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MARCH 2026 NEWSLETTER



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The season of Lent provides all of us with many opportunities to seek God through the sacrament of Reconciliation. This sacrament brings us closer to Christ and invigorates us to a renewed practice of our faith. Please join us for our many spiritual activities during the Lenten season, from Mass on Ash Wednesday to our Lenten Penance Service and Stations of the Cross in April. We welcome Spring this month and look forward to warmer weather, spring flowers and outdoor activities.

We continue to strive for excellence in all academic areas. Our curriculum is updated annually to meet the needs of all of our students and comply with state and Diocesan regulations. Please spread the “Good News” about Nativity to your family, friends and neighbors. We are working on enrollment strategies to increase our enrollment and we need your help. Nativity High School, as part of its mission, always strives to educate the whole person. Through small class size and individual attention, we strive to ensure that every child is provided with a quality, faith-based education.

Sincerely,

Mr. Michael Grabowski

IMPORTANT DATES

3/20/26 -	End of 3 rd Quarter
3/27/26 -	Noon Dismissal – No Lunch
4/2/26 to 4/6/26 -	School Closed – Easter Break



CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

We continue the season of Lent, a time of growth and renewal by getting back to the basics of prayer, self-discipline, and care for others. All are encouraged to use the Lenten prayer intention box outside our school chapel and contribute to Operation Rice Bowl, which goes to Catholic Relief Services to help people around the world. As always, we will provide the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and pray the Stations of the Cross together later this month. We also look forward the Encounter Retreat March 10-11 for those juniors still in need of a retreat this year.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bishop's Catholic Scholars

Jackson Daubert & Madeline Daynorowicz have been selected as Nativity's Bishop's Catholic Scholars for the 2025-2026 school year. Congratulations to both of these students!

Football Scholar Athlete

Colt Mason was named the Schuylkill country Football Scholar Athlete.

Important Financial Information

All students have received their Financial Aid Packets. Please make sure that you meet all the deadlines in order to fully utilize the aid that is available. In these difficult economic times it is important for all of us to look for every available resource. Please know that we are doing everything possible to keep the cost of attending Nativity as reasonable as possible. It is also extremely important that all financial obligations are being met in a timely fashion. Students whose tuition and fundraising are not up to date will not be able to take exams, receive report cards and transcripts, attend school trips or attend the prom. Students who are behind in their tuition payments may not be able to participate in sports and other activities. Please see the Tuition Collection Policy or call Mrs. Margaret Young if you have any questions. The policy is on the Nativity website.

Reminder: The Bus forms and Pot of Gold forms are due back into the office as soon as possible. If you do not need the bus the forms are still needed back into the office stating no bus needed.



Dress Code and Dress Attire Information

Spring dress code begins on April 1, 2026. Both boys and girls may wear school uniform shorts from Flynn and O'Hara beginning April 1st

JR/SR Prom

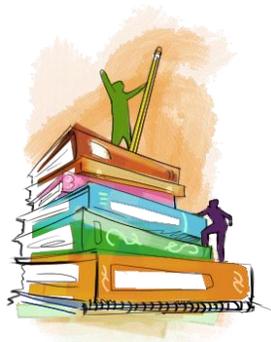
As we move closer to May, we are planning to celebrate with our students at the Prom. We will need some parental assistance with the prom. Mrs. Achach will be reaching out to all of the parents once we have plans in place. With that in mind, please read the following regarding Prom Attire:

*As a Catholic High School, we require that all students dress appropriately. Specifically, we need to address the young ladies and their prom dresses. **Please note that no dresses may expose any midriff, nor may the dresses be exceedingly short or revealing.** A letter specifically addressing these issues will be sent home to all members of the Junior and Senior class. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Daubert or Mr. Grabowski.*

GOVERNANCE BOARD

The Governance Board continues to work on behalf of Nativity BVM High School. The meetings are held the first Tuesday of every other month. If you have questions or concerns and would like to communicate with the board their email address is:

governanceboard@nativitybvm.net.



STUDIES OFFICE

Course selection sheets were distributed to students in February and are due on Friday, March 21th, 2026.

If any parents have questions regarding course selection, please contact Mr. Naffin in the Studies Office at jnaffin@nativitybvm.net.

The 3rd Quarter ends on Friday, March 20, 2026. Report Cards will be distributed on Friday, March 27th.

