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APRIL 2025 NEWSLETTER



FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear Nativity Family,

We continue to pray and repent as we make our way through Holy Week and the end of the Lenten Season. We are grateful for the improved health of Pope Francis. Pope Francis tells us that “Lent is a favorable time to seek out – and not to avoid – those in need; to reach out – and not to ignore – those who need a sympathetic ear and a good word; to visit – and not to abandon – those who are lonely.” May we be joyful with the risen Christ and pray that we find the Light of Christ this Easter Season.

Mrs Lynn A Sabol

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Chaplain's Message

We continue the season of Lent by celebrating Mass on April 3 and 15, providing an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on April 8, and praying the Stations of the Cross as a school community on April 10. These spiritual activities help us focus ourselves in preparation for the most important time of the year for Christians: Holy Week and Easter.

We strongly encourage Catholics and other Christians to enter deeply into Holy Week. Attend as many of the liturgies as possible: Palm Sunday, the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, the Commemoration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, the Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday Mass. Participating in the beautiful and powerful liturgies of Holy Week is an easy way to come to a deeper appreciation for our faith and it will make the Easter season more joyful and more meaningful.

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

Holy Week

In observance of Holy Week, there will be no school from Holy Thursday through Easter Monday. This had been scheduled as our Easter break. We encourage the Nativity family to take part in Holy Week services at their local parishes. Please check your local parish website or Facebook page for updated information.

Bishops Catholic Scholars

Congratulations to Samuel Spolski and Carleigh Palmieri who have been named Nativity's 2024-2025 Bishop Catholic Scholars. They will be honored at a ceremony at Bethlehem Catholic High School on Saturday, April 26th, at 10:00 AM.

School Calendar Changes

Because of extra snow days which have not been used, Nativity BVM High School will be closed on the following dates:

Friday, May 16th – Prom

Friday, May 23rd

Please be aware that there are some other academic events on these dates that cannot be moved. Students will be contacted directly.

Liturgical Calendar

April 3rd – Liturgy – AM Assembly

April 8th – Lenten Penance Service – AM Assembly

April 10th – Stations of the Cross – PM Assembly

April 15th - Liturgy – AM Assembly

April 24th – Retreat Day – Local Church Pilgrimage - Seniors

Important Calendar Dates

Tuesday, April 1 st	Middle States Visit
Wednesday April 2 nd	Middle States Visit & Early Dismissal @ Noon
Friday, April 4 th	Spring College Fair
Saturday, April 5 th	Century Benefit
Sunday, April 13 th	Athletic Hall of Fame
Thursday, April 17 th	School Closed – Holy Thursday
Friday, April 18 th	School Closed - Good Friday
Monday, April 21 st	School Closed – Easter Monday
Tuesday, April 22 nd	School Re-Opens
Friday-Sunday	Drama Club presents “Footloose!”
	April 25 th – 27 th

Please check the Nativity website, 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!

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.

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 mailed 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.

Studies Office

The 4th Quarter began on Monday, March 24th. Report Cards were emailed on Friday, March 28th. If there are any questions regarding grades, please contact Mr. Naffin in the Studies Office.

Progress Reports for the 4th quarter will be emailed on April 30th. 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.



Interact Club

The Interact Club is scheduled to host a 2nd Blood Drive on Monday, May 5, 2025. In this time of need, blood supplies are essential. If you are available, consider giving blood. More information will be sent in the May newsletter. Additionally, the Interact Club will host an Easter Egg Hunt at Assumption BVM on April 11th. We are in need of large plastic eggs and candy!

Student Council News

Our Student Council will be using the money collected for “pie in the face” during the “Celebrating our Nation” activities of Catholic Schools Week to sponsor an American Flag to be flown from May through July in the Minersville Veteran’s Memorial Park. This flag will fly in honor of all veterans who graduated from Nativity BVM High School. This flag will be flying during the graduation of our Class of 2025 which has multiple graduates joining military services and academies. We are very proud of all of our veterans and we are thankful to be able to honor them in this special way. Veterans, thank you for your service!

Nativity BVM Jr./ Sr. Spring Prom

Date: Friday, May 16th

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 *The Great Gatsby*. 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 26th (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

At this time, the Senior/Junior Prom is on as scheduled for May 16th. 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. Sabol at lsabol@nativitybvm.net or Mr. Grabowski at mgrabowski@nativitybvm.net.

School Trip

Nativity BVM High School will be running a school-wide field trip to the New York Yankees vs. Texas Rangers baseball game on Thursday, May 22, 2025. The game begins at 12:35 PM. Seating for the game is in section 235, 236, 237 (left field bleachers) and students/faculty & staff/chaperones will be transported via Coach buses.

We will depart Nativity at 8:30am 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 \$75. Checks can be made payable to Nativity High School and are due to the main office no later than May 1, 2025.

Currently, there are 86 tickets/seats available for the game. Any student not signed up for the field trip must attend school on May 22nd 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 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.



Nativity BVM High School Century Benefit

Everyone is welcome to attend and help support Nativity BVM High School as we hold our 2025 Century Club Benefit on Sat. April 5, 2025 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.
- The Golden Cross Society inductees for this year are: Drs. Michelle and Richard "Rick" Adams, Frank Angelo '64, Diane Chaklos Yaneck and Vincent "Vince" Zimerofsky '92.

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, 2025**

- 1st) Kevin Kilpatrick
Seller: Carleigh Palmieri
- 2nd) Nicole Ebert
Seller: Lauren Clark
- 3rd) Palmer
Seller: Vyn McDonald
- 4th) Sue Smith
Seller: Andy Smith

Get your tickets in!! The final two Pot of Gold drawings are scheduled for April 9 and April 23, 2025. 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 23, 2025. 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 2025-2026 school year as soon as possible so tickets can be ordered. Please email Mrs. Young with your selection at 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 Guidance Department

A Message from the Director of Guidance, Mrs. Brensinger

Happy April families! Spring brings about a lot of transition in my office. Juniors are looking for Senior year information, course selection has been completed and 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

Class of 2025 Graduation Information

A graduation survey is posted on the Class of 2025 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. 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 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 is updated in real time. [View the full packet here](#)



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Juniors- Class of 2026

Juniors have met with Mrs. Brensinger individually to discuss thoughts after graduation, 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 2026 Parents and Guardians that would like to do a phone conference, in May or June, please contact me at (570) 622-8110 or via email at guidance@nativitybvm.net [Regular senior meetings will begin in July, and will be scheduled using a Google Form through the class of 2026 Google Classroom. Please make sure your student keeps there Google Classroom notifications turned on over the summer.](#)

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. Attendees registered as of now are Albright College, Allegheny College,

Alvernia University, Arcadia University, Cedar Crest College, Central Penn College, Commonwealth University, DeSales University, Elec Workers 743, Elizabethtown College, Empire Beauty School, HACC, Harrisburg University of Science and Technology, IBEW Electrical Apprenticeship, IEC Pennsylvania, Immaculata University, Johnson College, Joseph F McCloskey School of Nursing, King's College, Lebanon Valley College, Lehigh Carbon Community College - Tamaqua, Luzerne County Community College, Lycoming College, Marine Corp, Marywood University, Messiah University, Misericordia University, Moravian University, Mount St. Mary's University, Neumann University, Pennsylvania College of Technology, Rosemont College, Saint Francis University, Saint Joseph's University, Shippensburg University, Susquehanna University, Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology, The University of Scranton, US Army, Villanova University, Wilkes University.

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.



GREEN & GOLD

Thank you to those who helped with our recent bingo. It was greatly appreciated.

The Green and Gold Club's Basket Auction is scheduled for May 3rd & 4th. Letters are going 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 Meat Gift Card Raffle. It will be a \$250 Gift card from Tony's Meat Market, \$250 Marlin Markets Gift Card and \$250 Adelpia Gift Card. 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.



ATHLETIC NEWS

March flew in with the Hilltopper basketball team playing in the PIAA Class A State Championship tournament. The first game was a challenge dealing with distance and an unfamiliar foe in Ferndale High School. The team persevered and moved on as Trey Keating hit a career high 42 points with the victory. Their ride ended at the hands of High Point Baptist 60 - 48. Post season congratulations to Sammy Walborn and Noah Dolbin on their selection to the Schuylkill Charity Bowl Senior Basketball team. Trey Keating was voted Division 2 Most Valuable Player for the 2024 - 2025 season. Great job guys.

Spring sports are just getting started with their regular season and youth bounds with our baseball and softball teams. Every at bat and defensive rep they get during the month of March will enable them to reap great results during the season.

Coach Vince Zimerofsky welcomes back some very experienced athletes with the most noteworthy being Nolan Daynorowicz, Noah Dolbin and Michael Stank who made up three quarters of the GOLD MEDAL 1600 meter relay team. Also returning is Sara Spolski who qualified for the state championships last spring in the 400 meters. Who will break out and help the boys and girls T&F teams find success, only time will tell. Everyone is working hard to lower times and increase distances in hopes of pursuing not only their personal record (PR) but also find a way into the league, district and state championships.

Find out where and when our teams are competing with the link below.

<https://nativitybvmsports.org>



Congratulations to Noah Dolbin, Alek Gorski, Nolan Daynorowicz, and Michael Stank, on winning the 2024 state title in the 1,600-meter relay! PA State Rep. Jamie Barton, PA State Rep. Tim Twardzik, PA State Rep. Dane Watro, and Senator Argall welcomed the team to our State Capitol this week and congratulated them on their VERY impressive season.

DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

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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

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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.