



NATIVITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWS

JUNE 2009

Nativity Catholic School recognizes each student as a unique child of God, and provides a learning environment that develops each student's spiritual, intellectual, social, physical and emotional gifts.

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Dear Parents,

As you are aware, once the children leave school for the school year the faculty and staff remain on campus to both close out the current academic year and plan for the beginning of the next school year. On Friday, our administration, faculty and staff prayed together with our Pastor, Fr. Proulx, before the Blessed Sacrament. Our prayer included adoration of our Lord Jesus who is "recognized in the breaking of the bread." This scripture quote, taken from the story of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus after the Resurrection, will be our school-wide scripture theme for the 2009-10 school year. Please enjoy reading this delightful scripture (Luke 24) story with you children this summer. Our prayer on Friday also included praise and thanksgiving for the many blessings of the school year just completed. We also prayed for abundant blessings for your family this summer and for the Lord's blessing upon every moment of the new school year for every one of Nativity's students.

We thank the large number of parents who participated in the annual *Parent Satisfaction Survey* again this year at re-registration time. We have studied your input carefully and are *very* pleased with its findings. Again, parents told us how much they value the education offered to Nativity Catholic School students and how much their children benefit from this faith-based learning environment. We were also pleased to read that parents recognized that areas for improvement which they had suggested in the past were areas addressed during this school year. The first year SIP review of the FCC re-accreditation process also acknowledged Nativity's on-going efforts towards its cyclical school improvement process. In short, it was communicated that our excellent school remains excellent! Also noted in the survey were some items beyond our control (more parking for Sunday Masses, for example). Wisdom recognizes that perfection will come in the next life and that in this life we all commit to doing the best we can.

We're very pleased to welcome two Nativity Catholic School graduates to our faculty beginning in August 2009:

When she was a Nativity Catholic School student many years ago Miss Lincy Kandarapllil was told by Sr Irene that she would be both a NCS teacher and its principal some day. Miss K has taught third grade for four years in Catholic schools and will now join our faculty in August as a third grade teacher. We have every confidence Sr Irene recognized talented teachers!

Miss Christina Stout also joins our faculty in August. Miss Stout has recently earned a BA in Elementary Education and Family & Child Services from Florida State University. She did her internship and was then was hired on as very successful substitute teacher at a Catholic School in Tallahassee. It's our blessing that Miss Stout did not accepted the job offering for next year from that school because she wanted to move back home to the Tampa area. Miss Stout will team well with Mrs. Price as our two 4th grade teachers. (Remember Mrs. Crawford is moving to grade 5.) Some of your children met Miss Stout recently when she was here subbing on our campus.

Some of Nativity's best teachers have taught both Miss K and Miss Stout! Our masterful teachers are delighted with these new hires.

We all look forward to welcoming your children back to school (their second home) on Sunday August 16.

Peace,

Bernadette Kunnen, Ed.D
Principal



FROM THE NATIVITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT OFFICE:

Nativity Catholic School has been providing excellence in Catholic education for 48 years in the Brandon community. The school serves pre-K three year olds through the eighth grade. We are currently accepting enrollment applications for the 2009-2010 school year. Please contact our enrollment office for additional information or to schedule a tour of our campus. enrollment@nativitycatholicschool.org (813) 689-3395 ext. 256

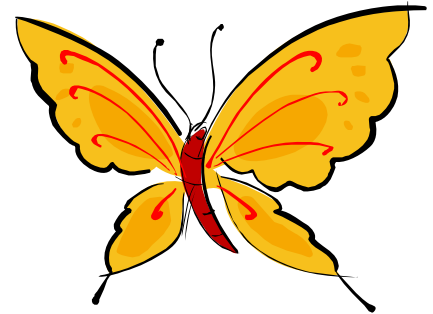
NATIVITY USED UNIFORM SALE

**Saturday August 1st 8-10 a.m.
Social Hall "D"**

St. Gerard's Circle is having a Used Uniform Sale on Saturday, August 1st 8-10 a.m. Gently used Nativity school uniforms are available at nearly **HALF THE PRICE** of new uniforms. Please come by & take advantage of the **GREAT SAVINGS** as you prepare for fall back-to-school shopping!

