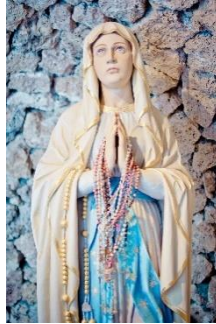


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## **MAY/JUNE NEWSLETTER 2026**



**Mary, Patroness of our school,  
Pray for Us!**

### **FROM OUR PRINCIPAL**

Mary is the Patroness of our school. During the month of May, we thank Mary for giving us our Savior and we implore that she continues to intercede on our behalf. Our annual May Procession and Crowning is an important part of our spiritual life at Nativity.

The end of the school year is always a time of mixed emotions as our seniors are winding down their high school careers. We are busy preparing for the close of the 2025-2026 academic year, the preparation for next school year, and of course Graduation, Baccalaureate and other activities. We are sad to see the seniors graduate but happy that they are moving on to the next part of their lives. For most it involves college, but for all of them it will be a time of change and challenge. They will embark on a new journey, one that leads to their futures. We wish them the best of luck and will keep them in our prayers.

The final day of school for our underclassmen is Thursday, June 4, 2026. Please see the schedule for the end of the year in this newsletter. We hope that the summer brings us rest, relaxation and a renewed spirit to help us spread the word of God through our words and actions. We ask God to bless us throughout the remainder of the school year. I hope that everyone has a great summer!

Mr. Michael Grabowski

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## FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

As another school year starts to wrap up, we honor our patroness the Blessed Mother in the month of May. We will celebrate Mass for the Ascension on May 14, and honor Mary with our May Procession at Mass on May 21. We also look forward to our final visit from Live Vertical this school year. On May 12 they will again lead us in Eucharistic Adoration and then close the day with a special time of prayer with the entire school community.

As we near the end of the year, I thank Mr. Rogers for all of his assistance and effort in his first year as our campus minister. I am also grateful to our Evangelization Team for their involvement in retreats and other activities this year. We congratulate the graduating seniors on the team and look forward to inducting new members this month.

Rev. Kevin J. Bobbin

Chaplain, Nativity BVM High School

Pastor, St. John the Baptist Church

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Tuesday, May 5 <sup>th</sup> -	Liturgy for Mr. McCormick
Thursday, May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Mass; Evangelization Team Induction
Thursday, May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Mass and May Procession
Monday, June 1 <sup>st</sup> -	Baccalaureate Mass @ 7 PM
Thursday, June 4 <sup>th</sup> -	Closing Mass

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

May 4<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> – AP Exams  
 May 14<sup>th</sup> – Field Day  
**May 15<sup>th</sup> – SR/JR Prom – School Closed**  
 May 20<sup>th</sup> – School trip  
**May 25<sup>th</sup> – School Closed Memorial Day**

May 26-28 - Senior Exams

May 27-29 – Underclassmen Exams

May 29<sup>th</sup> – Senior Graduation Practice and locker cleanout

June 1<sup>st</sup> – Juniors only report – Early Dismissal @ Noon; Baccalaureate Mass @ 7 PM

June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sophomores only Report – Early Dismissal @ Noon; Commencement Exercises @ 7 PM

June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Freshmen only Report – Early Dismissal @ Noon

June 4<sup>th</sup> – All underclassmen report for Closing Exercises and Liturgy with dismissal at 11 :00 AM

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## *Congratulations Seniors Class of 2026*



The following students were named Schuylkill County Scholars: Jackson Daubert, Madeline Daynorowicz, Ryan Grabowski, Trey Keating, Andrew Smith, Chloe Zulick.

The following students were honored on April 25<sup>th</sup> as Bishop’s Catholic Scholars: Jackson Daubert and Madeline Daynorowicz.

Valedictorian: Ryan Grabowski

Salutatorian: Chloe Zulick

Principal’s Honor Roll: Madeline Daynorowicz, Ryan Grabowski, Trey Keating, Andrew Smith, Chloe Zulick.

