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MARCH 2025 NEWSLETTER



News 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,



Mrs. Lynn A. Sabol

Spiritual Calendar

March 5 th -	Ash Wednesday Liturgy
March 7 th -	First Friday Adoration
March 11 th -12 th	Encounter Retreat
March 20 th -	Liturgy

Bishop’s Catholic Scholars

Sam Spolski & Carleigh Palmieri have been selected as Nativity’s Bishop’s Catholic Scholars for the 2024-2025 school year. Congratulations to both of these students!



Chaplain's Message

The month of March takes us to the season of Lent. As winter turns into early spring, Lent is the springtime of the Church year. It is a time of renewal, a time when we are invited to go back to the basics of prayer, discipline, and good works to prepare to celebrate the center of the Christian faith: the death and resurrection of Jesus.

At Nativity, we will observe Lent by celebrating Mass on Ash Wednesday and, later in the season, providing the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on April 8 and praying the Stations of the Cross on April 10. We are also encouraged to contribute to Operation Rice Bowl as a simple and easy way to practice almsgiving.

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

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.

Snow Days

Any days missed for weather or other interruptions will be announced as either a Flexible Instruction Day or a Snow Day. As always, we will contact the school community through the One Call System and post information on the school Facebook page.

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 2025-2026 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.

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.



Dress Code and Dress Attire Information

Parents are asked to make sure that their children are properly dressed according to the dress code. Skirt lengths, types of pants, length of shirts and types of shoes are examples of issues that are being addressed. If your son or daughter is not dressed according to the code, he or she may be sent home. We make every effort to work with our families and it is essential that all of our students follow the rules and regulations listed in the handbook. This is first and foremost a Catholic High School and we expect that our students will dress modestly.

Spring dress code begins on April 1, 2025. Both boys and girls may wear school uniform shorts from Flynn and O'Hara beginning April 1st.

JR/SR Prom

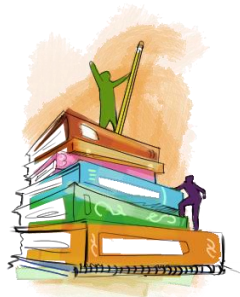
As we move closer to May, we are planning to celebrate with our students at the Prom. We will need some parental assistance with the prom. Mrs. Achach will be reaching out to all of the parents once we have plans in place. With that in mind, please read the following regarding Prom Attire:

*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. Sabol or Mr. Grabowski.*



Middle States Accreditation

Nativity BVM High School will welcome our Middle States Visiting Team on Sunday, March 30th. The team will be with us until Wednesday, April 2nd and will be reviewing all of our documents, visiting classes and meeting with faculty, staff, students and others in the school community. We are looking forward to a successful and enjoyable visit!



Studies Office

Course selection sheets were distributed to students in February and were due on Friday, February 21st, 2025. If any parents have questions regarding course selection, please contact Mr. Naffin in the Studies Office at jnaffin@nativitybvm.net.

Deficiency Notices were emailed home to parents on February 19th. ***Parents, please make sure that you have seen the notice and discuss this with your son/daughter***

The 3rd Quarter ends on Friday, March 21, 2025. Report Cards will be distributed on Friday, March 28th.

A NOTE TO PARENTS

Parents are reminded to call the main office, if possible, before 8:45 AM, when your child is absent. Also, please handwrite a note if your student is to be dismissed earlier than the end of the school day. Additionally, please make sure that you communicate with your child's teachers directly regarding academic concerns. If you need more information please contact Mr. Naffin regarding Academics. It is important that we make sure that all information is accurate and that we speak to the teacher before making judgments. Communication is key to the smooth operation of the school!

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.



CENTURY BENEFIT

Date: Saturday, April 5, 2025

Cocktail Hour: 6:00PM

Dinner: 7:00 PM (choice of Entrée)

Witness the Induction of the New Golden Cross Society recipients:

Drs. Michelle and Richard “Rick” Adams

Frank Angelo '64

Diane Chaklos Yaneck

Vincent “Vince” Zimerofsky '92

Place: Mountain Valley Golf Course, Barnesville

Cost: \$150.00

Silent Auction

50/50 Drawing

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

Academic Team

Nativity BVM finished fourth in the Schuylkill Academic League during the regular season, which qualifies for a bronze medal. The league tournament will be on March 10th. Great job team!



ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Induction ceremonies for Nativity’s Athletic Hall of Fame will take place on Sunday, April 13, 2025, at the school. A lunch reception for inductees and their families will take place at the school beginning at 1:15 PM. The formal induction ceremony will be held in the gymnasium at approximately 2:30 PM.



