

**NATIVITY BVM HIGH SCHOOL  
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## **July 2024 Newsletter**



### ***FROM THE PRINCIPAL:***

I hope that everyone is enjoying their time off from school. Summer vacation is a time for relaxation and renewal. We are busy preparing for next school year and want to provide information for the 2024-2025 year to you. Members of the faculty are attending workshops and classes for professional development. I hope all of our students are working on their summer reading assignments as they prepare to return in August!

We continue to search for a Theology teacher, but we do have a plan in place for next year if none is available. We also welcome Mrs. Adrienne Jacobs as a member of our Science department. We are excited to have the rest of our faculty and staff back for next year!

Nativity has received BSCA Stronger Connections grant money through Pottsville School District. We are looking for a part-time School Counselor, who will be paid through this grant. If you know of anyone interested, please let me know. The position would be a contracted position through an outside company.

There are several important events taking place over the next few weeks and we wanted everyone to make sure they were aware of all the exciting happenings here on the "Hill". **Please check the school website [nativitybvm.net](http://nativitybvm.net)** or contact the Main Office if you have any questions with regards to the upcoming events. **Also, please refer to the Dress Code information in this newsletter before buying any clothing or shoes for next school year.** Lastly, please remember to attend mass during the summer. There is no vacation from our faith!

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

*Mrs Lynn A Sabal*



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

Campus ministry does not stop for the summer. On June 17<sup>th</sup>, our new Evangelization Team gathered for a retreat day on the campus of St. Ambrose Church and the St. Joseph Special Learning Center. Led by our friends from Live Vertical, we enjoyed a day of team-building activities, discussion, brainstorming ideas, and of course, prayer. Please pray for the students and adults on our Evangelization Team as we look forward to the coming school year.

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

## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

The Nativity family congratulates Mr. Michael Grabowski who has been appointed by Bishop Schlert to the position of Assistant Principal of Nativity BVM High School beginning July 1, 2024.



### ***Summer Reading***

Please check the Nativity BVM website ([nativitybvm.net](http://nativitybvm.net)) for summer reading information. All students were given information before school ended. If you have any questions, please contact the Main Office.



### ***IMPORTANT DATES:***

#### **JULY 2024**

July 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup>	School and Main Office Closed for the 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Holiday
July 10-11 <sup>th</sup>	Diocesan Summer Workshop for Principals
July 14 <sup>th</sup>	Meet & Greet for Freshmen and all new students and parents 5:00 PM Fun Night for all Nativity Students @ 6 PM
July 15 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup>	Nativity Little Girls Volleyball Camp
July 22 <sup>nd</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup>	Little Golden Girls Basketball Camp
July 29 <sup>th</sup> – Aug. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gym Closed for Floor Refinishing

#### **AUGUST 2024**

August 5 <sup>th</sup>	Heat Acclimation – Football
August 6 <sup>th</sup>	Governance Board Meeting 4 PM
August 12 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Official Practice - Fall Sports
August 15 <sup>th</sup>	Mass for the Feast of the Assumption @ 12 Noon in the chapel
August 21 <sup>st</sup>	Faculty/ Staff In-Service
August 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Faculty/Staff In-Service and Meeting
August 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Teacher Retreat Day
August 25 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Orientation Meeting 6:00 PM – All New parents are encouraged to attend
August 25 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Sports Pep Rally @ 7:00 PM
August 26 <sup>th</sup>	School Opens for Freshmen
August 27 <sup>th</sup>	School Opens for Sophomores
August 28 <sup>th</sup>	School Opens for Juniors
August 29 <sup>th</sup>	School Opens for Seniors
August 30 <sup>th</sup>	All students report – Opening of School Picnic

### ***Summer Giving!***

This summer we are still looking to replace a stage curtain. The backstage curtain has been damaged and is no longer useable. This will be a significant cost to the school so we are looking for donors to help us with this project. If you are able to donate, please send it to Nativity to my attention and designate the donation specifically to help defray the cost of the curtain. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

