information will be sent home soon.

Course selection meetings will be scheduled soon. Parents should begin to discuss with your child their plans for courses for next year. Course description booklets will be distributed at the selection meetings so you can read about each course.

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT**A Message from the Director of Guidance, Mrs. Brensinger**

With 2026 in full swing, scholarship deadlines are fast approaching! Students needing letters of recommendation, transcripts, or any other documents must let Mrs. Brensinger know two weeks before the deadline to guarantee their deadline is met. Please note that all financial obligations must be up to date; no documents will be sent if you have a "hold" on your account.

Winter weather often brings about changes in motivation and mood. If your child does not feel like themselves, please encourage them to see me!

Please feel free to contact me at any time via email at guidance@nativitybvm.net

National School Counseling Week 2025 is Feb. 2-6, 2026

Every year, the first week of February focuses public attention on the unique contribution of school counselors within U.S. school systems. The 2026 theme is: **School Counselors Amplify Student Success**. National School Counseling Week, presented by ASCA, highlights the tremendous impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career.

Google Classroom

A reminder to please continue to check Google Classroom for important announcements. Please email guidance@nativitybvm.net if you wish to be added to your student's classroom.

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>.

Schuylkill Area Community Foundation will be present on February 4th during lunch periods for Seniors to work on applications with them in their portal. Seniors should sign up on Google Classroom by February 3rd.

Juniors

Villanova Trip RSVP due February 2nd!

Nativity is one of 5 Schuylkill County schools that has a partnership with the Curvey Scholarship Program at Villanova University. On Monday, March 23rd, we will visit the campus to learn more information. Juniors should check the classwork tab on Google Classroom to RSVP yes for the trip. Permission slips will be sent closer to the trip date.

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 April 15th

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

Friendly reminder, no transcripts will be sent if there are any financial holds on the student's account.

POT OF GOLD WINNERS

January 22, 2025

- 1st) Tracey Miller
Seller: Charlette R.
- 2nd) Farrah Cahgolla
Seller: Kylah Stewart
- 3rd) Artie Di Casimerro
Seller: Addison Messner
- 4th) Clarissa
Seller: Eric Buchinski



GREEN AND GOLD NEWS

The Green and Gold would like to thank everyone who has helped out with our fundraising efforts. We are currently under our goal that we must meet annually to support the school.

The dates for the Basket Auction will be May 2nd and 3rd. Mark these dates on your calendar!!! There will be a letter coming home with more information, and remember to send in your donations. Thank You!!!

Please watch Facebook for the meeting notifications!! Due to the weather it is hard for us to set any dates right now.

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.