INTERACT CLUB

The Interact Club is sponsoring an Easter egg hunt at Assumption BVM and St. Nicholas Schools. Nativity students will be at St. Nicholas on March 23rd and at Assumption on April 1st. All Interact members are asked to donate large plastic eggs and candy for the event. If anyone else would like to help us with this project, please contact Mrs. Lynn Sabol at Nativity

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 has been sent home with students. You may now begin applying for financial aid for this coming school 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.



CENTURY BENEFIT

Date: Saturday, April 25, 2026

Cocktail Hour: 6:00PM

Dinner: 7:00 PM (choice of Entrée)

Witness the Induction of the New Golden Cross Society recipients:

Joseph Ferhat '91

Dr Gerald T. Powers '56

Mark Scarbinsky '67

Sandra Schwenk

Place: Mountain Valley Golf Course, Barnesville

Cost: \$150.00

Silent Auction

50/50 Drawing (\$50.00 each or 3 For #100.00)

For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Jenn Daubert at 570-622-8110.

ATHLETIC NEWS

March 2nd is the start of the 2026 Spring sport season. It is an exciting time of year as our teams begin their quest to challenge themselves on the diamond, track and field. All of our teams will welcome a healthy group of athletes number-wise as participation is expected to surpass the last few years. The link below will keep you informed of all competition dates and where you can see our teams compete. Come out and help to support their efforts.

[nativity athletics](https://www.nativityathletics.com)

Congratulations to Coach Brady Burke, his staff and team as they concluded their post season with some gritty performances. The team put forth great effort during the Schuylkill League and District XI playoffs. A special salute to senior Trey Keating as he closed out his Hilltopper career as Nativity's Career Scoring Leader. Trey accomplished a litany of records, awards and recognitions as he rewrote the record books. He wore the Green and Gold with honor, pride and humility and has contributed just as much as a student and member of the Nativity family the last four years.

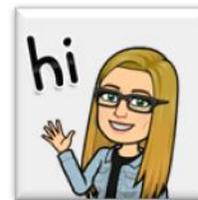
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**POT OF GOLD WINNERS****FEBRUARY 21, 2026**

1 st) Margie Yakin	Seller-
2 nd) Mindy Whitaker	Seller- Olivia Whitaker
3 rd) Chad Felty	Seller- Felty
4 th) Ritter	Seller- Evan Ritter

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

March is an important planning month as students begin making course selections and reflecting on their goals. I am here to support thoughtful decisions that align with each student's strengths, interests, and future aspirations.



College and Career Fair

The Spring College and Career Fair will take place on April 10th in the Gym for all Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors. Mrs. Brensinger will share a list of attendees on Google Classroom closer to the event. If there is a school you would like invited, please email guidance@nativitybvm.net

Schuylkill Technology Center's Spring Open House

Anyone who may be interested in attending STC their Junior Year or Senior Year is encouraged to go to the open house and should talk to Mrs. Brensinger immediately.

STC South Campus Spring Open House- Wednesday – March 11th from 6- 7:30 pm

STC North Campus Spring Open House – Wednesday – March 18th from 6- 7:30 pm



Students who applied for the 2026-2027 school year will be notified by May if they have been accepted.

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. Be aware that guardian invites from Google Classroom often will be sent to your spam folder.

Scholarships

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 is regularly updated
<https://tinyurl.com/nativityscholarships>.

Juniors

Nativity is one of 5 Schuylkill County schools that have a partnership with the Curvey Scholarship Program at Villanova University. On Monday, March 23rd, we will visit the campus to learn more information. Sign-ups for this trip have closed. Permission slips will be coming home shortly.

Seniors

National Decision Day- May 1st

Seniors may wear a shirt representing the school, trade program, or military branch they have officially committed to attend after graduation. This must reflect the institution they have signed up with and plan to attend—not a generic college T-shirt. See Mrs. Brensinger with any questions.

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 to Mrs. Brensinger, 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

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

GREEN AND GOLD BOOSTER CLUB

Basket Auction

Letters will be going out very soon for the upcoming Basket Auction. This year the auction will be Saturday May 2nd and Sunday May 3rd. This is a major fundraiser for the Green and Gold and requires a great deal of help. Please keep an eye out for the letters. In the meantime, if you are willing to help solicit for prizes, please contact Diane Yaneck at 570-622-8110. Also, your donations for the Basket auction can be taken to the office at any time.

SCHOOL STORE

School store is busy getting ready for Spring. New items will include Baseball hats and T-shirts for Track, Softball and Baseball.

Any students with uniforms that no longer fit, please consider dropping them off at school store or office for our swap shop.

As always, school store is opened Monday through Friday, 11:30 – 1:00. All are welcome.

Any questions, Sue Eckley 570-640-0930.

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
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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.



