

**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

HAPPY NEW YEAR:

This is the last newsletter for 2011. Please save this newsletter for announcements about Christmas vacation, etc. The entire Nativity staff wishes all of you a peace-filled Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

MANAGEMENT PLAN:

The General Management Plan, A.H.E.R.A. (Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act), for Nativity of Mary School is available in Ms Baker's office for public inspection. Please call the office for an appointment if you would like to view the plan.

This annual notification of parents, staff, etc. is an E.P.A. requirement.

INCLEMENT WEATHER:

When bad weather occurs, listen for the listing **Nativity of Mary School. If school is closed you will receive a recorded message from our calling system, School Reach.** You also may call school 353-0284. When school is closed we will state that fact instead of the regular message. If you hear our regular recording that means school is in session. Whenever possible we will make a decision in the evening. When deciding in the morning it will be around 6:00 a.m. before we can change the phone lines and contact the media. Remember, when school is closed due to the weather, Preschool and Extended Care are also closed.

HOT LUNCH MENU for January 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6:**MONDAY: NO SCHOOL****TUESDAY:** Hamburger, Corn, Fruit, Dessert, Milk**WEDNESDAY:** Spaghetti & Meatballs, Salad, Fruit, Italian Bread, Milk**THURSDAY:** Chicken Wrap, Green Beans, French Fries, Fruit, Milk**FRIDAY: DENIM/DOGS NOT PART OF HOT LUNCH PROGRAM**

Extra menus and order forms are available on the bulletin board in the north hall.

CULVER'S:

Thank you to all who joined us for our Culver's fundraising event! Great food, Great families, Great times!

CHRISTMAS VACATION:

We will dismiss at **NOON** on Tuesday, **Dec. 20**, for Christmas Vacation.

School will **resume** on **Tuesday, January 3, 2012.**

FREE DRESS DAY:

On our final classroom day before the holidays, Tuesday, **Dec. 20**, students may **free dress** in **Christmas colors.**

EXTENDED CARE CENTER:

The Extended Care Center will be open on Tuesday, Dec. 20th after school until 5:30. For the holidays, the Extended Care Center will be **CLOSED** Dec. 21st thru Jan. 2nd.

QUARTER:

Tuesday, December 20th is the end of the first semester. Report cards will be sent home on Friday, January 6, 2012.

NATIVITY YOUTH CHOIR:

All families are invited to attend the Children's Christmas Eve Mass on Saturday, December 24th at 3:00 p.m. Members of the Nativity Youth Choir will lead the celebration of Jesus' birth in word and song.

SAVE THOSE REGISTER TAPES – PASSENTINO SUNFRESH – 23 & Sterling:

Remember -- we are collecting Passantino's Sunfresh (23rd & Sterling) cash register tapes again this year. Register tapes dated Sept. 1, 2011 thru March 31, 2012 are the ones we are collecting. Save these as you shop for the holidays and send them to school with your children when they return in January. No need to wait till the end of the program. We will be able to choose items from their catalog for our school. Thanks for your help!

CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to 3rd grader, Josie Fox, whose Christmas card design was chosen for the Parish Christmas Card this year!

TRASH BAG WARS:

Congratulations to Ms. Daniels room for having the largest order....65 rolls total!!!! This was a great success for the PTO. As a school we sold 261 rolls of bags!! Thank you to everyone who participated!!

DENIM / DOGS:

Our next Denim/Dog day will be Friday, January 6. Order forms will be sent home when we return on Tuesday, January 3rd. Orders and money will be due on Wed., Jan. 4th.

St. Mary's High School Placement Test & 8th Grade/Freshmen Mixer – Sat., Jan. 7:

8th grade students who plan to attend St. Mary's High School for the 2012-2013 school year should register to take the Explore/Placement Test. The Placement test will be given at St. Mary's High School on Saturday, January 7, 2012. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and testing begins promptly at 8:30 a.m. **The top ten scorers will receive a \$500 scholarship to St. Mary's High School for their Freshman year.** On test day bring with you two - #2 pencils with erasers, a calculator and \$10 to cover the cost of the testing fee. Donuts and juice will be served prior to the test and pizza and soda will be served following the test. You will be ready to be picked up at Noon. To register, please register on-line at the St. Mary's website, www.stmhs.org or call Mrs. Lori Jonas at [816-268-2555](tel:816-268-2555).

Also, on Saturday, January 7, 2012, St. Mary's will host an 8th Grade/Freshman Mixer from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Admission is \$5.00 and there will be music, dancing, snacks, games and prizes and a ton of fun! (A signed permission slip will be required). We hope to see you there!

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART/HOOPS FOR HEART:

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming Jump Rope for Heart (PreK – 5th grade) and Hoops for Heart (6th – 8th grade) event, January 30th thru February 3rd. Permission slips and collection envelopes were sent home this week. **The students do not have to raise money in order to participate but the permission slip (attached to the collection envelope) must be filled out and returned.** Please return the signed permission slip before the holidays so that the form doesn't get lost. The American Heart Association is a great organization that supports a lot of different research for Heart Disease ~ the holidays are a great time to ask family members and friends for donations! Donations will be due during Catholic Schools Week. You are welcome to send them in at any time though. Donations can even be made on line! Raising money for the American Heart Association also helps Nativity of Mary School – we earn credit toward PE Equipment! **I would love to see Nativity of Mary School students contribute \$2500.00 to the American Heart Association and I think that we can do it!** We will need volunteers to help with the event and snacks provided for the students. More information about this event will come home after the holidays.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES: (Optional)

This year we will be having a second Parent/Teacher Conference Day for grades **K – 8**. On **Friday, January 13**, we will dismiss at noon and conferences start at **1:00**. This conference is optional unless requested by the teacher. Please call the office to schedule your time. Time slots fill up fast so don't delay.

ECC will have their conferences the same week. Please sign the chart in the ECC hall or contact your child's teacher.

EXTENDED CARE CENTER:

The Extended Care center will be **OPEN** Friday afternoon, **January 13**. You must be signed up to attend. Sheets are posted at the sign-in table in Extended Care Center. **Deadline** for sign up is **Jan. 11**.

HELP NEEDED at Upcoming Coffees/Donuts at surrounding parishes:

Please check your calendars to see if you can help out at any of these parishes during the weekends when we will be hosting a coffee/donut. This is a great way to help support our school! This is our opportunity to promoting the great things that go on at Nativity of Mary School. If you attend any of these parishes and are able to help during one of the masses that weekend please contact Coach Felz at (816)353-0284 ext 303 or email at kfelz@nativityofmary.org.

St. Mark's Coffee/Donuts– Weekend of January 14th and 15th

St. Mary's Coffee/Donuts – Weekend of January 21st and 22nd

St. Ann's Coffee/Donuts – Weekend of January 21st and 22nd

St. Cyril's Coffee/Donuts – Sunday, January 22nd

St. Bernadette's Coffee/Donuts – Weekend of February 11th and 12th

OPEN HOUSE AND KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP:

Please help us spread the word about our wonderful school by talking to your friends and neighbors about our annual Open House and Kindergarten Round-up that will be taking place at the beginning of March. Word of mouth is an excellent opportunity to let people know who we are!

Open House - Thursday, March 1st 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Kindergarten Round-up – Thursday, March 8th 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

DATES:

Dec. 20 – Tues. - Christmas vacation starts at 12:00 pm

Jan. 3 - Tues. - Classes resume

Jan. 4 - Wed. - Denim/Dog orders & money due

Jan. 6 - Fri. - Full Day of school – Denim/Dog Lunch – Report Cards