

Dear Parents,

We hope you and your family will be able to enjoy a wonderful celebration together...we are blest to have so much to be thankful for this Thanksgiving. We at Nativity will offer prayers of gratitude for each of our school families who help to make this community such a special place. So, from all of us here at Nativity to all of you... **Happy Thanksgiving!**

- **Fitness Update at Nativity School**

We have officially launched a new fitness program with our eighth grade students this month. We are very fortunate to have a work out room in the basement of the school filled with fitness equipment which was donated to our school by a generous donor in conjunction with our renovation project. The students will begin using this equipment on a regular basis during their phy. ed. classes to support the other activities and units in place for the curriculum. We hope to instill in our young people the value of healthy life choices.

We are in need of some replacement machines - most specifically, treadmills and elliptical machines. If your family has a machine that is in good working order, but not currently being used, we hope you will consider donating it to Nativity to support our fitness program. We are happy to pick up any donated machines. Please spread the word, and hopefully we will be completely up and running in the coming weeks. Please call Jack Peick at 651-699-1311 to discuss a possible donation. Thank you!

***Kate Wollan***

**Reminders:**

- **Kindergarten Thanksgiving Paraliturgies**

We are excited to celebrate our annual Thanksgiving Paraliturgies with our kinders tomorrow in Steiner Hall at 9:00A.M. with Mrs. Crosby & Mrs. Bernabei and at 1:00P.M. with Mrs. Katzenmaier and Mrs. Schaefer. All Kindergarten parents are welcome and encouraged to come.

- **Middle School Honor Roll Breakfast**

We look forward to celebrating a breakfast with students and their parents tomorrow in the Cafeteria at 7:30. Invitations were sent via email last week to parents of students who had qualifying GPAs.

- **Holy Rosary Food Collection**

Please remember that all food donations and the \$2 student contribution for our Holy Rosary Thanksgiving Service Project is due tomorrow morning. Please see attached for a list of food for each grade. The Student Council will be delivering our food first thing Monday morning after our all school prayer service. Thank you to all who volunteered to help us deliver and sort the food - you were contacted by phone or email earlier this week. We will see you at 8:45 Monday morning.

- **Early Dismissals - Conferences**

Monday, November 21st - 11:30

Tuesday, November 22nd - 11:30

- **No School**

Wednesday, November 23rd - Compensatory Day

Thursday, November 24th - Friday, November 25th - Thanksgiving Vacation

- **Conferences**

The teachers are looking forward to their conferences with all of you next Monday and Tuesday. Your children have worked hard and are making great progress. We are proud of their efforts and will continue to work with them on setting goals to continue to improve in the areas that are a greater challenge for them.

- **Playground Volunteers**

Sixth grade parents are asked to please help us supervise the playground at lunch during the month of December. Please see the attached letter to volunteer.

- **Winter Athletic Fees Due**

If you have a 6th, 7th, or 8th grade student who is registered to play girls/boys basketball or girls/boys hockey - please send in a check if you haven't done so already.

- **Nativity School Athletic Fundraiser at Davanni's**

After conferences on Monday...stop by Davanni's for dinner and help support support Nativity Athletics. Monday, November 21st from 4:00 - 8:00P.M. - dine in or take-out - a ticket must be presented at time of purchase. Please see attached flyer for ticket.

- **Book Fair**

There is a student preview sale Friday, November 18th. Students may purchase books with their class tomorrow. Please stop by this Sunday to browse the selection and enjoy a cup of coffee. **The Book Fair will be open to families in the school auditorium on:**

Friday, Nov. 18th	8:15a.m. - 2:30p.m. (Student Preview)
Sunday, Nov. 20th	9:00a.m. - 1:30p.m.
Monday, Nov. 21st	11:30a.m. - 8:00p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 22nd	11:30a.m. - 8:00p.m.

If you have not already done so, please drop off your used books at the Library by Friday, November 18th. Be sure to check out the wish list tables in the front of the auditorium, and please consider donating a book to your child's classroom or the library.

We invite you to visit our Book Fair and hope that you will join us in promoting a love of reading.

- **Nativity Men's Club Christmas Tree Sale**

The Men's Club is sponsoring its annual Christmas Tree sale starting Friday, November 25 and running through Sunday, December 18. Peanuts, beverages and the usual good cheer will be served. Come see us soon for the best selection of the always popular fraser fir, balsam, spruce and other quality Christmas trees. There will also be a limited number of wreaths, garland, and spruce tips on sale. Please see attached flyer.

Hours of operation are Monday - Thursday 5pm-8pm, Friday 3pm-8pm, Saturday 9am-8pm, Sunday 9am-7pm. For the early birds we will be open the Friday after Thanksgiving at 10 am.

As always, free delivery and set up of any Christmas tree is provided for those in need.

Contact Tree Lot Chairman Jim Lonetti at 651 399-5155 or jimlonetti@gmail.com with any questions.

- **Virtus Training**

Kate Wollan will be facilitating a Virtus Training session at Nativity on Tuesday, November 29th in Steiner Hall for all parents who might be volunteering this winter at Nativity and have not yet attended a Virtus session. If you have not attended a Virtus session you may register for this session or any other session that fits in your schedule at [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org). Please see attached instructions to go online and register for Nativity's Virtus session or view other session locations and dates.

- **Hot Lunch Accounts**

Please remember to login to Cornerstone and check your Hot Lunch account balance. If you have a negative balance - please send in a check.