



## **GIVE THE GIFT OF SERVICE: Consider Serving With the Nativity PTO**

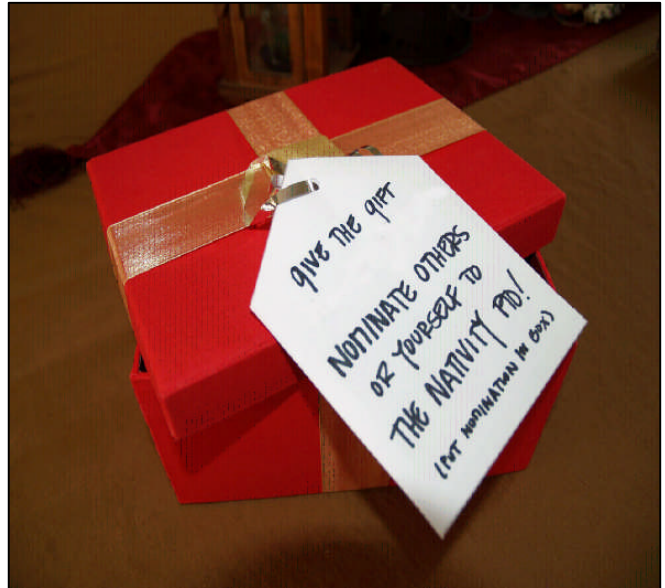
Dear Friend:

There are two things of which I am certain about when I reflect on the mission and community of Nativity Elementary School. First, I believe that the educational mission is guided by the Almighty and second, I believe that our community is blessed with so many wonderful individuals, with so many wonderful gifts.

And it is that time in the school year where it is my privilege, as the Nativity PTO President, to invite all our wonderful individuals to share those wonderful and personal gifts by considering serving with the Nativity PTO Board.

As the President and member of the Nativity PTO Board over this past year, I have truly enjoyed my experience with and service to the Nativity PTO. I believe our PTO Board has done wonderful work in assisting the educational mission of the school through policy development/support and fundraising of needed monies. And I would like to see that wonderful work continue.

During this month and into April, a box (shown on right) will be placed at the Nativity Front Desk. And you are cordially invited to either submit your name or others' name in that box. Placing a name in the box does not mean an automatic commitment; I will contact each person to further invite them to explore the possibility of serving on the Nativity PTO Board during the coming year. In addition, a person does not need any specialized gifts, talents or experiences to serve with the PTO Board; they simply must have a genuine concern for the educational well-being of our children.



Should you wish to submit your name or others' name to me directly, feel free to email me at [leehoedl@yahoo.com](mailto: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 invitation from me to you. In advance, I thank you for your consideration and nominations to the Nativity PTO Board.

Sincerely,  
Lee Hoedl  
2006-07 Nativity PTO President



## DID YOU KNOW?

### Planning the Annual PTO Budget



Each April, as the school year comes to completion, it is the task of the Nativity PTO to already begin looking forward to the coming year. In this upcoming month, the PTO Board will develop individual committee budget proposals, begin formulating an overall yearly budget projection and considering items on an ongoing “wish list” for Nativity Elementary School.

You are always welcome to be part of this entire process by being part of a PTO committee, attending any and all monthly Monday PTO meetings and also submitting items to the “wish list” generated by the PTO Board. Should you have suggestions for projects or programs – or some portion of those projects or programs - that the PTO could financially consider, please either attend the April 2 PTO Meeting or submit those suggestions to Lee Hoedl at [leehoedl@yahoo.com](mailto:leehoedl@yahoo.com).

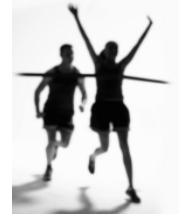
Please be mindful that the PTO Board attempts to continually address its own mission statement through all of its efforts, programs and policies. That mission statement is as follows:

*The Mission of the Nativity School Parent-Teacher Organization shall be to enrich the quality of our children’s physical, mental, social and spiritual education. The Objectives developed to support this Mission include (in no particular order): 1) Public Relations, including community building (or relationship building ) as families of Nativity School and community building in the larger community (i.e., outreach activities); 2) Fundraising; 3) Volunteerism; 4) Interaction with the Fargo Catholic Schools Network; 5) Promotion of communication between parents and teachers; and 6) Curriculum enrichment. To meet these objectives, we will work to develop and maintain a broad base of parental involvement in the Nativity School Parent-Teacher Organization.*

Please know that all suggestions will be placed on the ongoing “wish list”, but please also understand that the PTO must give priority to those items that allow the PTO to address the above mission statement while also remaining fiscally responsible. In advance, thank you for any and all suggestions in advancing our children’s education.

## HERE IT COMES!

### The Fargo Marathon 1 K Youth Run



Organized again by Mr. Savageau this year, the children of Nativity Elementary have the opportunity to participate in the *FitKidz* 26.2-mile training program and 1K Youth Run with the Fargo Marathon. How can your child participate in this wonderful opportunity?

A pamphlet and training schedule have already been sent home with your child. From there, you and your child have a total of ten weeks to complete an entire marathon... a total of 26.2 miles. Children are also allowed opportunities within their regular physical education classes to complete some of these miles.

After walking, jogging or running the initial 25.2 miles before the Fargo Marathon (scheduled on May 19), your child can then walk, jog or run the 1K Youth Run – the final mile – on the Fargo Marathon course, crossing the official finish line inside the FargoDome. One adult runner (a parent or other guardian) may join your child on the run. And teachers can run with teams of their students! As well, a child does not need to complete the 26.2-mile training program to participate in the 1K Youth Run on race day.



Every child runner will be rewarded with an official race number, T shirt, medal and entry to the post-race party. To register your child, go to [www.fargomarathon.com](http://www.fargomarathon.com) and click on *Registration*. Plans are also being formulated to allow those Nativity children who are not able to participate in the 1K Youth Run on May 19, to finish their run at Nativity School during the following week. Be on the lookout for more details.

Make a spring commitment to get out and develop a solid exercise habit with your child; a habit to last a lifetime.

## WHAT CAN THE PTO DO FOR YOU?

The next PTO meeting will be held on Monday, April 2 at 6:15 pm., so feel free to join the group and share your thoughts and ideas.