Female Scholar Athlete: Madeline Daynorowicz

Pottsville Republican Scholastic Superstars: Madeline Daynorowicz, Ryan Grabowski, and Chloe Zulick.

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### **GOVERNANCE BOARD UPDATE**

Our Governance Board has been diligently working on our behalf. We are continuing to look for new sources of scholarship money to help all of our students. Enrollment continues to be the most important part of our efforts. It will ensure Nativity’s bright future on the “Hill”. We all must spread the good news about Nativity in our communities. There are many possible students in our parishes and hometowns that just need to hear about Nativity and all it has to offer. Please help us to “Spread the Good News”!!!

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## IMPORTANT FINANCIAL INFORMATION

A reminder that all Financial obligations, tuition and fundraising must be met in order for students to receive progress reports.

**SENIORS:** All financial and academic requirements must be met in order to participate in graduation exercises and attend the prom. Please refer to the senior letter that was sent home May 1st.

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## INTERACT CLUB

The Interact Club will be hosting Nativity's annual Field Day on Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Students will be served a picnic lunch, snacks, drinks and dessert. Members of Interact will provide some of the refreshments as well as planning various games and events. This is always a fun day for students and faculty. If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Mrs. Sabol at Nativity.

Thank you for your support!

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## FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

**2026 JUNE SWEEPSTAKES TICKETS** are now available at Nativity.

Donation: \$10 each

Tickets are good for all 30 drawings in June

\$100 prize Monday to Friday

\$150 prize for Saturday & Sunday

\$300 prize on Flag Day

\$300 prize on Father's Day

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## ATTENTION FAMILIES:

Tuition assistance determinations will be made in late June 2026. Tuition Assistance will be posted to STS accounts by the middle of July. Please contact Mrs. Daubert with any questions. There is still time to apply for tuition assistance for the 2026-2027 school year.

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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 ASAP.

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.

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## STUDIES OFFICE

***Deficiency notices for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter were emailed on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Parents should be aware that these deficiencies will include failures or possible failures for the quarter, semester and for the year. You should especially be aware if a student has the possibility of failing for the year as this will affect graduation and/or summer school.***

Parents and students are reminded that attendance for examinations is mandatory. No student will be excused from any session.

Seniors will have their final examinations May 26-28. Final examinations will be given May 27-29 for all underclassmen. The schedule is as follows:

**Tuesday, May 26: Periods 1, 7, 6 – seniors**  
**Wednesday, May 27: Periods 2, 3, 5 – all grades**  
**Thursday, May 28: Periods 4 and 8 – all grades**  
**Friday, May 29: Periods 1,7, 6 – underclassmen**

Report cards for underclassmen will be distributed on Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Senior report cards will be distributed after the graduation ceremony and will be mailed, if they are not ready for distribution after graduation ceremonies.

Students will receive a copy of their tentative schedule for the next school year in July. Please review this carefully and follow the directions with regards to making changes.

Students who fail a course for the year, must attend summer school. Please contact Mr. Grabowski or Mr. Naffin (Studies) at 622-8110.

Students involved in the Dual Credit Programs will receive information on transcript requests in a separate mailing.

AP tests will be administered May 4<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>. Students taking an AP class must take the exam for their course and should be sure to be present on the day of the exam. All AP payments are due by May 12, 2026.