Additionally, preparations for the upcoming school year are in full swing. The following projects are in the process of being completed:

- Resurfacing of the gym floor
- Painting of classrooms
- New sound system
- Painting and upgrades to the floors in both locker rooms – Please note that these areas will be closed as of July 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Maintenance and work on all fields

These projects have been partially completed through the efforts of grants like the Forward with Christ Campaign and private donors. We are still looking for donations toward summer giving to help with these projects. If anyone would still like to donate, please send the check made out to Nativity BVM High School to Mrs. Sabol's attention and note on the check that it is specifically to be used towards summer giving. *A special thank you to the families who donated this summer.*

## ***Student Schedules***

Daily  
Schedule

We are currently working on the student schedules for the 2024-2025 school year. Please look for them in the mail in the middle of July. If a student did not turn in a course selection paper, classes will be assigned by the Studies Office!

Any student who failed a class for the 2023-2024 school year must make up the credit over the summer. Please contact Mr. Naffin as soon as possible if you did not receive the needed information.



## ***Meet & Greet & Fun Night***

Please join us for a Meet and Greet on **Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM**. We welcome all of our freshmen and new students along with their parents for this social event. More information will be sent via email and social media. We look forward to meeting the new members of the Nativity family! If you are planning to attend, please call the office (570-622-8110) and let us know how many people will be coming as refreshments will be served.

All Nativity students grades 9 through 12 are invited for a fun night on **Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6 PM**. We will have a movie, corn hole and spike ball games. Refreshments will be provided. Please check the Nativity Facebook page for more information.

## ***Interact Club***

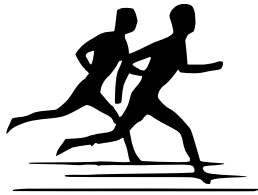
Any Interact Club member interested in helping with **Fun Night**, please contact Mrs. Sabol @ Nativity.



## ***Tuition and Fundraising***

It is extremely important that all tuition and fundraising is up to date. Letters regarding outstanding balances will be mailed in July. The school fee of \$325 is due by the end of July. Please check your tuition and fundraising statements for information. Please contact the financial office with any questions.

Attention Seniors: all tuition and fundraising must be up to date in order to send out any transcripts for college applications.



## **Track and Baseball Updates**

### **Schuylkill League Meet**

Michael Stank: 5<sup>th</sup> in the 100, 1<sup>st</sup> in the 400-meter run  
Alek Gorski: 4<sup>th</sup> in the 200-meter run, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 400-meter run  
Noah Dolbin: 1<sup>st</sup> in the 110-meter hurdles, 2<sup>nd</sup> in long jump  
Michael Kadziela: 2<sup>nd</sup> in the high jump, 8<sup>th</sup> place in triple jump  
Bailey Ziolkowski: 5<sup>th</sup> in the discus, 4<sup>th</sup> in the shot put  
Jack Messina: 6<sup>th</sup> place in 800-meter run  
Nolan Daynorowicz: 7<sup>th</sup> place in 400-meter run  
Liam Messina: 8<sup>th</sup> place in long jump  
Boys 4x800 relay: 4<sup>th</sup> place  
Boys 4x100 relay: 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
Boys 4x400 relay: 1<sup>st</sup> place – new stadium and league record  
Sara Spolski: 3<sup>rd</sup> place in 200-meter run, 1<sup>st</sup> place in 400-meter run  
Melissa Malarkey: 6<sup>th</sup> place in 800-meter run, 3<sup>rd</sup> place in 1600-meter run  
Girls 4x400 relay: 6<sup>th</sup> place  
Arianna Sherman: 4<sup>th</sup> place in javelin

