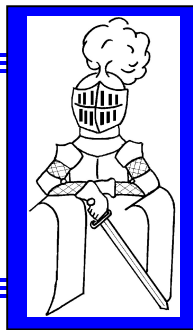


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YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks are available while supplies last in the school office for \$25.

SUMMER READING LISTS AND SUPPLY LISTS



The summer reading list for each grade level are online. They may be found under "Links" in FastDirect or on the school website. These remain available for viewing throughout the summer months. On the same page you will also be able to see the supply lists for each grade.

BROOMFIELD DAYS 2018 SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars! The Broomfield Days Parade will be on Saturday, September 15th, and Nativity will be participating again this year. We will be entering a float and are looking for parent and student volunteers. If you are interested in planning, decorating, or riding on the float, or helping out during the parade, please contact Melissa Logan or Silvia Rutter via FastDirect.

FAMILY PICTURES



If you have not had a chance to see your kids black and white 5x7

picture, they will be available to look at and purchase, in the school office until June 15th. Any questions? Please email Ilene Dubey at i.dubey@nool.us.

POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS TO US



Pope Francis speaks often to our young people, and his sayings contain much wisdom, compassion, and insight about our Catholic Faith. During our morning announcements, all students recite our Nativity Attitudes (Be Devout, Be Scholarly, Be Gentle Speaking, Be Wise, Be Generous, Be Modest, Be Courteous, Be Safe, and Always Remember the Golden Rule). We then have two students talk about their assigned scripture quotes, and at the very end of announcements, a papal quote is read. This week, the quote was *"The Lord never tires of forgiving. It is we who tire of asking for forgiveness."* This is a good reminder to all of us as we live our daily lives.

THANK YOU & GOOD-BYE



This is my last newsletter, and I would like to thank everyone and say good-bye. I have spent a great deal of time this school year thinking about what I will miss the most and the least when I retire from Nativity of Our Lord School. As you probably can imagine, I will not miss meetings (especially the monthly drives to Denver, the night and daytime meetings), deciding whether or not we should have a snow day, checking emails at the crack of dawn and then 50,000 more times during the day, and handling behavioral issues. I will miss the morning announcements when I have 2-3 students in my office, the many events and activities that we share as Nativity traditions, the students (present and past), the many supportive parents (present and past), and the parish staff. I will very much miss the fantastic people with whom I directly work—teachers, office ladies, aides, athletic director, and maintenance staff. When I arrived at Nativity, I was the youngest teacher on board; as I leave Nativity 44 years later, that is no longer the case... I have spent half a lifetime here, have watched my students grow and bring their own kids here, watched my own son and daughter have their children, and experienced so many changes not only at Nativity, but also in the world outside Nativity. I am so looking forward to expanding my world! Please keep me in your prayers, and I will do the same for all of you!

Kathy Shadel



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FAREWELL AND GOD BLESS



I have been putting this off for quite a while but it is finally time to say good-bye. I want to take this opportunity to offer my heartfelt thanks and gratitude for all your love and support over these many years. Your generosity and kind words have been overwhelming and humbling. I have always looked at the world as my cup being half full, but I believe it is now overflowing. I must admit that I leave with very mixed emotions, both happiness and sadness. I will miss seeing the children each day with their faces full of wonder and expectation. I will miss my conversations and interactions with parents. I will miss working alongside my wonderful colleagues, faculty and staff. I will treasure the friendships that I have been privileged to develop over these many years. My journey at Nativity of Our Lord School has taken me through many different adventures and assignments. Starting as a young 1st grade teacher so very long ago, I was excited to start a new grade level. (I had been teaching 3rd grade at another Archdiocesan school that had closed.) I don't think that I could have imagined how long I would actually stay at Nativity. When I was asked to move into the 8th grade homeroom, Math and Science, I had to take a deep breath. To my surprise, it was wonderful. I have so many great memories of those times. Technology and art were a passion and so it came naturally to work at developing the computer curriculum as my next road to travel. And finally, I came to my final stop as Assistant Principal. Working side by side with Mrs. Shadel has been a fabulous partnership. Through these many years I have experienced both personal lows (sickness and death of my husband) and highs (watching my grandchildren attend and graduate from Nativity) but my Nativity Family has always been there by my side. I am looking forward to my next journey as I retire. I hope it will include time to relax and spend more time with family and enjoying my other passion, pottery. May God bless you and watch over you.

