



Nativity School News

September 29, 2011

IMPORTANT DATES

Marathon for Non-Public Education

- K-3 students walk around Nativity School
- 4-8 Grade are bused to Highland Track to walk

October 3rd *8th Grade Confirmation Retreat*

October 4th *PICTURE DAY*

- All students in grade K-8
- NO UNIFORM
- Those ordering pictures should bring the order form and check to school on or before picture day Tuesday, October 4th. Those who order their pictures online should also bring their "Picture Day Boarding Pass" on or before picture day, Tuesday, October 4th.

October 6th *Rosary Prayer*

* Grades 3-8 in upper church

October 12th *2nd Grade Parent Sacrament Meeting*

- 7:00p.m. in Steiner Hall (lower church)

October 20th and 21st
NO SCHOOL - MEA

October 24th *Possible Marathon Day*

NO SCHOOL if we meet our school-wide goal!

Dear Parents,

This has been a whirlwind start to the new year! We have welcomed our newest kinders into life in the "big school", we've enjoyed an extremely successful County Fair, and you've had an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher at the various Back to School nights....and it is only September 29th! All of this is a sign of a good year to come!

Now that we have all settled back into our routines after the fair, I'd like to share a few more safety reminders with all of you – specifically related to our drop off and pick up procedures.

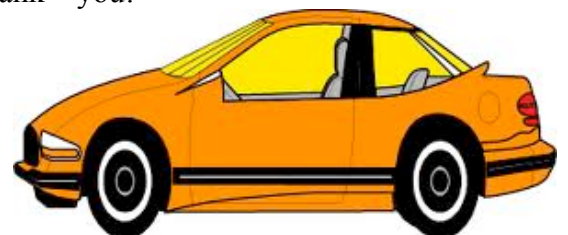
Reminders: We're all driving WEST on WELLESLEY and EAST on STANFORD only ... thank you! (The only parents who should be driving east on Wellesley are those with younger children in our Early Learning Center.)

The drive through lane is for quick drop off only...**please pull as far forward as you can in the lane to allow the maximum number of vehicles to disembark at the same time as possible.** Thanks!

Our new patrols are now on the corners...**please help them out by slowing down around the property.** The safe crossing of our students is a big responsibility for our fifth grade patrols and they appreciate your assistance.

Those using the playground for pick up and drop off are reminded to fill in each row all the way across the playground before beginning a new row. **When we maximize the number of vehicles that fit in the lot we all benefit!**

Please help us keep our air clean by **not leaving your car idling** near the school grounds while you wait to pick up your children at the end of the day. Thank – you!



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Marathon 2011

Thank you to all those who have supported this year's Marathon for Non-Public Education. Today was our first turn-in day and it we are making good progress toward our school-wide goal of \$25,000. If everyone helps out a bit, we know we will be successful in raising the funds necessary for this year.

Thank you to our eighth grade volunteers who made calls requesting contributions from all parishioners who do not currently have a student enrolled at Nativity School. They did an unbelievable job – raising over \$4000!

This year our kinders will be walking around the school playground to raise funds for our school. Our first through third graders will walk laps around our school block with their teachers. Parent volunteers will be in place around the route to ensure our children's safety at all times.

Our 4th-8th grade students will walk with students from Holy Spirit and Highland Catholic at the Highland Sr. High track.

Students are encouraged to turn in their donations tomorrow – Friday, Sept 30th or on Monday or Tuesday of next week. Thank you!

We are thrilled that the weather will be beautiful with no worries about rain! Here's to a great Marathon!



October is **Fitness Month** at Nativity...please review the letter sent home this week from Mrs. Griffin outlining this great program for our students in grades 2-5!



Kindergarten Orientation Meet the Teacher Nights Middle School Showcase

Thanks to all of you for taking time to join us at these important events. They help us set the stage for the new school year. Our goal is to outline expectations for this year's learning experience for your children. The teachers were very pleased with the great turn out at each of these events. We are looking forward to working in partnership with each of you this year!

8th Grade Mailing

Parents of eighth graders are asked to watch the mail for some important information regarding Confirmation and High School Visits. This is an important time for your eighth grader as they prepare their hearts and minds to receive this beautiful sacrament. The mailing contains details about Confirmation day – proper attire, parking, seating, etc.

You will also receive information regarding visits at various high schools. We have set aside Monday, Nov. 14th and Tuesday Nov. 15th as high school visit days for our eighth graders. Please review the materials and return the permission forms by next Friday, October 7th. Thank you!



Health Issue - Lice

We are entering the time of year when we typically see an elevation of lice cases in our school. Please be diligent in checking your children's hair on a regular basis to ensure we minimize the spread of lice among our student body. It takes all of us working together to keep this in check. To learn more about lice and its treatment, please check out <http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/treatment.html>