### **District XI Championship**

Bo McDonald: 6<sup>th</sup> place in 100-meter dash  
Alek Gorski: 4<sup>th</sup> place in 200-meter dash, 1<sup>st</sup> place in 400-meter dash  
Michael Stank: 2<sup>nd</sup> place in 400-meter run  
Nolan Daynorowicz: 7<sup>th</sup> place in 400-meter run  
Noah Dolbin: 2<sup>nd</sup> in 110-meter hurdles, 1<sup>st</sup> in long jump  
Michael Kadziela: 2<sup>nd</sup> in high jump, 8<sup>th</sup> place in triple jump  
Liam Messina: 8<sup>th</sup> place in long jump  
Bailey Zilokowski: 8<sup>th</sup> place in discus  
Boys 4x100 relay: 1<sup>st</sup> place  
Boys 4x400 relay: 1<sup>st</sup> place – new district record  
Boys 4x800 relay: 5<sup>th</sup> place  
Sara Spolski: 4<sup>th</sup> in 200-meter run, 2<sup>nd</sup> in 400-meter run  
Melissa Malarkey: 3<sup>rd</sup> place in 1600-meter run

Madeline Daynorowicz: 5<sup>th</sup> place in high jump  
Arianna Sherman: 3<sup>rd</sup> place in discus, 4<sup>th</sup> place in javelin

### **PIAA State Championship**

Alek Gorski: 6<sup>th</sup> in 400-meter run  
Noah Dolbin: 4<sup>th</sup> place in 110 hurdles  
Boys 4x400 relay: 1<sup>st</sup> place – Noah Dolbin, Mike Stank, Nolan Daynorowicz, Alek Gorski

Congratulations to the Nativity Green Wave track team. Special congratulations to all of our medalists, and our Gold Medalists!

### **District XI Baseball**

The Nativity “Hilltopper” Baseball Team won their semifinal district game against Notre Dame East Stroudsburg by a score of 19-0. The win placed the team in the District Final against Marian Catholic. Nativity won their first-ever District XI Title by defeating Marian 5-2.

In the opening game of the PIAA state tournament, Nativity faced an undefeated Faith Christian team out of District 1. The Hilltoppers lost a close game 1-0 and gave Faith Christian their closest game of the tournament. Congratulations to our District XI Champs!

## **DEVELOPMENT OFFICE**

**ATTENTION FAMILIES:** All tuition assistance will be posted onto accounts by the end of July. Please contact Jenn Daubert at 570-622-8110 with any questions.

**PLEASE NOTE:** A policy has become effective for families who receive the Eastern Pennsylvania Scholarship Foundation Scholarship (EPSF). Please read the following carefully:

THE EASTERN PA SCHOLARSHIP ADVISORY BOARD HAS ENDORSED THE FOLLOWING: IF A FAMILY HAS NOT PAID THEIR PAST TUITION BILL (2023-2024) THEY WILL **NOT BE** ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE AN EITC/OSTC SCHOLARSHIP FROM THE EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION.

It is the responsibility of each family to make sure that their tuition is paid in full each year. Failure to do so will make the family ineligible to receive an EPSF Scholarship.

## **ATHLETIC NEWS**



Nativity BVM High School “Green Wave” Football will be returning to St. Clair to play all home games for the 2024-2025 season at **St. Clair Veteran’s Stadium**. We are grateful to St. Clair School District for the use of their stadium and the many improvements that have been made. As always, volunteers such as ticket takers, chain gang, 50/50 and game ball sellers and help at the concession stand will be needed. More information will be sent out as we get closer to the beginning of the season.

We encourage all students to participate in our sports and activity programs. Many of our fall sports teams are still looking for more players. Please consider joining one of our fall sports teams, band, or cheerleaders. It is possible to be involved in more than one activity during a season. We encourage all Nativity students to be involved.

Non-mandatory summer workouts have already begun. Please check the school website for information on all summer workouts or contact Mrs. Ruth Weidman, our Athletic Director, at 570-622-8110 or at [athletics@nativitybvm.net](mailto:athletics@nativitybvm.net).