Johanna O'Connell

SUMMER MATH FACTS INFORMATION

All students have summer math facts. They are available through LINKS on FastDirect. Your child can access them without logging in to FastDirect from the main login page. They can click on LINKS on the left side.



- Looks for the links that say "Summer Math Facts" and click on the link that matches the grade your student is entering.
- Find his/her name and click on it. (You can also use the pull-down menu.)
- Enter the password. (It is your house number for students entering grades 1-8.)

Tests for the week will appear on MONDAY of that week. Each week, three (3) more tests will appear. Select the next test in the list (They are all dated, but we realize that due to vacations and family plans, you may choose to do them on different days.), and have your child take the test. It is perfectly acceptable to give your child a copy of the math facts table if they need help. They can take all the time they need, but they should try to do them as quickly as possible, as they are expected to be able to do 100 mixed math facts in three (3) minutes by the time they reach middle school! Be sure they click "FINISH" at the end of the test. The grades are recorded electronically. You can see your child's grades by clicking on "COMPLETE TESTS" tab. You may have to refresh the page to see them.

If you have problems, please send a FastDirect message to Mrs. Mott.

STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS FOR 2018 – 2019



Congratulations to the new officers for Nativity's Student Council for next school year. Nina Lucas will be the new president, Alyson Paul the vice-president, secretary will be Lydia Vorlage, and the treasurer will be Olivia Bertagnolli. Samuel Harris will be in charge of religious affairs. Several students gave wonderful speeches, and the 5th, 6th, & 7th graders voted for the officers.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

Are you a retired teacher or a teacher/stay-at-home mom/dad who would like to substitute teach on occasion at Nativity School for the 2018-2019 school year? You must have a current Colorado teacher's or substitute teacher's license and have completed the Safe Environment Training. Application packets may be picked up at the front desk or school office.



WHAT A BLESSING!

The second grade service project for this year was to make Blessing Bags. We asked families for donations of items and money. We put items such as: socks, water, gum, ponchos, mints, granola bars, toothbrushes, combs, Kleenex, Chap Stick, band aids, and a note from a child. We were able to make 95 bags which the children and parents can pass out to homeless they see on the streets. We also made Blessing Bags for the dogs which include dog bones. The children enjoyed putting these together. Thank you to those who donated for this project. 2D and 2W.



LAST CHAPTER

We had a lot for fun in the library this year checking out interesting books, reading great stories, and working on challenging word searches. We also had three very successful book fairs which allowed us to buy many new items for classrooms and the library. Thank you to all students, parents, and staff for supporting the fairs.

Special thanks to all the volunteers who helped Mrs. McShane in the library and with book fairs. Have a terrific summer and keep reading!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2018 BRONCO RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS:

1st Prize--Winner of Four Season Tickets to the Denver Broncos' 2018 Home Games

Cheryl Rinosa - ticket number 1193

2nd Prize--Winner of Two Season Tickets to the Denver Broncos' 2018 Home Games

Tim Sheahen - ticket number 695

3rd Prize--Winner of \$250.00 cash

Joy Spellman - ticket number 1067

4th Prize--Winner of \$100.00 cash

Jennifer Sanchez - ticket number 654

TALENTED STUDENT!

