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NATIVITY
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THE KNIGHT TIMES



TEACHER APPRECIATION: INSIDE THE CLASSROOM; TEACHER SPOTLIGHT
THIS WEEK AT NATIVITY / MAY CROWNING / CARLINE SAFETY / MOTHER'S DAY TEA

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Mrs. Brittaney Conner

First Grade

Katie Regan

Second Grade

Mrs. Leigh Woods

Second Grade

Mrs. Debbie DiPetrillo

Third Grade

Mrs. Katrina Bingham

Third Grade

Tiffani Dalme

Fourth Grade

Mrs. Jennifer Wagner

Fourth Grade

Mrs. Barbara Flesher

Fifth Grade

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Fifth Grade

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Middle School - Math

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Middle School - Literature

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Middle School - Science

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Middle School - Science

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Middle School - Math

Sr. Teresa

Middle School - Religion

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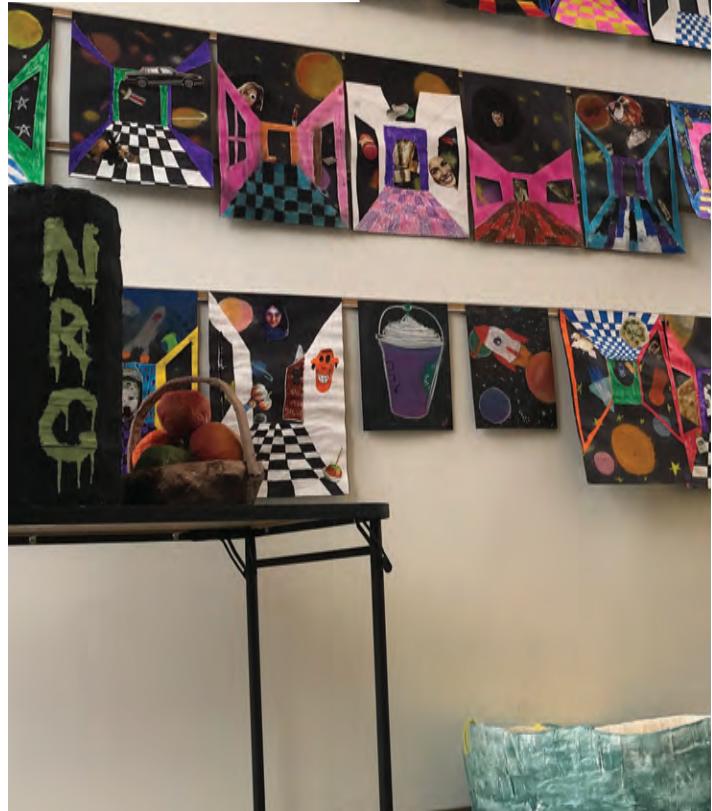
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TEACH. APPRECIATION: INSIDE THE CLASSROOM



SECOND GRADE



SIXTH GRADE



SEVENTH GRADE



FIRST GRADE



KINDERGARTEN



EIGHTH GRADE



EIGHTH GRADE



PRESCHOOL



FOURTH GRADE



FIFTH GRADE

TEACHER APPRECIATION: SPOTLIGHT

FAMILY AFFAIR

For three Nativity teachers, the school isn't just a place where they socialize with coworkers – it's a space where they get to spend time with their family members. Preschool director Mrs. Carla Rigli and middle school religion teacher Mrs. Marla Zubrinic are sisters who also have the opportunity to work with their niece, first grade teacher Mrs. Brittany Conner.

For Mrs. Zubrinic, working with her sister and niece is way to honor the Catholic tradition that was instilled in her growing up. “The best part of working with my family is the knowledge that God continues to bring us together to glorify Him through our desire to bring young souls to Him. I take great pride in knowing that the love and prayers of my mother and grandmother influenced us to be together and teach these kids in the beautiful way that we were taught.”

This is a sentiment echoed by Mrs. Conner, a Nativity graduate who first knew she wanted to teach in a Catholic school after volunteering at St. Catherine’s where Mrs. Zubrinic was the Director of Religious Education. “When I look at the students who walk down the same hallways that I walked down as a child, I know that I have a huge responsibility to not only educate these kids, but also show them the faith of Jesus Christ so they carry the Nativity torch to the rest of the world. The love that I have for this school and my community is something that can never be taken away or received at any other school.

CELEBRATING DEDICATION

On May 10, we will celebrate the longtime dedication of Miss Berger and Mrs. Gutierrez to the Nativity community. Miss Berger has been an educator for 35 years and has spent the last ten molding minds at Nativity. She works with our middle school students, helping them understand the intricacies of grammar as our language arts instructor. Perhaps more than anything, Miss Berger takes her position as role model for middle school students seriously. She understands that this age is a formative time for her students and does her best to instill positive virtues in and out of the classroom. In addition to teaching, she volunteers her time as the speech team coordinator for our seventh and eighth grade speech teams.

Mrs. Gutierrez has long been a force in the Nativity school community - this year marks her 20th as an educator here. When her family moved from Miami, Florida to Colorado in 1999, she found a home at Nativity - all three of her children are graduates of the



It's a testament to what it means to teach at Nativity. Service to these kids is one of the greatest joys of my life.”