ALL students participating in any athletic programs starting the new school year must have a PIAA Physical Form completed by MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2024. Please Note: Football forms must be completed by MONDAY, AUGUST 5<sup>th</sup>. This form is available on the Nativity website under Athletic forms. Also, "Code of Conduct" and Emergency Contact forms must be completed. All athletes should be completing the First Season packet ENTIRELY.



## **It's Back for 2024-2025**

All students will receive a Student Pass for Athletics the first week of school. This pass will enable all students to attend every **Nativity home event** for the entire year. There will be no charge for these passes.

### ***All Sport Passes***

We will be selling "All Sports Passes", which allows entry into all "HOME" sporting events. The cost of these All Sports Passes is: **Adults: \$75.00**

**Students (other than Nativity Students): \$25.00.**

Sports passes will be available in the Main Office.

***Individual Game Ticket Prices for all sports: Adults \$6.00, Students (Non-Nativity) \$3.00***

### **Golf**

Golf practices will be every Monday and Wednesday from 10 AM to 12 PM at Mountain Valley for the rest of the summer. It is not too late to sign up! Also, anyone who is interested in joining the team can reach out to Coach Will Waldick at [Nativitybvmgolfers@gmail.com](mailto:Nativitybvmgolfers@gmail.com).

### ***Community Service***

Any hours performed over the summer or last school year need to be documented and all summer hours must be handed in to Mrs. Antoinette Holohan by September 20<sup>th</sup>. Community service papers are available from Mrs. Holohan, in the main office and on the Nativity website. Please refer to the Student Handbook for information related to Community Service.



## ***Bus Forms***

Bus forms were sent out to the students that did not hand theirs in at the end of the year. Please fill them out and send back to the school so they can be sent to the school districts. If you do not need the bus please fill it out and note on it that they will be driving or a passenger with someone. The school districts need to know how many students attend Nativity so that the bus schedule can be developed.

## **GREEN AND GOLD NEWS**

The mission of the Green and Gold Booster club is to raise \$35,000 per year to offset the athletic and activity budgets for Nativity BVM High School. This is done through a variety of fundraisers throughout the year. The first is Fall Sports Program. More information to follow on other fundraisers, including the Gift Card Calendar. Please contact Diane Yaneck in the office if you can help. We are always looking for members to help and offer new ideas!

Letters will be going out to all the student's homes asking if you want to place an ad for your student in the program. All the Fall sports teams are featured in the program. We also send out letters to businesses in the area. If you know of a business who would like to place an ad please let us know and we can get them the pricing for business ads.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!



## ***SCHOOL STORE NEWS***

The school store will continue its summer hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Certificates will be available and orders for school uniforms will be taken. If you are unable to come in during this time, please call Sue Eckley @ 570-640-0930 or Mandy Rymarkiewicz @ 570-527-5104.

### **Uniform Info:**

Students who need uniform clothing for the start of the school year must place an order by the end of July to guarantee delivery. We will continue the same uniform style for our golf shirts, skirts and sweaters. Reminder- Boys & Girls Khaki Shorts are an option for the 2024-2025 school year for the Fall and Spring but must be purchased through Flynn & O'Hara. Our new ¼ Zip's can be purchased in the School Store. The School Store will not be keeping a large quantity of extra uniform clothing.

Swap Shop uniform clothing (slightly worn) is available. You may take up to 3 items per student. New Nativity apparel will be available in August, until then there are still some items for sale.

### **Certificate Program Info**

A complete list of certificates is available in the school store. Script certificates will be ordered every Monday morning. You may call or text me with your order or stop in the school store Tuesday and Thursday from 11:30 AM -1:00 PM. Now is the time to get involved in our Certificate

Program to help with your child's tuition cost. Reach out to your grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends and neighbors.

God Bless & have a great summer!

Sue Eckley (School Store Coordinator)

## **GUIDANCE NEWS**

### **News from Mrs. Brensinger, the School Counselor**

Happy July families!

