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Nativity Newsflash

“MAKING A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE...ONE HABIT AT A TIME”

PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNERS

On Saturday, November 4th, 309 students gathered at Roncalli High School to take the High School Placement Exam. The Nativity faculty would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of our eighth graders on their wonderful scores!



We are PROUD to announce that Nativity has three students earning a score in the top 10! Congratulations to Charlie Schoettle, Carlie Young, and Andy Geibel on this tremendous success! All three have been named as a Roncalli Presidential \$2,500 Scholarship winner.

Twenty percent of the Class of 2018 scored in the 90th percentile or above which means they scored higher than 90% of the students in the nation taking this exam! Their daily efforts in Kindergarten through eighth grade cumulated in high academic performance on this exam.

Since 2014, 27.5% of the Roncalli Presidential Scholarships offered to all incoming freshmen have been awarded to Nativity students!

A special thank you goes out to these students' parents and teachers. This celebration of our young people – their achievements, their perseverance, and their successes – would not be possible without their guidance and support.

CONGRATULATIONS



8th Grade Science Buddies



Preschool Honorary Father's Day



Dr. Seuss Read Across America Day

NATIVITY NOW...

I have been a Nativity Titan for nearly 11 years. Attending Nativity has been one of the greatest blessings I have ever received. Walking into Nativity every day seems to be a normal and comfortable part of my life. I feel so loved and cared for when I am at school. Being in such a caring environment helps me to learn more, not only about the core subjects, but also about my faith.



At Nativity our faith is prioritized. Every Thursday we attend mass as a community and learn about our Catholic faith. We attend religion class to study the bible, pray, and discuss our beliefs. Besides attending mass and religion class, we allow our faith to follow us to every class, sporting event, and musical performance. At all these activities we begin with prayer, led by our principal.

One of the best parts of attending Nativity is playing sports. I play basketball, volleyball, kickball, and soccer. Through playing these sports, I have made most of my friends and had a lot of fun. I have learned and grown so much with the help of our coaches. They give so much time to help us improve and succeed, and set a good example for us to follow.

In the classroom, our teachers try their best to help us learn what we need to be a successful student. They allow us to learn in a way that best suites us. Before tests and quizzes, many teachers will stay before or after school to help us if we need help studying. Our teachers do a very good job of accommodating all students' academic needs.

Whether it is playing sports, attending classes, or praying at church, attending Nativity has helped me in all aspects of my life. I love being a Nativity Titan! - *Ainsley Newett, 8th Grade*

IN 100 YEARS...



I will have a German Shepard and I'll live in a hotel. I may have gray hair. I'll sleep all day if my husband doesn't wake me up. I will watch TV for two hours in my bed.

*By: Teagan
1st Grade*



I will go to heaven with God. He will give me food like bread and water. I will sleep and eat good.

*By: Sarah
1st Grade*



I will have gray hair. I will sleep for hours. I will watch TV and eat soup most of the day. I will play golf and be living in Canada.

*By: Aidan
1st grade*



THE LEADER IN ME



We are currently in our second year as a Leader In Me school. The Leader In Me (TLIM) uses the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People to help students become more goal oriented, more successful, and be able to see their true worth and potential. We tie the 7 Habits to our Catholic faith with God's word, which helps us to focus on the whole child, mind, body, and spirit.

Part of TLIM process is taking ownership. Our students wrote the script and implemented the Veteran's Day program, lead us in prayer before each day and at school functions, give school tours, and have found ways to make Nativity Catholic School better than it already is.

At the end of the 2016-17 school year, students in grades K-7 applied to be a part of TLIM Student Lighthouse Team. The Student Lighthouse Team meets monthly to give their voice on the school, culture, and their learning. They play a key role in implementing leadership practices while modeling leadership for other students, inspiring them to get involved. One job of the Student Lighthouse Team is to give tours to prospective families as well as greeting and ushering community members for school wide events. They also assisted in planning events during Catholic Schools Week.

Another goal of TLIM is to help the students realize that leadership is for everyone and empowering the students to lead their own learning. On February 19, students led conferences with their parents and teachers. Students have been busy this year collecting data in a leadership binder, which they shared with their parents at the conferences. The response to students taking accountability for their learning was overwhelmingly positive. The ability to highlight strengths and recognizing growth areas are skills the students will carry with them.

Our students' families are their first and best teachers. They lay the foundation for the education of their child's mind, body, and spirit. They help their sons and daughters discover the leader within and prepare for a great life of contribution and service.

CHARLIE SCHOETTLE WINS GEOGRAPHY BEE

Congratulations to Charlie Schoettle for winning Nativity's National Geographic Bee! The 3rd through 8th grade students watched the competition and cheered on the contestants. Congratulations to Isaac Kappes, our second place finisher! Charlie will represent Nativity by taking an online test, with the chance to advance to the regional and state contests.



SPELLING BEE A SMASHING SUCCESS!!!

On Thursday, January 25th, the Nativity gym was the site of a keen competition – the school-wide Spelling Bee. Thirty-nine students from 4th through 8th grades went head-to-head in a very tough competition!

We were down to three students: Aidan Curtis, 8th, Evan Meer, 7th, and Aubrey Silcox, 6th. In the last round, Evan was the only one to spell correctly so he became champion on the word "massacres." Mr. Meer will be an awesome representative for Nativity Catholic School at the District Spelling Bee! If successful at the district level, he can proceed to the Regional competition. The regional winners travel to Washington D.C. for the national Scripps Howard Spelling Bee competition.

COLONIAL WAX MUSEUM

Nativity's 5th graders presented a Colonial Wax Museum for students and parents. Each student was dressed in period costume and had a 30-60 second speech prepared. The kids loved having an audience! The visitors and other students were very impressed with the performances of our "living statues".