As you plan for back-to-school uniform needs, please consider **CONSIGNING OR DONATING OUTGROWN UNIFORMS** you have. All must be in good, wearable condition. **If you are consigning INCLUDE YOUR PRINTED NAME, PHONE NUMBER & ADDRESS** with the uniforms for consignment. Uniforms can be dropped off at the Stewardship Office or by contacting Andrea Cseh (813)309-7695

The Butterfly Garden



The second grade donated an outstanding butterfly garden in the month of May under Ryan Lerch's enthusiastic guidance. It was an Eagle Scout project by Ryan of BSA Troop 178.



Thank you – The results are in and our Spring Gala to benefit the students of Nativity Catholic School raised \$67,000 in net proceeds. The event was a terrific success thanks to the patrons, volunteers, sponsors and many others who donated their time and talent. Mark your calendars and save this date now for next year's Spring Gala, April 24, 2010. Thanks to all in our parents for your tremendous generosity and support!

Art



The Art Workshop offered to Nativity students through the Spring Gala has been completed and the children and I both had a grand time. They each had a photo taken in front of an underwater backdrop and created a painting of a seascape or water scene of their choice. The paintings were carefully placed in frames and enhanced with positioned shells. Beautiful paintings created by each unique Child of God who honored Him by painting a bit of his creation.

Linda Plesko -Art Teacher



Early Childhood at Marco's

EC 4 enjoyed making pizzas at Marco's as part of the Spring Gala.



Special thanks to our friends at Marco's and the EC4 teachers, Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. Garateix, Mrs. Pantelis, Mrs. Lowman. Be sure to visit Marco's during the summer!



April Student of the month Reverence

EC3

Ayva Bigord
Maria Del Castillo

EC4

Michelle Hudtwalcker
Tori Wegner
Abby Stirna
Hannah Sanford
Emily Chacko
Isabella Coronel
Christina Palmiotto

Kindergarten

Angelie Pena
Cynthia Truong
Kamya Lukose
Anna Regan
Andrea Lopez

First Grade

Austin Avancena

Taber Pierce
Jarius Gonzales
Alexandra Crawford
Grace Flomberg
Joseph Fontana
James Golabek

Second Grade

Alex Campbell
Katherine Perez
Abby Haughn
Kayla Kennedy
Matthew LaRussa

Third Grade

Cori Rotellini
Anthony Mesa
Francisco Barba
Karishma Lukose
Claire Eberhart
Michelle Leahy
William Swantek

Brooke Yap
Teresa Gonzalez
Tatianna Farren

Fourth Grade

Dominique Montanez
Jesse Scales
Shawn Simon
Vinh Mai
Jamie Tablante
Valeria Zuluaga

Fifth Grade

Ashley Dutton
Hunter Janus
Natalie Bolet
Kevin Puthusseril
Jonny Sherman
Sydney Wynne

Sixth Grade

Lauren Romeo

Blake Seamann
David Sherrier
Gabriela Collins
Emilie Ridley

Seventh Grade

Grant LeStrange
Charles Sciascia
Michael Elsner
Taylor Farrell
Payne Webb
Jenna Weir

Eighth Grade

Trey Gonzalez
Kalena Koger
Conner Heitzmann
Rhett Waldron
Rebecca Solimeno
Chelsea Noreiga
Alex Hiatt

May Student of the Month Integrity

EC3

Matthew Ko
Anthony Berrios
Peyton Joshua
Natalie Henahan

EC4

Avery Peirce
Isabella Weaver
Aidan Amin
Kristine Nguyen
Eva Schillinger

Kindergarten

Bailey Chapin
Nicholas Reifschneider
Danielle Fonsin
Cooper Peirce
Aidan Hohfeld
Abbie Sexton
Conner Eberhart

First Grade

Tyler Braunecker
Scott Mason
Ana Figueroa
Khasandra Gascon
Dominic Newberg
Trinity Roth
Catherine Vande Brink

Second Grade

Anthony Catone
Ellie Ryan
Peyton Griffin
Rachel Meeks
Alexander Preis
Andrea Ramos

Third Grade

Noah Pierce
Leianee Taylor
Andrew Kraemer
Christin Rockway
Megan Butler

Brandon Cessna
Deacon More
Kate Mesa

Fourth Grade

Spencer Cooper
Emma Hanyok
Gregory Bell
Kendall Catone
John Zielinski

Fifth Grade

Katie Gadberry
Nick Ravins
Maria Zeno
Nicholas DeCrisci
Kristina Kennedy
Bella Martinez

