

Dear Parents,

Please keep in your prayers our 8th graders who will be making their Confirmation this weekend. Their special weekend will begin with a Confirmation Vigil on Friday evening, followed by receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday afternoon. They will be fully welcomed by the Nativity Parish community at the Confirmation Welcoming Mass at 11 am on Sunday, November 13.

- **Early Release Day next Friday, Nov. 11, 11:30 am- Teacher In-Service.**

Reminders:

- **Conference forms were due Monday**

There are still several families who have not returned their form. If you are one of them, please send it on Friday. It is very difficult to schedule without all the forms returned. If you don't have your form please call the school office. Thank you.

- **Winter Sports registration has begun for any 6th, 7th, or 8th grader interested in playing boys and girls basketball or any 7th or 8th grader boy or girl interested in playing hockey. The deadline for registrations to be completed is Friday, November 11th.**

Please register online at www.nativityathletics.com and send your check to the office. Please note this registration is for only boys or girls basketball and hockey. **Swimming registration will be held at a later date.**

- **Picture Retake Day - Tuesday, November 8th**

Students may come out of uniform if they are having their picture retaken or were absent on picture day. Students who were absent will have their picture taken for the yearbook. Students having their picture retaken, need to return their packet of photos on retake day. If you were absent and want to order pictures, you can pick up a picture order form in the office.

- **Hot Lunch Accounts**

Parents are reminded to login to Cornerstone to check their account balances. A letter is being sent home today to those families who had a negative balance as of November 1st. Please send in a check to replenish your account. Thank you.

- **Wreath Sales**

Now that wreath sales are concluding, the time is approaching for the wreaths to be delivered. The Nativity Men's Club is still in need of volunteers who are interested in delivering Christmas wreaths to homes in the neighborhood on Saturday morning, November 19. The time commitment is only a few hours. Volunteer drivers arrive at Nativity School between 8-9am on November 19, and then go out to deliver a wreath route and collect money. Students are welcome to help volunteer with their parent. If you would like to help, please sign up online

at: www.nativitymen.org/Wreath_Sale_Super_Saturday_Driver_Sign-Up.html

Donuts, coffee, and juice will be served to the volunteers. Have a donut, deliver wreaths, and get into the Christmas spirit!

If you have further questions, you may contact Darcy Tinnes (612-987-3450) or Eric Hedman (651-338-9070).

- **Holy Rosary Thanksgiving Food Collection** - information went home today with all students.

New Parents of Nativity -

I'd like to give you some information regarding a special outreach program we participate in at Nativity School during the holiday seasons. Each year, students and staff bring in food during Thanksgiving time to assist those less fortunate at Holy Rosary parish community in Minneapolis. Each grade level is assigned a food type to bring so that the families of Holy Rosary can receive a wide range of staple food items to sustain them over the following weeks. A letter went home today with each student identifying the program and inviting all to participate.

In December we also provide gifts for Christmas with specific members of the Holy Rosary community - similar to the program run through Catholic Charities. For some, these gifts may be the only gift they receive during the Christmas season. We recognize that the economy has hit almost everyone and created some financial hardship for some. If your family feels that the resources are not available to help with this project this year you are welcome to let me know and I will do my best to assist you with this project. This is a great experience for our students to learn how to share our gifts and to recognize what it means to care for the needs of others. More information on our Christmas service project will go home after Thanksgiving.

If you have any questions regarding this program, please feel free to give me a call.

Kate Wollan

• **Virtus Training**

Thank you to all that have attended a Virtus Training Session. Volunteers are very important to us and we appreciate you very much. If you were unable to attend the last Virtus session, the next Virtus session, presented by Kate Wollan, will be **Tuesday, November 29th at 6P.M in Steiner Hall**. Please register online at www.virtusonline.org. Please see attached directions to register for a Virtus session.

• **Book Fair**

Please see attached for upcoming Book Fair November 20th - November 22nd

• **Turkey Bingo**

Join us for your chance to WIN a TURKEY or CASH prizes! If you would like to donate a turkey for our annual NCCW sponsored Turkey Bingo scheduled for **NOVEMBER 13, 2011 in our school auditorium from 1:00-4:00 PM** - please contact Sara Gephart@ 651.698.3957 or Kathy Slagerman @ 651.699.1970. You may also drop off your turkey donation with Josh Medellin in the school kitchen anytime during the week between the hours of 8-11 am and 12:30-3 pm.

Look Ahead in November

- Nov. 4th - End of First Quarter
- Confirmation Vigil - 7p.m. - Upper Church
- Nov. 6th - 8th Grade Confirmation - 2p.m. - Cathedral
- Nov. 8th - Picture Retake Day
- Nov. 10th - Report Cards / Conference forms go home
- Nov. 11th - Early Dismissal 11:30 a.m. - Teacher In-Service
- Nov. 13th - Confirmation Welcoming Mass - 11:00 a.m.
- Turkey Bingo - 1:00-4:00, School Auditorium
- Nov. 18th - Kinder Thanksgiving Paraliturg
- Middle School Honor Roll Breakfast - invitations will be sent next week.
- Nov. 21 and 22 - Early Dismissal 11:30 - Conferences 1:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- Book Fair
- Nov. 23 - 25 - No School - Thanksgiving Break