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## POT OF GOLD WINNERS – APRIL 8, 2026

\$250 – Sylvia Lenart     Seller: Madison Gann  
 \$150 – Bill Peitly–     Seller: Charlee Fix  
 \$50 – AR –             Seller: Macie Rushannon  
 \$50 – Ellie Pasker     Seller: Layne Pasker

## POT OF GOLD WINNERS 4/22/2026

\$250- George Shimko     Seller- George Shimko  
 \$150- Ritter                 Seller- Evan Ritter  
 \$50- Jenn Parrish         Seller – Felty  
 \$50- Port                     Seller- Emmet Portland



## ATTENTION PARENTS AND/OR GUARDIANS OF SOPHOMORES:

The class of 2028 will celebrate their Ring Mass ceremony in the fall semester of their junior year. If students would like to participate, they need to submit a piece of jewelry to Mr. Noecker in order for it to be blessed at the mass. Students are not required to purchase new jewelry, but if they would like to, Sophy Jewelers in St. Clair is the only place that sells the replica of the Nativity cross. If students would like to purchase a ring, Herff-Jones online guarantees delivery as long as orders are received by the end of May. Additionally, most jewelers in the area will also make class rings. The website for Herff-Jones is: [www.highschool.herffjones.com](http://www.highschool.herffjones.com). Please contact Mr. Noecker with any questions.

### News from the School Counselor

**A Message from the Director of School Counseling, Mrs. Brensinger**  
 May is an emotional month for many, it is AP season, Commencement is around the corner, and Juniors are often having Senior year worries. 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)



### Summer Hours with Mrs. Brensinger

Any family looking to meet with Mrs. Brensinger during the summer may email [guidance@nativitybvm.net](mailto:guidance@nativitybvm.net) to request a meeting. Office hours are very limited in the summer, so schedule early! Seniors, this is a great opportunity to get a jump start on applications! Common App opens August 1st!

## **Seniors – Class of 2026**

### **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.

### **Commencement Information due May 10th**

The graduation survey is due May 10th. 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. Here is the [link to the survey](#)

Also, please remember, all college acceptance letters and any financial aid offers must be given to Mrs. Brensinger together at one time. Students were asked to compile a folder and bring it to the Counseling office no later than May 10th.

## **Juniors- Class of 2027**

Juniors have met with Mrs. Brensinger individually to discuss thoughts after graduation, and they shared if they hoped to continue their education or planned to move in a different direction. In the coming months, students should start thinking of schools they will want to apply to and determine if those schools require SAT/ ACT scores. Juniors are encouraged to visit schools over the summer break, Seniors will only receive 3 excused college visits, so utilizing summer break is imperative!

Class of 2027 Parents and Guardians that would like to do a phone conference, in May or early June, please contact me at (570) 622-8110 or via email at [guidance@nativitybvm.net](mailto:guidance@nativitybvm.net). Regular senior meetings may be scheduled over the summer starting in late July, and will be scheduled using this form: <https://forms.gle/fd5CXsg9FxyppmnRT9> Please make sure all students keeps their Google Classroom notifications turned on over the summer.

## **Important Notes for the 2026-2027 school year**

**The PSAT** will once again take place in October, and all students in grades 9 through 11 will be required to take the test.

**Test Accommodations** through College Board for the PSAT and SAT are available Please contact Mrs. Brensinger in Guidance if you have a Classroom Plan in place and are looking for accommodations for the PSAT or SAT. **This is a 7-week process at minimum;** parents are encouraged to reach out by July 1 to Mrs. Brensinger via email at [guidance@nativitybvm.net](mailto:guidance@nativitybvm.net) . Parents will need to fill out the Consent form located on the College Board website and attach it to their email. [HERE IS THE FORM](#)

**The ASVAB-** all Seniors will complete the ASVAB test in October as we have in years past.

**The College and Career Fair-**This Fall, all Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors will attend our annual fair. If students are interested in a specific school, please see or email Mrs. Brensinger, and she will invite their representative.

**Reminder about Google Classroom over the summer!**

Students are asked to keep their notifications for their “Class of” Google Classroom on over the summer! Announcements may be made about community service opportunities, deadlines, special events, and grade-specific information may be sent. Please email [guidance@nativitybvm.net](mailto:guidance@nativitybvm.net) if you wish to be added to the classroom of your student.

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**JR/SR PROM**

*Nativity Prom and Promenade: Friday, May 15, 2026*

**3:00-3:45**                    **Photographer** - Ruby Laine Photography will be available at Nativity High School for formal pictures. Forms are available in the office.

