

NATIVITY ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

Mission Statement

The mission of Nativity of Our Lord School is to continue the ministry of Jesus Christ within the tradition of our Catholic heritage in order to educate the whole person: spiritually, intellectually, physically, socially, and emotionally.

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From the Principal's Desk



Hi Nativity Alumni,

The 2015 – 2016 school year is almost half over, and we have had many exciting events and happenings. First of all, we have been fortunate enough to have three new faculty members. Mr. Alex Boos is beginning his teaching career at Nativity School as our new middle school literature and language arts teacher. He graduated from Metro in Denver a few years ago and has been a long-term substitute and decided to take the plunge into full-time teaching. We are glad to have him in our community. Mrs. Miranda Reynolds joins us as our new Learning Specialist. She, her husband, and her four children are Nativity parishioners. Her background is in special education, and we are appreciative of all of the work that she does with our students. Our third new teacher is Mr. Peter Waymel who is a Coloradoan who has lived in Italy as a translator for the last seven years. He, his wife, and his five children live in Broomfield, and he is our new middle school Religion teacher. At the end of last school year we said farewell to Mrs. Tammi Albrecht who now lives in North Dakota, Mr. Matt McGuinness who is in California, and Mrs. Hulquest, our former Learning Specialist, is now teaching in kindergarten since Miss Linda Knowlden, our former kindergarten teacher, left Nativity and is working as a chaplain at a local hospital. Hopefully, I have covered all the grades changes made from last year to this one.

Our enrollment is 451 this year for kindergarten through 8th grade. We have held steady the last few years and hope to continue to do so. We spend many hours working on enrollment. Some of the Catholic schools are struggling even in our own archdiocese, and this year, the Archdiocese of Denver's Office of Catholic Schools under the leadership of our new superintendent, Kevin Kijewski, held a School Symposium in early October to talk about the challenges that the Catholic schools are facing now and in the future. It is always with a clear vision, prayer, hard work, and hope that our school as well as others in the archdiocese will prosper.





Sometimes it's difficult to get motivated, the summer is still fresh in our minds, but the students came in full force to their classrooms in late August. Uniforms—yes, we still have our red plaid—began that full week, and it seemed as though the previous school year had never ended. Picture Day, Back-to-School Nights, Student Council elections, and our special 8th grade Mass all took place within the first few weeks of September. Mr. Woody Green, and his wife, Mrs. Lorraine Green decided to host a cross country meet in honor of Adam Ginther, a Nativity graduate, who died last December in a motorcycle accident. It was a terrific meet and showed the community spirit that we have at Nativity. Our two big PTO fundraisers, Race For Education and Cookie Dough also were going on during September, and that makes for a lot of activity and a lot of fun! Our alumni, I am sure, remember the 8th grade retreat, and sure enough, that still goes on each year. The weather was terrific for the kids and chaperones who traveled to the mountains. We continued the year with health screenings, report cards, and parent-teacher conferences. I forgot all about Halloween, the very important holiday when we have K-5 classroom parties and a middle school dance—excitement galore! Some of our students were confirmed in early November, and that was quite memorable for them and their families. We are in the midst of the “restored order” of sacraments at Nativity Parish, so students in grades 3 – 8 were able to take part. Our priests celebrated the 30th anniversary of their order of St. Charles Borromeo with a special Mass and dinner. Of course, we had the children's Thanksgiving food drive and Mass; it was great to give hundreds of pounds of food to FISH in Broomfield. Advent began with our 3rd – 8th grade students receiving Reconciliation. We really try to stress the Liturgical Year with special events. Classrooms were decorated with the Jesse trees, Advent Wreaths, several middle school students sang Christmas carols at an assisted living center, and Mass was celebrated on the holyday on Dec. 8th. The Christmas Program was a mixture of religious and secular music and featured our younger students. We also had our student council-sponsored toy drive for Father Woody's Christmas Party for the Poor.

I wanted to give a “short” summary of what's happened through Christmas this year, but the list sure looks long and I think that it's time to stop until the next newsletter. I invite any of you to stop by and say hello. Alumni, are there any of you that would like a tour of the building? It's always great to see former Nativity graduates and their families. Think about attending our Nativity Gala (Details are in this newsletter.) on February 13th. Think about sending your children to Nativity or send family or friends to us—remember what I said about enrollment!

Please keep us in your prayers,

Kathy Shadel

Principal

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Race For Education

Nativity of Our Lord School held its 6th Annual Race for Education on September 24, 2015. This is a fundraiser in which students ask for sponsorships from family and friends and in turn, walk or run on a quarter mile track outside of the school for one hour. The laps were counted with a punch card, and the girl and boy from each class with the most laps won a gift card to AMC Theatres. The school has raised just over \$56,000 to support the PTO. The weather was beautiful for the race day and there were many parents and family members that came to support their children. Race for Education is a great way to promote exercise, healthy habits, and goal setting. Thank you to everyone who made this fundraiser a huge success. We couldn't have done it without all of our wonderful supporters.



