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Catholic School

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Nativity Newsflash

“LET JESUS BE YOUR COMPASS”



Leader in Me

Where can you see the youngest of our students and middle-schoolers learning together, side by side? When can you see our older students teaching younger students about being good leaders? You can see it one Friday each month when classes come together to “Drop Everything and Lead” at Nativity! We call it our “DEAL day.” On DEAL days, older and younger partner classes come together for an activity that directly supports one of the 7 habits. The 7 habits are part of our Leader in Me program. The Leader in Me is a whole school program that teaches 21st century leadership and life skills to students and creates a culture of student empowerment based on the idea that everyone in our school can be a leader.

If you are wandering through the hallways of the school during DEAL time, you’ll see all kinds of wonderful, hands on learning taking place. Children are moving, creating, solving, planning, and leading! You might see one classroom work on a giant mural about a leader as they synergize, because they know that together is better. Another classroom might have students thinking win-win as they try to share a plate of cookies so that everyone can win. Continue down the hall, and you might see younger and older students working together to plan an activity as they begin with the end in mind. Yet another classroom might have children of all ages working together to lead like Jesus. In each and every classroom, you will see groups of children, fully engaged, learning to make the 7 habits an important part of their lives.

If you ever happen to be in the school and you hear the announcement, “Drop Everything and Lead,” get ready to see and hear some really exciting learning take place!



NATIVITY GRADUATE NAMED VALEDICTORIAN



We are pleased to announce Nativity alumna Katie Minton has earned the honor of Valedictorian of the Roncalli High School Class of 2019! Katie is the daughter of Nativity Kindergarten teacher Mrs. Teresa Minton and her husband Mr. Andy Minton. Katie was named Valedictorian at Roncalli's all school Mass which was celebrated by our own Fr. Eric Augenstein and attended by her parents and Nativity Principal, Ms. Terri Bianchini.

Ms. Bianchini received a letter from Roncalli's Assistant Principal Kathy Arruda which read in part, "On behalf of the faculty and staff at Roncalli, I express my congratulations, gratitude and appreciation for all that the staff of Nativity Grade School does to prepare our young people. The foundation they received at Nativity Grade School, along with their education at Roncalli, prepares them for success in life and college. Please give my thanks and congratulations to your faculty and staff."

We are all very proud of you, Katie!



EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION NOMINEE



Congratulations to Mr. Jeff English, Nativity's middle school math teacher! Mr. English was nominated for The Saint Theodora Excellence in Education Award! Nominees for this award represent the best in Catholic education, serving as a model of faith in action, professionalism, high expectations, and proven results of excellent teaching and learning.

A huge thanks goes out to the parents and Nativity Alumni for supporting Mr. English.

WELCOME FR. ERIC AUGENSTEIN

Fr. Eric Augenstein officially began as pastor of Nativity on January 9, 2019. Fr. Eric was ordained a priest in 2004 for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. He attended St. Jude Grade School and Cathedral High School. He holds a bachelor's degree in religion and philosophy from La Salle University in Philadelphia and a Master of Arts (Catholic Thought and Life) and Master of Divinity Degree from Saint Meinrad School of Theology. Fr. Eric has served in parish and high school ministry in Richmond and New Albany, and has served as Director of Vocations for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis since 2013.



GEOGRAPHY BEE



Nativity held its annual "Geo Bee" sponsored by National Geographic. In this competition, students were tested on their knowledge of the world by being asked challenging questions on subjects ranging from American states, strange animals, and fun facts about geography!

Ethan Render, 8th grade took third place. Aubrey Silcox, 7th grade was our school's runner-up taking second place. The Geo Bee champion for Nativity, taking first place in the school competition, was Antonio Pagano, 7th grade. We would like to thank Mr. Stone Robbins, our Middle School Social Studies teacher, for organizing the event. Mr. Robbins and Mr. Brian Boyle, our MS Literature teacher, did an excellent job as moderators of this year's National Geographic Geo Bee!

★ SPELLING BEE ★

On Thursday, January 24th, thirty-nine students from fourth through eighth grades went head-to-head in a very tough competition!

We congratulate our final five spellers, Alex Beard, Eli Aldrich, Evan Meer, Abby Helfrich, and Madeline Daming, for their terrific spelling and competitive skills!

8th grade student Evan Meer was the winner and represented Nativity Catholic School at the District Spelling Bee. Our 5th grade runner-up, Alex Beard, would have competed if Evan was unable to attend.

Thank you to Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Mendoza for their assistance as judges.



QUEST FOR EXCELLENCE

Several of the South Deanery seventh and eighth grade students competed at the annual Quest for Excellence at Roncalli High School on Saturday, February 23rd.

Congratulations to all of our students who put in the extra effort to prepare for the completion: Alejandro Gomez, Gabby Goodnight, Isaac Gomez, Olivia Bognar, Allison Vennall, Luke Vennall, Blake Vennall, Nevaeh Gaulin, Lauren Bobko, Evan Meer, Harry Schoettle, Jackson Maples, Alice Smidebush, Emmerson Oskay, Ellie Buening, and Lauren Kill.

A very special thank you to all of our coaches (Angie Vennall, Carol Bowron Payne, Liz Schoettle, Jeni Boyle, Brian Boyle, Margie Hamm, Stone Robbins, Raechel Kill, & Jorie DePalma) who volunteered their time and talents to prepare our students!

Congratulations go out to the following medal winners from Nativity:
 Math: Nevaeh Gaulin (4th Place) & Blake Vennall (Honorable Mention)
 History: Evan Meer (1st Place), Luke Vennall (2nd Place), & Blake Vennall (3rd Place)
 Art: Alice Smidebush (Honorable Mention)
 Essay: Alice Smidebush (Honorable Mention)
 Physical Fitness: Alejandro Gomez (Honorable Mention)
 Vocal: Ellie Buening (Honorable Mention)

