

Dear Parents,

We would like to congratulate our second graders who received their First Reconciliation this week. They were beautiful ceremonies - giving our children and their parents time to reflect on the unconditional love of God. We are proud of our second graders, and we ask you to continue to keep them in your prayers as they begin their preparation for their First Communion which they will receive this spring.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the DeLaSalle school community on the passing of Brother Michael Collins. He was a great leader and will be greatly missed by the community.

Please read carefully as there is a lot of information in the busy month of January.

- **No school** - Monday, January 16th - Martin Luther King Holiday

- **7th Grade Parent Sacrament Meeting**

Wednesday, January 18th at 7:00 in Steiner Hall

- **Application for Tuition Assistance**

Nativity of Our Lord Parish has a wonderful tradition of making a Catholic education available for all parish children. Accordingly, all parish families will be provided the opportunity to apply for tuition assistance for the 2012-2013 school year. We strongly encourage families to visit the school's website to access and complete an online application. However, if you wish to complete a paper application, or if you have any questions regarding this process, please feel free to call Mary Super at (651)696-5441. Applications will be due (submitted online or postmarked) by Thursday, March 1st.

- **Tuition Reminder**

A reminder to all school families on the 10 month, 7 month, quarterly, and semi-annual tuition payment plans, your January tuition is now due. Thank you!

- **Friendship week**

Next week our STAAR Team will be working with our Elementary Students to celebrate Friendship Week. Students will be encouraged to "Get On Board" and "Ride the Wave of Friendship" with Hawaiian themed friendship activities, songs, books, games, an assembly and more. We will be talking about and practicing friendly behaviors and actions to enhance the friendly atmosphere in our building. Ask your children about the Friendship "tip of the day" or look for the "waves of friendship" and posters decorating our building.

- **Kindergarten Round-Up** is Tuesday, January 24th at 6:30. Please contact Rose if you have not received your invitation.

- **Catholic School's Week Activities** - Please watch for detailed information in an email on Friday.

- **Used uniform Sale**

Is it time to refresh your children's school uniform wardrobe? Nativity Home and School will host a used uniform sale during the open house night of Catholic School's Week on Thursday, February 2nd from 6:00 - 7:30P.M.

Please donate clean, gently used uniform items that your children have outgrown or no longer need to our sale. Please bring items you wish to donate to the school office by January 31, 2012.

Thank you!

- **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 and are planning on volunteering in the coming months, the next Virtus session, presented by Kate Wollan, will be **Thursday, February 16th at 6P.M in Steiner Hall**. Please register online at: www.virtusonline.org Please see attached directions on how to register for this Virtus session or another session if February 16th doesn't fit in your schedule.

- **Nativity NURSE's OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Please volunteer to work in the nurse's office. No medical experience needed, just TLC. Shifts are once a month. Monday, Tuesday or Friday 9:30-11:30 or 11:30-1:30P.M.
Contact Mary Underwood at: dentunderwood@comcast.net

- **Magazine Drive**

Information regarding our last fundraiser for the school year - the Magazine Drive, will be sent home on February 9th. If your magazine is up for renewal before February 9th, you can renew your magazine online by following the directions below and your child will still get credit towards prizes.

Magazine Renewal

Go to www.qsp.com

Under Parents, click Shop Now

The school/organization number is 1081586

Please make sure you complete the participant's information at the bottom of the Review and Submit tab for your child to receive credit.

- **Winter Event sponsored by the NCCW**

Friday, February 3rd. Please see attached for more information.

A Look Ahead to February

- **Feb. 2nd - Open House - 6:00 - 7:30P.M.**
- **Feb. 8th - 7th Grade Covenant Mass - 7:00P.M.**
- **February 20th - No School - President's Day**
- **February 22nd - Ash Wednesday**