One of our 6th graders, Kathryn Maciolek, is performing in Danse Etoile Ballet's "The Little Mermaid" at the Dairy Arts Center in Boulder. Kathryn's role is the "little" mermaid! Performances are June 8th at 7:30 p.m. and June 9th at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. This is a great way to introduce kids to the ballet. For tickets visit

tickets.thedairy.org/Online/default.asp?B0param::WScontent::loadArticle::permalink=DanseEtoileBallet

THANKS TO OUR MANY STUDENTS, FAMILIES, & FRIENDS

Our retirement party on Sunday afternoon, May 6th, was wonderful! We thank the many former and present students, families, and friends for attending this gathering. Your warm wishes were overwhelming, and we felt truly blessed. We were very humbled by this show of appreciation which included the cards made by all of the students of Nativity School. The many gifts and cards that were given to us were certainly very generous. We will always remember being part of the Nativity community over the many years that we have been here. We also thank the many pastors, priests, principals, and staff who have supported us over the years in our roles as teachers and administrators. We have made many life-long friends whom we will treasure forever.

Thinking of all of you as we continue with the next chapters of our lives; please keep us in your prayers.

Mrs. Shadel & Mrs. O'Connell

Safe2Tell; WATCH OUT FOR EACH OTHER

Our middle school students learned much about safety on the internet and social media. Our middle have learned about the Safe2Tell Program. This program ensures that anyone (student, parent, teacher, friend, relative) can call the number below to report concerns about others. A student might hear that a friend has the intention of harming oneself or others; they can make a call to this number. (www.safe2tell.org) 1-877-542-7233

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL - MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 2018

GOLD LEVEL



SILVER LEVEL



BRONZE LEVEL





SCHOOL CALENDAR 2018-2019

AUGUST

- 26 Move in Day
- 27 First Day of School
NOON DISMISSAL
Kindergarten Round-up 9:00-10:30
- 31 First Mass: Mass of the Holy Spirit

SEPTEMBER

- 3 **NO SCHOOL** – Labor Day
- 4 Adam Ginther Cross Country
Invitational 4:30 pm
- 5 Picture Day
Elementary Back to School Night
- 6 Middle School Back to School Night
- 14 Family Picnic
- 27 Race for Education
- 28 **NO SCHOOL** – Professional
Development Day

OCTOBER

- 11 Picture Retake Day
- 12 Mathnasium Math Night
- 19 **NOON DISMISSAL**
- 25-26 Parent/Teacher Conferences
NO SCHOOL
- 29 Town Hall 6:30 pm

NOVEMBER

- 2 Mass: All Souls
- 9 **NO SCHOOL** – Professional
Development Day
- 21-23 **NO SCHOOL** - Thanksgiving Holiday

DECEMBER

- 17 Christmas Program
- 21 **NOON DISMISSAL** – CHRISTMAS
HOLIDAY – **NO SCHOOL** through
January 6

JANUARY

- 7 Classes Resume
- 21 **NO SCHOOL** – MLK Day
- 25 Grandparents Day
- 27 Catholic Schools Week Begins

FEBRUARY

- 1 All School Talent Show
- 8 **NO SCHOOL** – Nativity Professional
Development Day
- 18 **NO SCHOOL** – Presidents' Day

MARCH

- 6 ASH WEDNESDAY
- 8 **NO SCHOOL** – Archdiocesan
Professional Development Day
- 12 Town Hall: State of the School
- 15 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 19 Service Day
- 25-29 Spring Holiday

APRIL

- 8-12 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 18 **NOON DISMISSAL** – Holy Thursday
- 19 **NO SCHOOL** – Good Friday
- 22 **NO SCHOOL** – Easter Monday
- 24 Kindergarten Assessments

MAY

- 1 May Crowning
- 3 **NOON DISMISSAL** – Field Day
- 10 **NO SCHOOL** – Professional
Development Day
- 24 Faith Field Day
- 27 **NO SCHOOL** – Memorial Day
- 29 8th Grade Picnic
- 30 8th Grade Graduation
- 31 Kindergarten Continuation

JUNE

- 7 Last Day of School