Sixth Grade

Logan Clark
Lauren Hamilton
Mackenzie Bailey

Montia Heatherly

Seventh Grade

Sebastian Botero
Sarah Dorn
Geethu Kurian
Michaela Phillips
Colton McCleave
Steven Menke
Jackie Saunders
Bree Schinella

Eighth Grade

Gabbie Carapella
Kevin Harris
Jason Richards
Amy Price
Logan Valeri
Rachel Mounce
Josh Langkopp
Jessica Fiol

June Student of the month Responsibility

EC3

Nathan Hampton
Tanner Peirce
Anneliese Stratton

EC4

Sydney Ginaitt
Travis Tuero
Andrew Stirna
Emily McDonnell
Aidan Hamilton
Sophie Reyes

Kindergarten

Vincente Kapusta
Jaepe Rivera
Camdem O'Donnell
Bailey Robinson
Jakob Stiglich
Madeline Rose
Kayla Kovach
MacKenzie Lamb-Leon

First Grade

Jenna Bradberry
Caleb Olsen
Natalia Collazo
Ethan Flomberg
Matthew Montero
Steven Thomas

Second Grade

Jarred Spanos
Joshin Tia
Jacob Orth
Alexis Schonacher
Sayona Jose

Third Grade

Drew Braunecker
Emma Noskey
Ashley Stratton
Hayden Colianese
Josh Magro

Michael Sadowski
Danielle Wiles

Fourth Grade

Anita Ney
Jhuztin Honrado
Josh Pullen
Jaylyn Sanford
Justing Golabek
Evan Plamann
Justas Schillinger

Fifth Grade

Bryanna LaRussa
Rosie Zoet
Shalini Jose
Sabrina Pabon
Brett Johnson
Carla Aponte

Sixth Grade

Regan Lee

Dante Newberg
John Mooney
Emily Wilson
McKenna Juan

Seventh Grade

Michelle Bradley
Christian Crawford
Michael Vega
Zach Palsis
Pierce Popovich
Daniel Del Castillo
Toni Rae Tablante

Eighth Grade

Christina Corbett
Cameron Regan
Kevin Mulrooney
Adam Kraemer
Matthew Chacko

Advancement Office Recap 2008-2009

Thank you for participating in our rebate programs for the 2008-2009 school year! Below are the totals for each program, totaling over **\$18,000**. These funds help support the operating budget of the school and continue to help keep tuition affordable for our families.



Westfield Mall - **\$10,000**

The Cash 4 Class program for 2009 begins September 1, 2009.



Box Tops - \$1587

Nativity Catholic School will receive .10 cents for each box top collected. You can find Box Tops for Education coupons on the following products:



Marco's Spirit Night - \$1,564

Every Tuesday afternoon 2:30 to 8:00 PM on 811 E Brandon Blvd. Marco's will donate **20%** of the sales back to our school. You can dine in, carry out or schedule for delivery. Find us at www.Marcos.com for a full menu or call 813-643-9988. The classroom with the best participation will receive a FREE PIZZA PARTY!



Family Spirit Nights - \$1,425



Chick-fil-A will donate **15%** of our sales back to Nativity Catholic School on the following days when you dine in or take out on these days and turn in your slip.



Target - \$865 Every time you use your Target Visa or Target

Guest Card® at a Target store or Target.com, Target will donate an amount equal to **1%** of Target Visa and Target Guest Card purchases. If you have a Target credit card or Target Visa card go to the Target.com website and designate Nativity Catholic School - ID # 4913 as your rebate recipient and we'll start receiving rebates on your purchases immediately.

Nativity Scrip Program - www.shopwithscrip.com - \$631

Scrip is a term that means "substitute money". When you purchase scrip, you're purchasing negotiable gift certificates and prepaid cards that are used just like cash. You can use scrip to purchase everyday expenses like food, clothing, and other essentials, and with every purchase, you earn revenue for our school.



Ave Maria Spirit Night - \$606



Chili's - \$485 Every Monday night 4:00 – 9:00 pm join your friends at the Chili's at 1281 East Brandon Blvd in Brandon and Chili's will donate **10%** of the sales back to our School.



Recycling - \$280 your trash is the school's cash! Please bring all empty inkjet and laser printer cartridges and cell phones to be recycled to earn money for the school.