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## **APRIL 2026 NEWSLETTER**



### **FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Dear Nativity Family,

As we enter the Easter Season, we rejoice in the Resurrection of our Lord and the promise of new life it brings. In the joy of the risen Christ, may we continue to seek and reflect His light. May this Easter Season renew our hearts, strengthen our faith, and inspire us to share Christ's love with all we encounter.

Mr. Michael Grabowski

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### **CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE**

April begins in the most important week of the year for Christians, Holy Week. Catholics and all Christians are encouraged to attend the liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and, of course, Easter Sunday in order to fully experience the power of these most special days. We are encouraged to not just look at these days as "Easter break" but a special time that brings us back to the center of our faith.

The Easter season and springtime is a beautiful time of year that reminds us of the difference Christ makes in our lives: always bringing renewal and conquering sin, evil, suffering, and death. Our school community continues to turn to daily prayer, school Masses, and Eucharistic Adoration to keep us focused on the presence of our risen Lord in our lives this Easter season.

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

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## **BISHOPS CATHOLIC SCHOLARS**

Congratulations to Jackson Daubert and Madison Daynorowicz who have been named Nativity's 2025-2026 Bishop Catholic Scholars. They will be honored at a ceremony at Bethlehem Catholic High School on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 AM.

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## **LITURGICAL CALENDAR**

April 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> – Senior Retreat  
 April 16<sup>th</sup> – Liturgy – AM Assembly  
 April 30<sup>th</sup> - Liturgy – AM Assembly

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## **IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES**

Friday, April 10 <sup>th</sup>	Spring College /Career Fair
Friday April 17 <sup>th</sup>	Noon Dismissal – No Lunch Service
Saturday, April 25 <sup>th</sup>	Bishop's Catholic Scholar Ceremony; Century Benefit
Sunday, April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Female Scholar Athlete Banquet
Tuesday, April 28 <sup>th</sup>	Academic Achievement Breakfast

Please check the Nativity website, [www.nativitybvm.net](http://www.nativitybvm.net), and the Nativity Athletics and Events Facebook page for up-to-date information, videos and shared posts. You do not have to have a Facebook account to view the information!

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## **FINANCIAL CONCERNS**

It is extremely important that all financial obligations are being met in a timely fashion. It is vital to our school that families continue to make their regular tuition and fundraising payments. We understand that there may be difficult times for families and we are committed to working with each of you. Please see the Tuition Collection Policy on our website or call Mrs. Young if you have any questions.

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 athletics, 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. Payments can be made by mail directly to the school, online through your STS account or by credit card on Nativity's website found under Important Links on the right side of our home page.

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## **SERVICE HOURS**

All students are reminded that community service hours must be completed before attending any class trips, prom, or Commencement. Students who do not complete their service hours will not receive schedules for the next academic year. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Holohan at Nativity.

## ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Recently, letters were emailed home to students who have excessive absences. Please review the following from the student handbook:

The Diocese of Allentown School Policy No. 5113 states: **“Students are reminded that excessive absence or lateness will result in students being assigned to summer school for makeup work. Students who are absent for more than twenty (20) days for whatever reason except for a special health condition will not be issued report cards or grades until the work is made up.”** Students will be assigned to make up time after school hours are completed. For each school day missed over twenty (20), a student will be required to make up three hours. Seniors may participate in graduation ceremonies, but diplomas will not be issued until all make up time is completed and documented.

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## STUDIES OFFICE

The 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter began on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Report Cards were distributed on Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. If there are any questions regarding grades, please contact Mr. Naffin in the Studies Office.

Progress Reports for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter will be emailed on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Parents should be aware that the progress reports that are emailed will be for the quarter grades. You should especially be aware if a student has the possibility of failing for the year as this will affect graduation. We call your attention to the following Diocesan policy.

*Policy 5127*

*Graduation Ceremonies in high school are formal and public exercises which recognize the students who participate in them as having completed all course work necessary to receive a high school diploma. Those students who have not completed and passed all their subjects necessary to receive a diploma are not eligible to participate in Graduation Exercises.*

I also call your attention to the following in the Nativity BVM High School handbook:

*A failure in any subject (e.g. Theology), including semester courses and quarter courses, could prevent a student from participation in Commencement Exercises. In such a situation, the diploma would be awarded after the satisfactory completion of the course work. This regulation may also be waived by the Principal due to severe hardship or unusual circumstances.*

Students who have not handed in their course selection form and fee, you can turn them into the main office.

