



NATIVITY PARENT ASSOCIATION JANUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year! While it feels like we rang in the New Year several months ago, January isn't quite over yet. The last week of this month, we'll celebrate Catholic Schools Week, and kick it off with our **Annual Open House** this Sunday, January 26, between 10:30 am and 1 pm. Open House is a great way to showcase our school to incoming and prospective families. To make it a success, we need participation from as many of our current families as possible.

We will be setting up this Saturday, January 25, noon-until, and will be at the school starting around 8 am on Sunday. We'll also need current families on hand throughout the Open House, 10:30 am – 1 pm, on Sunday. We want Open House to be representative of everyday life at our school: a vibrant and enriching Catholic environment! Please keep an eye out for communications this week from Mrs. Kessler, your child's teacher, and/or activities sponsors for more information.

After Open House and Catholic Schools Week, we have a few other events coming up soon. Please read on for details about the **Saints Shenanigans 5K and Fun Run, Lenten Dinners, and Growing Like Weeds**. As always, if you have any questions, ideas, or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me at dana.s.lamey@gmail.com. I appreciate all of you!

What: Open House Set Up

When & Where: January 25, noon – until, meet in the gym

How you can help: We'll need volunteers to help get our school looking its very best for Open House on Saturday. Please come ready to work! We may need floors swept, tables set up and dressed, and some heavy items moved.

What: Nativity Elementary's Annual Open House

When & Where: January 26, 10:30 am – 1 pm, Nativity Elementary School

How you can help: Share the event on Facebook with anyone you know who may be interested (you can find it on the NBVM School Families page). Keep an eye out for communications from Mrs. Kessler, your child's teacher, and/or activities sponsors for information about how your child can participate in open house. We also need our current families on hand to greet prospective families. Please note that this is not a "drop off" event for your children. If your child has been asked to attend by their teacher or an activity sponsor, please plan to stay.

What: Saints Shenanigans – Sister Mary Jo Memorial Race 5K & Fun Run

When & Where: March 7, Downtown Biloxi

How you can help: Register today! We are also in need of donations for the race – sponsorships, food, water, items for "swag bags", etc. If you know of a business or individual that may be

interested in donating, but you don't want to solicit the donation yourself, please let us know! Full information is available on the school website and Facebook page. Contact Jenny Baker at 228-243-0775 or jtbaker@cctb.com with any questions.

What: Lenten Dinners

When & Where: Fridays - March 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, and April 3rd, School Cafeteria

How you can help: Each year, we prepare and sell Lenten dinners on Fridays during Lent. Volunteers will be needed from about 1pm – 6 pm (can be broken down into shifts). If you are interested in helping or securing food donations, please contact Susie Davis at aplantoremember@gmail.com.

What: Growing Like Weeks Children's Consignment Sale Drop Off

When & Where: Drop off by February 14, at the school

How you can help: Proceeds from items donated through Nativity and sold at the Growing Like Weeks consignment sale in March will be donated back to Nativity. Please drop off any gently used children's clothing, toys, and books by February 14. Contact Dusti Simnicht at 228-348-7025 for details.

Homeroom Helpers

PreK-3	Hayley Langford
PreK-4	Kimberly Rasmussen/Tracie Strayham
Kindergarten	Keith Pisarich, Jr.
1 st Grade	Tracie Strayham/Aimee Jordan
2 nd Grade	Jacqueline Wilson/Jena Smith
3 rd Grade.....	Missy Ramon/Shanel Williams
4 th Grade.....	Kendra Mabary
5 th Grade.....	Melissa Williams/Sara Oropesa/Maureen McCann
6 th Grade.....	NiCole Talley/Jamie Gollott/Maureen McCann/Lisa McLoughlin

Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs

Seafood Festival Cakewalk	Tracie Strayham
Teacher Appreciation	Kimberly Rasmussen/Tracie Strayham
Carnival.....	Charnell Martino/Jen Byers/Brandon Cloud
Growing Like Weeds.....	Dusti Simnicht
#iGiveCatholic.....	Allison Watts
Technology/Capital Improvement Fundraiser	Allison Watts
Breakfast with Santa	Jenny Baker
Lenten Dinners.....	Susie & Warren Davis/Aimee Jordan
Saints Shenanigans Fun Run/5k.....	Jenny Baker
Breakfast with the Bunny.....	Susie Davis
Peace Love Saints Field Day	TBD
School Supply Kits.....	Katie O'Grady
Box Tops.....	Amy Leon/April Croncich/Erin Hebert
Yearbook.....	Brooke Theobald
PR/Advertising/Website.....	Kerry Stoddard/Katie O'Grady

Nativity Parent Association

President.....	Dana Lamey
Vice-President	NiCole Talley
Secretary	Dusti Simnicht
Past President	Katie O'Grady