For Mrs. Rigli, there is a reassurance in knowing that she shares the same work space with family members. “There are days where we don’t even see one another because we all teach at different levels, but just having the comfort of knowing that we are all here if we need one another brings joy to my heart. It’s a special feeling of love knowing that God put us all together for a reason and it’s a blessing that I treasure.”

We’re grateful to have all three of these lovely ladies in our Nativity family!



school. She initially taught first grade, before transitioning to fourth grade, where she spent 17 years teaching. This is her second year as the middle school Spanish teacher. When Mrs. Gutierrez reflects on her time at Nativity, she can't help but count the blessings. “The opportunity to meet so many wonderful coworkers and families, as well as the lifelong friends I have made here, are true gifts from God.”

Thanks to both Miss Berger and Mrs. Gutierrez for their dedication to Catholic education and the Nativity family!

THIS WEEK AT NATIVITY

SCIENCE FAIR

Our middle school scientists have been hard at work on their science fair projects. Students will set up their boards in Ryan Hall on the morning of Monday, April 15 and our judges will call them down throughout the day to present their findings. Parents and visitors are invited to check out the projects on Monday evening, from 6:00-8:00pm. We are asking students to be present during the evening session. Awards will be handed out during the evening session.

On Tuesday, April 16, students in the lower grades will have the opportunity to walk through the fair and see all of the hard work of our middle schoolers. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Brandenburg or Sr. Eleanora via FastDirect.

7TH GRADE RETREAT

On Wednesday, April 17, seventh grade students will attend a class retreat at Sacred Heart of Mary in Boulder. Students on retreat may wear free dress and will need to bring a sack lunch. Please reference the Parent Student Handbook to if there are questions about acceptable free dress wear.

TALENT SHOWS

The Nativity Talent Show is scheduled for Monday, April 29! Performances will be broken up by grade level and will take place throughout the day. Tryouts will take place on Tuesday, April 16 and Wednesday, April 17. Please contact Becky White at 928-606-4638 with questions.

BAND CONCERT

Students in the Nativity band will perform their spring concert on Monday, April 29 from 7:00-8:00pm in Ryan Hall.

EASTER HOLIDAY

In observance of the Easter holiday, students will be released at noon on Holy Thursday, April 18. There will be no school on Good Friday, April 19, and no school on Easter Monday, April 22.

ATHLETICS

ATLETICS BANQUET

Nativity's annual Athletic Banquet is scheduled for Monday, May 6 from 6:00-7:00pm in Ryan Hall. Please contact John Novak with questions.

FRANK EVANS TRACK MEET

The annual Frank Evans Memorial Track Meet will take place on Thursday, May 2 at Holy Family High School. Students who are attending are asked to provide a sack lunch. Please contact Mr. Murrow via FastDirect with any questions.

GRADUATION EVENTS

Eighth grade graduation is right around the corner and it's shaping up to be a beautiful week to celebrate our students. Here is the schedule of events:

8th Grade Breakfast | Tuesday, May 28 | 9:30am

The student only eighth grade breakfast will take place in Ryan Hall.

MS Awards Assembly | Tuesday, May 28 | 1:00pm

The middle school awards assembly is scheduled for later that day in the church.

Graduation Practice | Wednesday, May 29 | 8:30am

Graduation practice will take place from 8:30-10:30am.

8th Grade Picnic | Wednesday, May 29 | 10:30am

Students will then head to the eighth grade picnic at Boondocks where they will spend the afternoon together before returning to Nativity at 2:30pm.

Graduation | Thursday, May 30 | 4:30pm

Graduation will take place in the church, with a reception to follow in Ryan Hall. Students are expected to be at the school by 3:00pm on graduation day to take the class photo and prepare for the ceremony.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Banuelos via FastDirect.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

HOLY FAMILY HS

7th Grade Info Night | April 30

We would like to invite your family and your seventh grade student to our seventh grade information night to be held on Tuesday, April 30, from 6:00-7:30pm in the school theater. You will hear a presentation by our Admissions Team about all of the school's wonderful offerings and get to meet and ask questions of some of our current Holy Family talented tigers! You may register for this event at holyfamilyhs.com by clicking on INQUIRE NOW.

REGIS JESUIT HS

HSPT Practice Test and Parent Meeting | April 27

Regis Jesuit High School is offering a practice High School Placement Test on Saturday, April 27 from 8:30-11:30am in the Boys Division Building. Please bring \$20 on test day. Prospective parents interested in learning more about Regis are invited to a parent meeting and tour of the school that same day, from 8:30-10:00am. Parents are asked to meet in the Z Theater on campus.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



Save the Date

Mark your calendars for our Scholastic Book Fair. It will run from Tuesday, April 23 through Friday, April 26 from 8:30am-4:00pm. Students will have the chance to peruse the selection throughout the week. Please contact Cathy Hogan with any questions at librarian@nool.us.