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## INTERACT CLUB

The Interact Club is currently working on our Red Cross spring blood drive. The drive will be held on Monday, May 4, 2026. Anyone who is interested in giving Blood, please contact the Main Office. Students who are 16 years of age are eligible to donate blood with parental consent. This is an important activity as there is a great need for blood donations. Any questions, please contact Mrs. Lynn Sabol or one of our student team leaders, Jackson Daubert or Madison Daynorowicz.

Upcoming events include Field Day in May. Interact hosts the events and organizes food donations, games and events

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## PROM

*Date: Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>*

*Where: Mountain Valley Golf Course*

*Time: 6-10PM, Check-in time will be announced closer to the date*

Promenade will be held at Nativity BVM High School prior to the start of the prom. All times will be announced to students when plans are finalized. Prom tickets will be available to purchase in April, dates and prices will be announced to students. The theme for this year's Jr./Sr. Spring Prom is *An Enchanted Evening*. Anyone who would like to take a student from a school other than Nativity BVM High School must complete a guest form. These forms are now available in the main office. Guest forms must be completed and returned by April 24<sup>th</sup> (NO EXCEPTIONS). **Service hours must be 75% complete and all financial obligations must be up to date to be eligible to attend Spring Prom.**



### 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. Dresses with slits may not have the slit any higher than fingertip length. Failure to adhere to these requirements will result in the student not being permitted to attend the prom.*** Young men must be dressed appropriately for a formal event. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Jennifer Daubert at [jldaubert@nativitybvm.net](mailto:jldaubert@nativitybvm.net) or Mr. Grabowski at [mgrabowski@nativitybvm.net](mailto:mgrabowski@nativitybvm.net).

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## SCHOOL TRIP

Nativity BVM High School will be running a school-wide field trip to the Philadelphia Phillies vs. Cincinnati Reds baseball game on Wednesday, May 20, 2026. The game begins at 1:05 PM. Seating for the game is in section 138 and students/faculty & staff/chaperones will be transported via Coach buses.

We will depart Nativity at 9:30am for the game and arrive back at Nativity at approximately 7 PM. Students attending the trip have already signed up at school as tickets had to be purchased in advance. Cost of the trip

(which includes your ticket to the game and coach bus transportation) is \$85. Checks can be made payable to Nativity High School and are due to the main office no later than April 10, 2026.

Currently, there are 90 tickets/seats available for the game. Any student not signed up for the field trip must attend school on May 20<sup>th</sup> as it is a regularly scheduled school day. More details will follow closer to the date of the trip. Any questions, please contact Mrs. Daubert at 570-622-8110.

## DEVELOPMENT NEWS

### Tuition Assistance:

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](http://www.nativitybvm.net). Please contact Mrs. Daubert at the school with any questions.



## NATIVITY BVM HIGH SCHOOL CENTURY BENEFIT

Everyone is welcome to attend and help support Nativity BVM High School as we hold our 2026 Century Club Benefit on Sat. April 25, 2026 at Mountain Valley Golf Course in Barnesville, PA. The Golden Cross Society recipients will be inducted at the dinner.

- The cost is \$150 per person.
- Cocktail hour will begin at 6:00 PM, dinner at 7:00 PM, induction of the Golden Cross Society members and Silent Auction will follow. There will also be a 50/50.
- The Golden Cross Society inductees for this year are: Joseph Ferhat '91, Dr. Gerald T. Powers '56, Mark J. Scarbinsky '67, Sandra Schwenk

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

## FROM THE FINANCIAL OFFICE

### POT OF GOLD WINNERS

MARCH 19, 2026

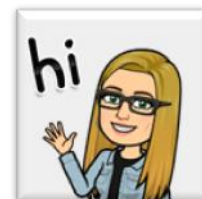
- 1<sup>st</sup>) Derek Miller  
Seller: Janelle Ziegmont
- 2<sup>nd</sup>) Michelle Hummel  
Seller: Victoria Burke
- 3<sup>rd</sup>) Suzane Holley  
Seller: Kylan Stewart
- 4<sup>th</sup>) Kelly Platts  
Seller: Bailee Tavares

Get your tickets in!! The final two Pot of Gold drawings are scheduled for April 8 and April 22, 2026. If you need any additional tickets, please contact Mrs. Young in the finance office. All Pot of Gold money for the current year is due by the last drawing on April 22, 2026. At that time, any remaining fundraising balance will be added to your STS tuition account. All tuition accounts must be paid-in-full by the end of this school year in order for financial aid to be posted for the next school year.