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NATIVITY SCHOOL “OFFICE LADIES”

The school office is managed by three wonderful employees, and I would like to introduce them; chances are many of our alumni will know these ladies because they have been “fixtures” at our school for many years. When asked what their titles are, the answers varies—are they secretaries, registrars, office personnel, administrative assistants, nurses, or all of the above?

Mrs. Renee Claeys has been working at Nativity 15 years. She greets parents, students, and guests that come to the school office with questions, attends to sick and injured students, and makes sure that all kids are accounted for as she’s our attendance person. She also maintains the milk/juice inventories which are part of a federal program. She adds the following to her list of duties: answering phones, replying to messages, signing in our substitute teachers, and she helps with any miscellaneous jobs that arise.

She particularly enjoys the many smiling faces that enter the building every day, and she laughs when she hears the kindergartners giggle at the morning joke when it comes across the intercom. Mrs. Claeys appreciates the parents’ willingness always to share their time and talent with our students.

Mrs. Claeys grew up in Gary, Indiana. Her hobbies include tending to her plants, riding her bike, spending time in the beautiful sunshine of Colorado, and reading. She finds a profound enrichment in her life when she is practicing centering and contemplative prayers. Mrs. Claeys is married to Todd whom she met 38 years ago. Her son, Zac, is a 2004 graduate of Nativity, Broomfield HS, and Metro State University with a bachelor’s in finance and a master’s degree in education. Her daughter, Ali, is a 2007 graduate of Nativity, Broomfield HS, and CSU with a bachelor’s degree in Hospitality Management.

Thank you, Mrs. Claeys, for being a part of our Nativity School community.

Mrs. Mary Mott begins her 22nd year working at Nativity School. Her official title is registrar, and she is responsible for making sure all present-day students are registered each year along with any prospective students coming in from other schools. She gives tours of Nativity to families that are interested in enrolling their children here. During this time of the school year, Mrs. Mott is taking care of all the transcript requests for our 8th grades as they apply for high schools. Another of her main tasks is the weekly school newsletter. She gathers all the information about activities and news at the school and compiles it into the newsletter for our families to read each week.

She also finds herself doing all sorts of office duties such as answering phone, taking care of sick or injured kids, helping parents and visitors with their needs, and assisting the administration with any questions that they might have.

One of her favorite responsibilities is touring the school with prospective families and being able to show them what a great school, faculty, and student body we have. She says that the kids never let her down! They are always courteous to our visitors and willing to talk or even model their uniforms for the visitors. The teachers are also warm and welcoming when they see prospective families pop their heads into the classrooms.

Mrs. Mott has been married to Albert for 38 years. They both grew up in New Jersey, and they were high school sweethearts. They have two grown children. Joe and Jackie both attended Nativity. Joe is married and lives in Los Angeles where he works in the music industry. Jackie has been blessed with two beautiful and amazing children, Jamie and Reece. (Note: Mrs. Mott LOVES being a grandmother!)

In her spare time, Mrs. Mott enjoys spending time with her grandchildren, visiting museums and art galleries, going for long drives in her Corvette, and she likes Italian food. She also looks forward to the summer so she can relax at home, work on the yard, garden, and visit family.

Mrs. Patty Simpson has been working at Nativity School for 20 years in the school office. Before that time, starting in 1986 she helped in 1st – 4th grade classrooms as a volunteer aide. During that time she consulted with Father Ryan and the business manager to purchase our first copying machine. She also worked with the principal to study the feasibility of adding a kindergarten to our school. She was the chairperson of the Archdiocese of Denver Teacher Appreciation Banquet—a huge job!

Nowadays her duties as office manager include purchasing books, furniture (desks, chairs), and supplies (paper, classroom supplies, technology equipment, etc). She is the go-to person for copy machine problems, and all teachers appreciate her expertise! She also answer phones, takes care of sick or injured kids, and she verifies parent drivers' information for field trips. She also manages Mrs. Shadel's calendar by contacting parents who want to make appointments.

She very much enjoys her job at Nativity. She appreciates the courtesy of the students. The teachers and staff make her job enjoyable each and every day. She looks forward to coming

to school each day, especially on Wednesday, doughnut day! As a parishioner of Nativity, Mrs. Simpson is glad to see the many students at Sunday Mass; she has watched many of them go from being Nativity students to being parents that bring their students to Nativity.

Mrs. Simpson was born in Superior, Wisconsin, moved to Phoenix, Arizona, and she has called Colorado her home since she was nine years old. She attended St. Mary Magdalene School in the Archdiocese of Denver and graduated from Holy Family High School. She married her husband almost 50 years ago at Our Lady of Fatima in Lakewood. Her children, Brian and Nicole, graduated from Nativity in 1994 and 1997. Brian is a paramedic who manages a platelet business. Nicole, a cosmetologist, and her son, Preston, reside in Northglenn.

One bittersweet note: Mrs. Simpson has decided that she will be retiring at the end of this school year! We will miss her and hope that she comes to visit during her retirement.





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