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ARTICLES OF INTEREST

Below are links to a variety of Denver Catholic articles that may be of interest to you and your school community.

Q&A with Dr. R. Jared Staudt

bit.ly/2qUPy1

Book Reviews by Dr. R. Jared Staudt

bit.ly/2yMtytn

Offline October at St. Mary Catholic School, Littleton

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A Solemn Promise

bit.ly/2PHwTnf



TOUR INFO

With general inquiries or to schedule a tour, contact our Director of Marketing, Katie Mikesell.

PTO MINUTES

Notes from the latest PTO meetings can be read at:
nool.online/pto

NOTES FROM DR. PETERSON

Dear Parents,

Commencing with this year, *The Knight Times* has been my primary tool to communicate with you as parents. Emailed to you by our fabulous Director of Marketing, Katie Mikesell, the content has been what I wish to communicate about the past week, upcoming events, changes to the calendar, new clubs, announcements, and photos capturing your children. Beginning with this issue, I will be emailing out *The Knight Times* and I encourage you to read each issue, as this will continue to be your primary tool for knowing what's happening at Nativity.

Today, Friday, the faculty of our lower grades is working with Archdiocesan schools from throughout northern Colorado, collaborating on best practices for conveying curriculum. I'm grateful to Matt Hauptly at Holy Family for welcoming our middle school teachers, the first of several planned visits between our campuses this year. Our goal is to assist our teachers as they hone their curricula, preparing your middle schooler(s) for the high school of choice.

As you will notice in this issue, we have two new clubs for your child to join: The Ambassadors Club and the *GeoBee*. Along with the return of the Academic Decathlon and our Math Counts team, we are hoping your sons or daughters will find a place to engage with their peers and their interests.

Best of luck to your Eighth grade Speech Team, competing tomorrow (Saturday) at St. Thomas More!

As a reminder, Nativity has Study Hall and Math Tutoring, available to all students, from 3:30-4:15, Monday through Thursday.

Live Jesus in our Hearts!

Holly Peterson

NATIVITY OPEN HOUSE

FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Nativity: Faith & Reason is hosting a Fall Open House for families interested in learning more about our Early Childhood Education programs, particularly our Pre-K and Kindergarten. The Open House will take place Thursday, November 29 from 4:30-6:30pm and Friday, November 30 from 8:15-11:00am. Please encourage friends, neighbors, coworkers, and family members to “come and see” to learn more about our preschool and kindergarten programs, as well as the quality Catholic education that we offer to all of our families. Our preschool director, Carla Rigli, and Kindergarten teacher Marie Hulquest will be available during the Thursday afternoon session to answer questions.

We are looking for 5-7 parents who would like to help us with the event. If you're interested in volunteering or you have questions, please reach out to Katie Mikesell in the office.



VETERAN'S DAY MASS

On November 16 at the weekly school mass we will honor veterans. All parents, grandparents, and extended family who have served our country in the military are encouraged to attend. We will honor each at the end of the liturgy with a special blessing and thanking them for their heroic service to our country. Please mark your calendar for the 8:15 mass time.



STUDENT AMBASSADORS

Students Represent Nativity

Nativity: Faith & Reason has started an Ambassador's Club. This club is open to all students in grades 6-8 and is a wonderful opportunity for students to represent Nativity to the broader community. Our Ambassadors will have the chance to lead tours at Open House events, host shadow students, sit in on student council, and assist at various information sessions. Students interested in being an ambassador must have at least a C average, submit a completed application, and have recommendations from two different teachers. See Katie Mikesell for an application. Applications are due on Wednesday, November 14 at the beginning of the day.

ACADEMIC DECATHLON

Volunteers Needed

Our school will once again form an Academic Decathlon team. We're looking for volunteers to help coach. The subject areas of need are science, religion, language arts, literature, current events, logic, math, social sciences, and fine arts. Volunteers are asked to give one hour a week until Christmas and then two hours between January and the day of our competition on March 2, 2019. Please contact Marie Hulquest at m.hulquest.nool.us.

GEOBEE



GeoBee from National Geographic

National Geographic's GeoBee is an annual competition designed to inspire and reward students' curiosity about the world! Nativity now has a chapter of GeoBee, it is free, and it is open to all students grades 4-8.