Reminder to Parents: if you haven't already done so, please return a Pot of Gold selection form for the 2026-2027 school year as soon as possible so tickets can be ordered. Please email Mrs. Young with your selection at [myoung@nativitybvm.net](mailto:myoung@nativitybvm.net) or fill out and return the attached form. **Families who do not return a form will be given (70) \$10 tickets with no substitutions.**

## NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

Happy April families! Spring brings about a lot of transitions in my office. Juniors are looking for Senior year information, and course selection has been completed. Seniors are excited for graduation! Freshmen and Sophomores are excited about what next year may bring them at Nativity. 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](mailto:guidance@nativitybvm.net)



### College and Career Fair

The Spring College and Career Fair will take place on April 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:guidance@nativitybvm.net)

### 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>.

## Seniors

### National Decision Day- May 1<sup>st</sup>

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.

### 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.*

### Class of 2026 Commencement Information

In late April, a graduation survey will be posted on the Class of 2026 Google Classroom. This information will be used during commencement when each student is announced on stage. Please be sure to complete the survey and any questions to [guidance@nativitybvm.net](mailto:guidance@nativitybvm.net). This is a reminder that students are announced on stage using their full first, middle, and last names.

Also, please remember, all college acceptance letters, and any financial aid offers, must be given to Mrs. Brensinger together at one time. Please compile a folder and bring it to the Counseling office no later than May 8<sup>th</sup>.

## Juniors

### PHEAA Junior Jump Start

A representative from PHEAA will be here during the lunch periods on April 13<sup>th</sup> to work with Juniors for their Junior Jumpstart program. Students can register on Google Classroom.

## Sophomores



All Sophomores will be attending the Career Fair on April 15<sup>th</sup> at Martz Hall hosted by the NEPA Manufacturers and Employers Council. Parents will receive a permission slip the week of April 6<sup>th</sup>.

## 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 your student's classroom. Be aware that guardian invites from Google Classroom often will be sent to your spam folder.

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## GREEN & GOLD

The Green and Gold Club's Basket Auction is scheduled for May 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>. Letters went out to the families explaining everything for the event. Donations can be sent to the office at any time. If you know of a business or someone who would be interested in donating, please let us know. We have a tax- deductible letter to give them. Also, if you are interested in putting baskets together, please contact Mrs. Yaneck in the office.

We will also need help at the auction and Shop and Drop. If you are able to help, make a food or baked good, please let Mrs. Yaneck know. If your family donated to the auction, there will be a free sheet of tickets at the auction for you.

This year the Grand Prize will be a \$1000 Shopping Spree with assorted \$100 gift cards.. If you would like more tickets, they will be in the office.

Thank you for all you do to help us raise money for school activities.

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## ATHLETIC NEWS

The 2026 Spring sports schedule is in full swing. Our baseball and softball teams opened up their seasons determined to improve upon their records from a year ago. The Hilltoppers are led by a group of returning players that made their way to the PIAA Class A Semifinals. Seniors Ryan Grabowski, Jackson Daubert and Trey Keating will help to lead this year's group on the path of success. The Golden Girls softball team has doubled in numbers and is working their way to improvement on the diamond with seniors Chloe Covell, Macie Rushannon and Chloe Zulick.

The Green Wave track and field teams will begin their meet schedule on March 31st. They too welcome several new members to their program as well as athletes from Williams Valley. This is year two of the cooperative agreement and with the combined efforts of our schools should prove to increase the already successful boys and girls teams. Mark your calendars for April 14th and 21st and come support the teams as they host meets at Pottsville Area High School Veterans stadium. Start time is 4:00 PM

Find all of our events [here](#).

## **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.