VOCATION & DISCERNMENT

Parent Vocations Talk

Nativity parents are invited to a discussion on vocation and discernment, hosted by the Archdiocese of Denver. This adults-only evening will take place on Monday, May 6 from 7:00-9:00pm at the St. John Paul II Center for the New Evangelization, 1300 S. Steele St. Denver, CO, in room 123.

Please contact the Vocations Office with questions at 303-282-3429 or visit archden.org/vocations.

COLORADO ROCKIES

Catholic Schools Night with the Rockies

Join the Colorado Rockies as they celebrate *Denver Catholic Schools Appreciation Night!* Cheer on the Rox as they take on the Padres on Friday, May 10 - first pitch is set for 6:40pm. Tickets are available starting at \$15 and can be purchased online at Rockies.com/CATHOLIC. Be sure to enter the promo code "Catholic". Can't make it on the 10th? There are additional chances to watch the Rockies and celebrate Catholic education on April 21, May 27, and June 13.

ELITCH GARDENS



Catholic Schools Night at Elitches

Catholic Schools Private Night at Elitch Gardens is scheduled for Friday, May 17. We will share more information when we receive it from the Archdiocese.

NATIVITY CRAWFISH BOIL

Hosted by Colorado Claw & Tail

Join us on Friday, May 3 at 6:00pm for the first ever Nativity Crawfish Boil! The event, hosted by Colorado Claw & Tail will be held outside in the parking lot in front of the gym. It will be B.Y.O.B. (bring your own beverage) and is an adults only event. This is purely a social event for parents/parishioners to get to know other parents/parishioners.

Tickets must be purchased by April 29. Ticket cost is \$14 +tax/shipping and includes 2 pounds of crawfish along with corn, potatoes and sausage. The average person eats 2-3lbs of crawfish. Tickets can be purchased at coclawtail.com.

FIRST GRADE

Mother's Day Tea

First grade mothers are invited to a special Mother's Day Tea on Tuesday, May 7 at 8:30am in Ryan Hall. Please contact Mrs. Conner with questions via FastDirect.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May Crowning

The May Crowning Liturgy, to honor the Blessed Mother, is set for Wednesday, May 1 at 8:15am in the church. We are asking that each student bring a flower to school for the Mass. This is a dress up day for students. Please see the Parent Student handbook if you have dress code questions.

Carline Safety

As the weather begins to warm, please be aware that we have a group of students who ride their bikes and scooters and who walk to school. Take an extra moment to make sure that crosswalks are clear when turning into and out of the parking lot and when you are driving through carline.

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

PATIENCE

Throughout April, our school community will focus on the virtue of patience. Patience is waiting and enduring difficulties without complaint while depending on God to show us the way. Nativity students show patience by listening to their classmates, waiting their turn, and tolerating inconveniences and annoyance without complaint.

SAINT OF THE MONTH

ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA

St. Kateri Tekakwitha is the first Native American saint recognized by the Catholic Church. She was born in 1656 and contracted smallpox as a four year old child, which scarred her skin. As Kateri grew older, she became known as a skilled worker who was diligent and patient. When marriage was proposed and a suitor was presented, she refused and instead converted to Catholicism, pledging her life only to Jesus. Kateri was powerfully moved by God's love for human beings and saw the dignity of each of her people. She prayed and fasted diligently for the conversion of her people, never losing hope that they would one day find Christ as she had.

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, April 15:	Red Day
Tuesday, April 16:	Blue Day
Wednesday, April 17:	Red Day
Thursday, April 18:	Blue Day
Tuesday, April 23:	Red Day

UPCOMING EVENTS



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

APRIL

15	Sonshine Disciples • 8:00am Science Fair • 8:15am Art Club • 3:15pm
16	Science Fair • 8:15am
17	Seventh Grade Retreat • 8:15am First Grade Easter Egg Hunt • 8:30am Math Counts • 3:30pm
18	Holy Thursday • Noon Dismissal
19-22	Easter Holiday • No School
25	Restored Order/Confirmation Class • 7:00pm
26	Grades 3-5 Field Trip • 12:00pm Father-Daughter Dance • 6:30pm
29	Sonshine Disciples • 8:00am Talent Shows • 8:15am First Grade Readiness Test • 8:15am Art Club • 3:15pm Nativity Band Concert • 7:00pm
MAY	
15	May Crowning Liturgy • 8:15am Math Counts • 3:30pm

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.

AVAILABILITY

80 spaces available

If Mom is not available a grandma, aunt, godmother, or dad is more than welcome to come with the sons.

COST

\$60 for one mom & one son
\$30 for each additional son

Includes tickets and \$10 concession credit per person

REGISTER

To register, please visit:
school.nool.us/mother-son

MOTHER-SON ROCKIES GAME

May 5 • 1:00pm

Coors Field (vs. Arizona)

AVAILABILITY

65 spaces available

If Dad is not available a grandpa, uncle, godfather, or mom is more than welcome to come with the daughters.

COST

\$25 for one dad and one daughter
\$12.50 for each additional daughter

Includes two hours of dancing fun, plus a fabulous candy and dessert bar.

REGISTER

To register, please visit:
school.nool.us/father-daughter

FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE

April 26 • 6:30pm

Global Sound Studio (North Side)

555 Alter St., Unit 19-F, Broomfield