The GeoBee consists of three after school sessions, led by Mr. Calvino and Mrs. Gutierrez, where students prepare for the January 16 th competition with schools in the area. These sessions introduce students to the basic concept GeoBee, share model questions, and identify strategies for practice. The three after school sessions are:

November 14, 3:30-4:30pm

November 28, 3:30-4:30pm

December 12, 3:30-4:30pm

For more information about this exciting world experience, please contact Mr. Calvino, Mrs. Gutierrez, or our parent volunteer coordinator, Mr. Messenbaugh, ammessenbaugh@somalogic.com, or check out the GeoBee site at: www.nationalgeographic.org/bee/study

SUPERINTENDENT VISIT

ELIAS MOO

The Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Elias Moo, will be visiting Nativity on Wednesday, November 28. We're so excited to show off our school and all of the great things that our community offers to our families.



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

KATIE REGAN

When you take a stroll past Katie Regan's first grade classroom, chances are that you'll hear the delighted laughter of students. Ms. Regan has a way of bringing her bright, energetic attitude to the classroom every day and the kids reap the benefits. Katie is one of Nativity's new faces and is already an integral part of our community.

When asked what she enjoyed the most about the school, she responded that she was so appreciative of the kindness and support that she's received from her students, their families, and the Nativity staff.

"I enjoy so much about teaching! I love that I'm faced with different and exciting challenges each day in the classroom with students."

Ms. Regan graduated from the University of Colorado at Boulder and is currently working on her Master's degree in Education.

As a second year teacher, she's found a home at Nativity, and when she's not molding the minds of first graders, she's scouring thrift stores to find things to help decorate her home. *"Sick furniture for a cheap price is my jam right now,"* said Katie.

And what is she listening to while she's looking for that sick furniture? The 80s Mix of the Day on Spotify, of course!



DONUTS WITH DAD

Thank You All

Thank you to all of the parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles who attended our fall Muffins with Mom and Donuts with Dad events. We had great attendance at both!

A big thank you to PTO for funding these events and all of the volunteers who helped to prep, serve, and clean up.

Special thank you to Jennifer Flaherty and Jeff Beaton for heading up this PTO event, and to Starbucks on 120th and Huron for donating the coffee. Look for the same two events in the spring!



BUNDLES OF LOVE

Bundles of Charity

On Thursday, November 1, students gathered with their school families to spend time together working on projects for our community. Some families made decorations for patients at Broomfield Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center while others made cards for veterans in our community. We had some groups stuffing Halloween goodie bags for patients at Children's Hospital and others put together socks, hats, and gloves for our Bundles of Love drive.

In total we were able to donate more than 140 bundles of love to help those in need stay warm!

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

REGIS JESUIT HS

Regis Jesuit High School will hold their Open House on Sunday, November 11 at 10:00am. This is an exciting way for our middle school families to learn more about a Regis education. All families grade 5-8 are invited. If you have any questions, please direct them to the Director of Admissions, Paul Muller at 303-269-8063.

SCRIP PROGRAM

SCRIP Gift Cards

Our Scrip program is up and running. Scrip is a program that helps raise money for our school while you are doing your daily shopping. Our PTO is able to buy gift cards at a discounted rate through this program and sell them to you at face value. These are the same stores you purchase at the store, but by purchasing them through our program, you help us raise money for the PTO. Businesses like Starbucks, Amazon, Target, Southwest Airlines and hundreds of others participate in this program. For questions about this program, please contact Beth Maciolek through FastDirect.

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

Boy's Discernment Retreat

All of our middle school boys are invited to attend a Discernment Retreat on Sunday, December 9 from 9:00am-4:00pm. It will take place at St. John Vianney Seminary and is a great chance for young men across the Archdiocese to discern more about their vocation through prayer, mass, and brotherhood.

If you are interested in attending, please register at www.denverseminarians.org.

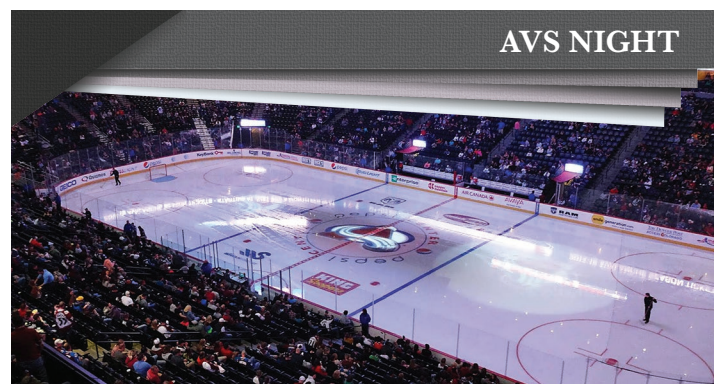
SONSHINE DISCIPLES

Prayer Group for Students

Sonshine Disciples meet before school every Monday. This is a prayer group for students in grades K-8. There is no sign up or requirement - this is a time to focus on the Lord and His many blessings in our lives. This year, the older students will be helping the younger students grow in their spirituality and faithfulness to the Lord. The group will meet in the parish at 8:00am. Please join Mrs. Conner and Ms. Anderson in this special group.