POT OF GOLD WINNERS

FEBRUARY 21, 2024

- 1st) Kevin Riotta Seller- Hailey Runkle
- 2nd) Taylor Dombrosky Seller- Brenna Dombrosky
- 3rd) Emerich Seller- Peyton Emerich
- 4th) Kevin Kanute Seller- Conner Kanute

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 3rd and Sunday, May 4th. 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.



Bingo

The Green and Gold will be having a Gift Card Bingo on March 9th. Doors will open at 11:00 with bingo starting at 1:00. We are in need of workers and food donations. If you are able to help or donate please call Mrs. Yaneck in the main office.

ATHLETIC NEWS



As we turn from February to March, the Hilltopper basketball team is battling their way through the postseason. First, congratulations to Coach Walborn, Coach Yordy and Coach Reed and their team on clinching the Schuylkill League Division 2 championship. Seniors Sam Walborn, Noah Dolbin and Ben Kreitzer along with underclassmen, Trey Keating, Ryan Grabowski, Jacob Bowman, Layne Pasker, Nicholas Clarke and Marc Lutzkanin combined their efforts throughout the season to prime this team for a deep playoff run. On February 25th, they took on the Weatherly Wreckers for the third time this season and needed every bit of effort from all of these young men to record a 52 - 51 victory. The win advances them to a play-in game against Ferndale High School on Saturday, March 1, 2025. A victory puts the team into the 32 team PIAA Class A State Championship tournament. Stay tuned for March's recap to see how far their journey will take them.

Spring sports season begins Monday, March 3, 2025. It is an exciting time of year when our student athletes get to dust off the gear and challenge themselves in the sports of baseball, softball or track and field. All athletes and parents/guardians should have a Big Teams account and complete the forms that are posted with your profile to be eligible for participation. Contact the athletic office if you have any questions.

EMAIL athletics@nativitybvm.net
 PHONE (570) 622-8110 ext. 343

The Nativity community would like to thank Mr. Chuck Rushannon, Mr. Bill Lewandowski and Mr. Joe Souchak for the leadership they have provided our Golden Girls softball program throughout the years. They dedicated many hours to the development of the team for which the girls and Nativity are very grateful. Taking over as head coach of the program is Mr. Stephen Kleeman. He will be assisted by Mr. Michael Talmadge and Mrs. Renee Covell. Welcome atop the HILL!

News from the Guidance Department

A Message from the Director of Guidance, Mrs. Brensinger



Students in need of letters of recommendation, transcripts or any other documents must let Mrs. Brensinger know 2 weeks before the deadline to guarantee your deadline is met.

Please note all Nativity BVM financial obligations must be up to date, no documents will be sent if you have a “hold” on your account. Please feel free to contact me at any time via email at guidance@nativitybvm.net

Senior Graduation Information

This is a reminder all college acceptance letters, and any financial aid offers must be turned in to Mrs. Brensinger together at one time. Please compile a folder and bring it to the Counseling office no later than May 1st.

College Financial Aid

Every senior should fill out the FAFSA at fafsa.gov, even if they are financially sound. Government loans are offered to each student via the FAFSA submission at lower interest rates. Additionally, aid offered by your college is often dependent on the FAFSA.

Scholarships

Attention Junior and Senior Families, I wanted to remind you that the Guidance Page on the Nativity website has a full packet of scholarships that is updated in real time. [View the full packet here](#)



STC Information



Schuylkill Technology Center’s Spring Open House will be on Tuesday, March 4, 2025 (weather date March 11, 2025) from 6 pm to 8 pm at both the North and South Campuses. 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.

College and Career Fair

The Spring College and Career Fair will take place on April 4th in the Gym for all Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors. Mrs. Brensinger will share a list of attendees on Google Classroom closer to the event.

Reminder about Google Classroom

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 if you wish to be added to the classroom of your student.

March Newsletter 2025

Certificate Program:

Your next credit will include December, January and February.

Our Certificate Program has all your shopping needs. Here is a reminder of our In-Stock Gift Cards.

Grocery Stores:

Boyers
Giant
Redners
Weis

Gas Stations:

Exxon/Mobil
Sheetz
Sunoco
WaWa

Shopping Stores:

Boscovs
CVS
Dunham Sports
Home Goods
Kohls
Lowe's
Michaels
TJ Maxx/Marshalls
Walmart

Restaurants:

Burger King	Roma
Cracker Barrel	Roman Delight
Crimson House	Starbucks
Dairy Queen	Subway
Domino's	Taco Bell
Dunkin Donuts	Valenti's
McDonalds	Vito's
Mustard Seed	Wendys
Palermos	

Oils:

Jack Rich, Shewokis, Tobash and Quality Oil

Any questions, contact 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
P.O. Box F, Allentown, PA 18105-1538
610-871-5200 ext. 2204
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 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.

