



THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF NATIVITY

Thank You and Overall Results from the Nativity Carnival Committee/PTO

On behalf of the Nativity Carnival Committee and the Nativity PTO, I would like to thank all families who supported, participated in and volunteered for the 2007 *Wonderful World of Nativity* Winter Carnival. It was a wonderful display of giving, from the inception of the Carnival theme last spring and straight through the Carnival event on February 2 of this year. It continues to amaze me how much can be accomplished when we live in a community of enthusiastic spirits! I would love to be able to thank each and every Nativity family, but since this is not likely by the end of the school year, please accept my sincerest thanks for all you do to make this school a thriving faith- and education-filled environment. Blessings to you and yours for your generosity.

By the way, did you know that initial plans for the 2008 Nativity Carnival theme are already underway? Attempting to not reveal too much of next year's surprise, I can tell you that the 2008 Carnival theme will be that of a universal sports/fitness theme. So until next winter, let that theme help you come up with creative ideas and get involved on one of the Carnival committees in the fall of 2007!

Finally, if you have specific feedback concerning the 2007 Nativity Carnival and suggestions on how to improve the overall event for the future, please feel free to contact me at my personal email, leehoedl@yahoo.com. Your comments and feedback are always invited and appreciated. Again, thank you for such a wonderful and worthwhile community event and educational fundraiser.

Sincerely,
Lee Hoedl
2006-07 Nativity PTO President, Carnival Chair

FROM THE HEART

Results from the December Nativity Blood Drive



Nativity Elementary School's PTO coordinated and sponsored a successful blood drive on December 7, 2006. At this blood drive, a total of 50 people volunteered to donate and 39 were able to give blood. Eight people donated on the 2RBC machine which collects two units or red blood cells at once. And there were 12 first-time donors! In addition, 6 people donated at the blood center in Nativity's name.

Special thanks to Tammy Hoganson, Maren Ortmeier and other volunteers of the Relations Committee for their work in organizing this wonderful community service.



DID YOU KNOW?

Parking Lot Trivia

On average, it takes less than 7 minutes to exit the Nativity Parking Lot when picking up your child(ren) after school ends each day. In comparison, it takes twice as long for a casual conversation or to drink a cup of coffee.

While the parking lot remains icy and sometimes hazardous in these remaining winter months, please take your time in exit, graciously yield to allow others to get in the exit line and take the next seven minutes to ask your child(ren), "How was your day?" You'll be on your way in no time!



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED...

2007-08 NATIVITY PTO INVOLVEMENT

By Lee Hoedl, 2006-2007 Nativity PTO President



It seems like only yesterday that we enrolled our oldest child to Nativity Elementary School, in hopes of being offered a quality and faith-filled education for our son. We have not been disappointed in the least.

And it seems like only yesterday that I was asked to volunteer for the Winter Carnival, which eventually led me to chairing the Carnival. And in that process, beyond the initial invitation, I have truly enjoyed myself in working with such a worthwhile fundraiser and with such wonderful colleagues.

And it seems like only yesterday as well that it was suggested to me, "You should get involved on the Nativity PTO..." And that decision is one that I have not regretted in the least. There have been so many wonderful opportunities to work behind the scenes and help sustain and advance the educational environment of our Nativity community. And it all began with a simple invitation: "You are cordially invited..." And now, you are cordially invited to the same suggestion and the same journey.

As winter rounds the corner into spring, it is the time to see new life emerging and new leadership on the Nativity. As I exit from my presidency this year, I know full well that the Nativity PTO Board is in the very capable hands of your new PTO President Chad Flanagan and his Board members. This is because Chad and so many others like him accepted the invitation to become involved.

I invite you to personally consider my invitation to explore the possibility that you are being called to serve as a member of the Nativity PTO Board. As well I invite you to encourage and submit the names of those individuals who you feel may be called to also serve on the PTO. You are now personally and cordially invited to explore this possibility, this discernment process...

In the coming month, a box (labeled *PTO Discernment Invitation*) will be placed at the Front Desk. You are invited to either submit your name or others' name in that box. They will then be contacted by me to further invite them to explore the possibility of serving on the Nativity PTO Board.

Should you wish to submit your name or others' name to me directly, feel free to email me at leehoedl@yahoo.com. Your submissions will remain anonymous, but should you submit another's name, I encourage you to talk to that person directly and invite them, "You should get involved in the Nativity PTO and I submitted your name because..."

Should you have questions concerning the Nativity PTO process, time commitment and responsibilities of PTO Board members, feel free to email me as well at the above address or call me at 293-3455. I look forward to your inquiries and your specific answer to this extended invitation. In no time, it will seem like just yesterday that you answered the invitation... and you won't regret a minute of it.

PARKING, PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF: YOUR ASSISTANCE IS STILL NEEDED!



Drivers are asked to remain in their vehicles when in the drop-off/pick-up lane in front of the school. This increases efficiency and especially ensures the safety of our children.

If you need to get out of your vehicle in order to go into the school or meet your child as they come out of school, please pull into the parking lot and park your vehicle. This will allow others to pull into the drop-off/pick-up lane.

These specific pick-up and drop-off policies are for the safety of all children and family members. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this parking issue.

WHAT CAN THE PTO DO FOR YOU?

The Nativity PTO remains very interested in the parental opinion and input of the Nativity community. In that spirit, you are always welcomed to attend any of the monthly PTO meetings held in the Nativity Elementary library.

The next PTO meeting will be held on Monday, March 5 at 6:15 pm., so feel free to join the group and share your thoughts and ideas.

The Nativity PTO would like
to extend its prayers to you
and yours for a reflective
Lenten season.