A poster for a Mardi Gras Masquerade event. At the top is a gold peacock feather mask. Below it, the text "Mardi Gras" is in a cursive font, followed by "MASQUERADE" in large, bold, gold capital letters, and "“KNIGHT”" in a similar font. Three gold diamonds are below the text. The date and time "SATURDAY, MARCH 2 5:30-11:30PM" are in bold gold capital letters. At the bottom, "NATIVITY SCHOOL FUND GALA 2019" is in bold gold capital letters. The background is dark green and purple with gold borders.



Support Our Catholic Schools

Mark your calendars for Catholic School Night with the Colorado Avalanche! You'll have the chance to cheer on the Avs as they take on the San Jose Sharks, while also supporting Catholic education. Tickets start at \$40 - they include \$10 in food and beverage credit - and can be purchased through by going to

Avalanche.KSETickets.com/CatholicSchoolsNight

For every ticket sold, \$5 will go directly back into local Catholic Schools.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Preschool Giving Thanks Program

Our preschool students are hard at work preparing for their Thanksgiving Program! Students will perform on Monday, November 19 from 11:00am-12:00pm in Ryan Hall.

High School Placement Test

All eighth graders who are interested in attending a Catholic high school must take the high school placement test. Students will take the exam on Saturday, December 1 at the Catholic high school of their choice. If you have questions or if you would like to register your student, please contact the high school directly.

Upcoming Parent Night

Our second Parent Night of the year will take place on Monday, December 10 at 6:30pm. It will deal with the internet, specifically, how our students can remain safe, healthy, and happy while using it. The evening will be led by our counselor, Bethany Doss, and the staff at St. Raphael Counseling.

Screenagers

On Thursday, November 15, Bishop Machbeuf HS is offering a free screening of the documentary, *Screenagers*. This poignant film focuses on the impact of technology and screen time on children's development. If you're interested in attending, please register at screenagersmovie.com.

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

RESPONSIBILITY

Throughout the month of November, the school community will focus on the virtue of responsibility. We see our students exhibit this daily when they respond to the many requests that God gives them, through you as parents, teachers, coaches and in all circumstances of life. We'll be learning more about responsibility through the life and works of St. Lawrence of Brindisi this month.

NOTICE OF STUDENT NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

Nativity: Faith & Reason, under the jurisdiction of Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila, S.T.L. and at the direction of the Superintendent, state that all of their Catholic schools admit students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school.

RED / BLUE DAYS

Monday, November 12:	Blue Day
Tuesday, November 13:	Red Day
Wednesday, November 14:	Blue Day
Thursday, November 15:	Red Day
Friday, November 16:	Blue Day

UPCOMING EVENTS



The official calendar can be found at school.nool.us.

NOVEMBER

10	Eighth Grade Trophy Speech Meet • 7:30am
13	SAC Meeting • 6:00pm
14	Principal's Meeting • 8:15am
15	Nativity Parish Confirmation • 7:00pm
16	School Mass • 8:15am
19	Junior Achievement in a Day • 8:15am Preschool Giving Thanks Program • 11:00am
21-23	Thanksgiving Holiday • No School
27	Preschool Director's Meeting • 8:15am
28	Superintendent Moo Visit to Nativity • 8:30am
29	Preschool and Kindergarten Open House • 4:30-6:30pm
30	School Mass • 8:15am Preschool and Kindergarten Open House • 8:15-11:00am

DECEMBER

6	St. Nicholas Feast Day • 8:15am
7	School Mass • 8:15am
12	Principal's Meeting • 8:15am
12-14	Santa Shop
17	All School Christmas Program • 7:00pm

Furthermore, Archdiocesan schools admit disabled students in accord with the policy on Admissions in the Archdiocese of Denver Catholic Schools Administrator's Manual. These schools do not discriminate on the basis of race, age, disability, color, and national or ethnic origin in the administration of their educational policies, employment practices, scholarship and loan programs, athletic or other school-administered programs.



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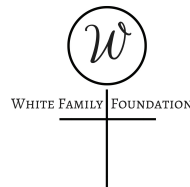


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