



Nativity PTO Newsletter

Learning and Growing in Christ's Love



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The Nativity PTO Welcomes Your Input and Involvement

It is the mission of the Nativity School Parent-Teacher Organization to enrich the quality of our children's physical, mental, social and spiritual education. The objectives developed to support this mission include: 1) public relations, including community building among 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.

It is your Nativity PTO Board members who are responsible to address this mission and its objectives; they are ready to serve you and your child's education.

To find out who your specific Nativity PTO Board members are and the happenings of your PTO, visit the Nativity PTO homepage at:

www.hoedlshaven.com/NATIVITYPTO

IN NEED OF YOUR INPUT

What would you like to see your Nativity PTO to focus on and address? What is your PTO doing well and what could your PTO be doing better? Provide your feedback and insights to the PTO President Lee Hoedl at leehoedl@yahoo.com or at 701.293.3455.

NEXT NATIVITY PTO MEETING

The next Nativity PTO meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 4 at 6:15 pm in the Nativity Library. All are welcome to attend.

**YOUR INPUT IS WELCOMED
AND APPRECIATED!**



Looking for a Random Act of Kindness?



The holiday season is fast approaching and there is no better way to get into the spirit than performing a simple random act of kindness. Take the time out of your busy schedule to do something nice for someone else.

A great way of performing this wonderful act of kindness might be by visiting the *Wishing Well*. It is an actual wishing well mural in the north hallway where teachers and staff post their "wish list" of small items needed in their classroom. The wishes are anything for volleyballs for the physical education classes to air fresheners for the classroom. So take a moment to peruse the Wishing Well postings and perform a random act of kindness today. Purchases for the Wishing Well can be left at the Front Desk. In advance, thank you for your generosity.

2007 NATIVITY CARNIVAL

Friday, February 2, 2007



Mark your calendar – the date for this year's winter carnival has been set! The date will be Friday, February 2, from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. This year's theme will resemble that of a wonderful family-oriented theme park located in sunny Orlando, Florida. There will be lots of prizes, games, fellowship and a night to remember!

And if you would like to help with the Carnival, please contact Carnival Chair Lee Hoedl at 293-3455 or at leehoedl@yahoo.com. The Carnival can always use a few more hands on the night of February 2!

Check out the official Nativity Carnival website at:
www.hoedlshaven.com/NATCARNIVAL

IT MAKES "CENTS" TO RECYCLE!



In addition to such annual burdenless fund raisers as Box Tops and Soup Labels, Escrip, