

**MY ATTITUDE MUST BE CHRIST'S** Philippians 2:5

Nativity of Mary Parish Mass Times: Sat. 4:00 pm, Sun. 8:00 am, 10:30 am

**QUARTER:**

Friday, Oct. 14, is the end of the 1st quarter. Report cards will be given out at the parent/teacher conferences on Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>.

**PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES:**

Parent/Teacher conferences for Pre-school thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade are just two weeks away...**Friday, Oct. 21.** Conferences are scheduled between 12:00 & 7:00 p.m. **15 minute** conferences will be scheduled on a first come - first serve basis. Call the office for a time for K-5. Pre-school teachers are scheduling their own students. Conferences are with the homeroom teacher only for K-5.

6, 7 & 8<sup>th</sup> grade conferences will be held in the Parish Hall. Parents will pick up their report card at a central location. If you'd like to meet with the subject teacher, you may stand in their line and wait for an opportunity.

Students in K thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade need to come with their parents.

**THERE IS NO SCHOOL ON Friday, OCT. 21.**

**Pre-school & Extended Care will be Closed.**

**HOT LUNCH MENU for October 10, 11, 12, 13 & 14:**

**MONDAY:** Chili w/Crackers, Carrots, Fruit, Dessert, Milk

**TUESDAY:** Chicken Strips, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk

**WEDNESDAY:** Giorgio's Pepperoni Pizza, Salad, Fruit, Dessert, Milk

**THURSDAY:** Pancake & Sausage on a Stick, Tator Tots, Fruit, Milk

**FRIDAY:** Italian Combo Sub Sandwich, Chips, Veggies/Dip, Fruit, Milk

**HOT LUNCH UPDATE:**

As a reminder, payments for hot lunches are to be paid in advance. There are several accounts that have a **NEGATIVE** balance of more than one week of charged lunches. This makes it very difficult for the Hot Lunch Program to maintain its budget. All families have access to their hot lunch account online. Please make it a point to check the balance and keep the account as current as possible. This is also a good way to be sure that our records match yours and will allow us to make corrections to any discrepancies. If your child's account reaches negative \$10.00, please send a cold lunch until account is paid in full.

Thank you for your support and please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached by e mail at [anthomason@sbcglobal.net](mailto:anthomason@sbcglobal.net). You can also leave a message for me in the school office and I will return your call. Ann Thomason.

**ANNUAL WATKINS SALE:**

Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are holding their Annual Watkins Sale starting Oct.10th thru Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>.

Expected delivery date is Nov. 7 in plenty of time for your holiday baking. Payment is due when you place your order. Make checks out to Nativity 8<sup>th</sup> grade. To order just ask any 8<sup>th</sup> grader or contact the school office. Thank you in advance for your support.

**SCRIP PROGRAM HELPS NATIVITY:**

Scrip is a term that means "substitute money". When you purchase scrip, you are purchasing negotiable gift cards that are used just like cash. You can use it to purchase food, clothing, toys, gifts, even gasoline. You receive full face value for the scrip you purchase and the school makes a percentage of the price (2% to 15%).

Order forms went home on Tuesday. Check those backpacks. Our next order is due **Tues., Oct. 11 at noon**. Please return orders along with payment (checks made out to Nativity School) to the office in an envelope marked SCRIP. Besides ordering for yourself, think of gifts for birthdays, anniversaries & Christmas.

**SCOUTS & CAMP FIRE:**

This Sunday, October 9, is the next Youth Mass at Nativity. Scouts and Camp Fire youth should attend in full uniform and be seated with their family in the reserved sections by 10:25. Cub Scouts have petitions this month.

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU:**

Thanks to the parents, students and staff of Nativity of Mary School. With the recent food drive and money collected we were able to fill a pick-up load full of food to help stock the shelves of the St. Mary's food pantry. Thank You for your thoughtfulness and support.

## DIOCESAN OFFICE SURVEY:

The Diocesan Office Survey (purple sheet) was sent home again on Wednesday with all students. If you didn't return the survey the first time around, please do so now by Monday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>. The information you provide helps us to attain Federal funding and Title services. Thanks a lot!