I am working my hardest to help ensure next Fall is organized and stress free, especially for our Seniors applying to college. See my Class of 2025 notes below for more information. Any underclassmen family looking to meet with Mrs. Brensinger during the summer may email me to request a meeting, office hours are very limited in the summer so schedule early!

As always, feel free to contact me at any time via email at [guidance@nativitybvm.net](mailto:guidance@nativitybvm.net)

### **Summer Hours in Guidance**

Any underclassmen 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!

### **Class of 2025 Information**

In the coming month, students should start thinking of schools they will want to apply to and determine if those schools require SAT/ ACT scores. Seniors are encouraged to visit schools over the summer break, each Senior will only receive 3 excused college visits, utilizing summer break is imperative!

**FINAL TRANSCRIPTS:** Unofficial copies will be available, upon request, for athletic recruitment or to begin the application process. If you are applying to a school that id D1 or D2, please contact me for information on getting enrolled in the NCAA portal.

**RECOMMENDATION LETTERS\*:** If you have not already done so- please reach out now to ask for recommendations from those you want to write your letters for you. Provide them with a complete resume- Template on Google Classroom. *You do not need to know where you are applying to ask for letters.* If they say "Yes": Follow up with your writers when you return to school! **Before Aug 1, remember to ask: 2 Teachers. 1 Counselor. 1 Supplemental (coach, employer, clergy, etc.)** You should submit your recommendation letter request for me here: <https://forms.gle/vdL5Dmv6hcEyzR1t6> , there is a spot for you to upload your resume in the google form.

**COMMON APPLICATION:** We ask that all students apply to schools through "Common App", and while the Common Application won't allow submission of applications until after August 1- late June - early July is a GREAT TIME to create an account and begin populating the general application form. Here is a fact sheet with information about your class size and academics that will be helpful: [Fact Sheet Here](#)



Go to [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org) to create an account and begin the process. Here is your **Common App Cheat Sheet** to help you with completing your profile.

**COMPLETE SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS** There is a direct correlation between academic performance, and working in stages vs cramming. Chip away at assignments throughout the Summer. **DO NOT PROCRASTINATE!** Start working on your Common App essays now to have them ready when you get back to school to work on with your English teachers.

**GRADUATION PLANNING MEETINGS:** All Seniors are required to meet with Mrs. Brensinger before September 15th to discuss their post-graduation plans. Schedule Summer meetings here with Mrs. Brensinger to get a jump start! <https://forms.gle/gFFyF1S6adQfUsrT7>  
A parent or guardian is welcome to attend the meeting with the student.

**\$\$\$ SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH:** NOW is the time to begin this search. **Check our packet on Google Classroom frequently as new scholarships are often being added**  
[tinyurl.com/nativityscholarships](http://tinyurl.com/nativityscholarships)

*\*Many of the deadlines are from last school year and deadlines will be updated once announced*

**SAT Dates 2024-2025 :** <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/dates-deadlines>

Also stay tuned to the list of Test Optional Schools ([fairtest.org](http://fairtest.org)) that are constantly being updated.

**Google Classroom Reminder:** Pay attention to Google Classroom for updates over the summer! Any Parents/Guardians wishing to be added should email [guidance@nativitybvm.net](mailto:guidance@nativitybvm.net)

### **Important Notes for the 2024-2025 school year**

[The PSAT will once again take place in October, all students in 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 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>

[The ASVAB- all Seniors will complete the ASVAB test in October as we have in years past.](#)

[The College and Career Fair-is scheduled on September 16th, all Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors will attend. If students are interested in a specific school, please see or email Mrs. Brensinger, she will invite them.](#)

### **Reminder about Google Classroom for all students**

A Google classroom has been created for each graduating class and announcements will be made periodically, all students have been invited to their respective class. Please email [guidance@nativitybvm.net](mailto:guidance@nativitybvm.net) if you wish to be added to the classroom of your student.

## **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 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.