**3:15 -3:45 PM -**        **Registration / Sign in** at Nativity BVM High School

**3:45 PM -**                **Line up** for Grand March backstage

**4:00-5:00 PM -**        **Promenade** - Nativity High School Gym

**5:30- 5:45 PM -**        **Sign in at Mountain Valley**, 1021 Brockton Mountain Drive, Barnesville, PA

**6:00 PM -**                **Dinner begins PROMPTLY** - the meal will be family style.

**7:00- 10:00 PM -**      **Dessert and Dancing**

**NO STUDENTS WILL BE ADMITTED TO PROM AFTER 6PM!!!!**

**\*Students and Parents, Please Note:** Nativity BVM is committed to preserving a safe, drug and alcohol-free environment for our students. In accordance with this commitment, Nativity BVM reserves the right to administer random sobriety tests to students at all school functions. Please be advised that we take the safety of our students very seriously. Policy details are listed in the student handbook. If you have further questions, please call the school at 570-622-8110.

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## ATHLETIC NEWS

As we approach the final week of the 2026 spring season, we congratulate all of our seniors for their hard work and dedication to their respective programs. Track and Field was recognized on April 21st, Softball on April 30th and Baseball on May 6th.

The Green Wave girls Track & Field team are the 2026 Schuylkill League Division 2 Champions. They finished with a perfect 6-0 season record and garnered their first title since 2009. Coach Vince Zimerofsky and his staff have worked diligently to build participation and talent for this team, always trusting that the results would take care of themselves. Congratulations athletes and coaches.

The Hilltopper baseball team will qualify for the DXI postseason and has the opportunity to defend their two year title as 1A champions. Coach Kreiger and his staff will have the team ready for the opportunity which kicks off on Tuesday May 19th at a site and time to be determined.

All student athletes and families should be on the lookout for 2026-2027 athletic registration and physical examination information during the month of May. St. Luke's will once again be offering free physical examinations that everyone is encouraged to take advantage of. Registration will continue to be online for physicals and team sign ups. Arbiter is our new platform going forward as they have purchased Big Teams.

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## GREEN & GOLD

The basket auction was held May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. We would like to thank you for all of your help and support throughout the school year. We would not be able to accomplish our goals without your help.

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## SCHOOL STORE

During the month of May, Nativity apparel will be discounted. We have hoodies, crew sweatshirts, sweatpants, t-shirts and blankets to name a few. Feel free to stop in Monday through Friday between 11:30 – 1:00 or call Sue Eckley to make an appointment at your convenience. (570-640-0930)

Uniform order forms will be available in June. My first bulk order to Flynn O’Hara Uniform Co. will be July 10 and second order will be August 7.

Any uniforms, which no longer fit or students who are graduating, please consider dropping them off at school store. Our swap shop could use some items.

A special thank-you to Amanda Bobella and students Evan Ritter, Emmie Pinkey, Emma Joan Fox and Maddy Gann who came in every day to wrap candy or work the front counter.

Summer hours will be Tuesdays and Thursdays 11:30 – 1:00 or by appointment.

## 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.

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

### College Board Accommodations

Please contact Mrs. Brensinger in Guidance if you are looking for accommodations for the PSAT or SAT. This is a 7-week process at minimum, so parents are encouraged to reach out immediately. Parents will need to fill out the Consent form located on the College Board website and give it to the office for Mrs. Brensinger : <https://accommodations.collegeboard.org/request-accommodations/request/through-the-school>

If you need additional help please contact Mrs. Brensinger at [guidance@nativitybvm.net](mailto:guidance@nativitybvm.net)

Attention New Students: If you had a learning plan prior to enrolling at Nativity, please be sure to bring a copy to the office for Dr. Bobinas. We ask that you give us a copy of the plan and a copy of the Evaluation/Reevaluation. Thank you.

## **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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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 is 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.