## F.I.R.E. BONFIRE:

It's your chance to win a 42" Plasma HDTV or runner-up prize of an IPAD by purchasing a \$5 raffle ticket in the Nativity of Mary school office. Proceeds go to F.I.R.E for Bonfire 2011, October 15, 2011 at the Westin Crown Center. Make checks payable to F.I.R.E

## BONFIRE SPIRIT WEEK:

Each day students are asked to bring a donation to help "Raise the Boot" a benefit for the Foundation for Inclusive Religious Education F.I.R.E.

Money-Monday: Student Appreciation Day – Students may wear jeans

Teacher-Tuesday: Teacher Appreciation Day – Teachers may wear jeans

Western-Wednesday: Wear your western clothes Cowboys & Cowgirls

Terrific-Thursday: Dress your best

Friends-Friday: Dress like a friend or dress like twins

## NATIVITY NIGHTHAWK'S SPIRIT:

Please support Nativity's Special Needs Program and show your Nighthawk Spirit by purchasing our new and really cool Nativity Nighthawks Silicone Bracelets. \$5.00 each. Available in 2 sizes, 7" and 8". See Regina Yaros after school next week on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday. Or email me at [rarejoke@comcast.net](mailto:rarejoke@comcast.net) or call me at 816-225-9686 if you have any questions! Go Nighthawks!

## KC KIDS MARATHON:

Just a reminder to all participants in the KC Kids Marathon – we have more than 80 students running. We are in our last week before the final 1.2 miles takes place down by Crown Center. Try and finish up your mileage! Plans are to meet at school and caravan/carpool down to Crown Center so that we all find each other. Thanks ~ Coach Felz email - [kfelz@nativityofmary.org](mailto:kfelz@nativityofmary.org).

## SAVE YOUR CHANGE!!

The junior high students will be hosting a Carnival on Monday, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> with proceeds going to the Heifer Project. There will be game booths for the children to enjoy. Games cost a nickel except for the Photo Hut, which costs a dollar. Each child will receive prizes at all booths. This will take the place of classroom parties. The carnival will begin at 1:30 and end at 2:45. Parents are welcome to attend. We will need trinkets and candy (**please NO peanut or peanut processed products**) to use as prizes. If you can help us with this, please send to the office marked Carnival.

## TRUNK OR TREAT – Saturday, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>:

Hope to see all of you at Trunk or Treat on **Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**. The event is a "safe" activity for all to enjoy. The cost of the event is \$5.00 and bags of candy to hand out to the "trick or treaters". The night of the event the parking lot gates will be open at 5:30 for people to enter and park and then shut promptly at 6:00 so that our "trick or treaters" can have the opportunity to move safely around the area. The gates will reopen at 8:00; at the conclusion of the event. Carnival games will be available inside the gym and will cost 1 ticket each. Concessions will also be offered by the Athletic Committee. **Coach Felz is in need of lots of volunteers to help make this event a success, please let her know if you can help.**

## HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE – Sunday, October 30:

Even though students just got back to school, Catholic high schools in the Diocese of Kansas City ~ St. Joseph will be open on Sunday, October 30. The event allows future students and parents to explore options of attending a Catholic high school.

Guests can tour facilities and meet teachers, students and administrators at:

- Archbishop O'Hara, 9001 James A. Reed Road, in Kansas City - 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.
- Bishop LeBlond, 3529 Frederick, in St. Joseph - 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
- Cristo Rey of Kansas City, 211 W. Linwood, in Kansas City – Noon – 2 p.m.
- Notre Dame de Sion, 10631 Wornall Road, in Kansas City – 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Rockhurst, 9301 State Line Road, in Kansas City – 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- St. Mary, 622 North Main, in Independence – 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- St. Pius X, 1500 NE 42<sup>nd</sup> Terrace, in Kansas City – 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- St. Teresa's Academy, 5600 Main, in Kansas City – 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.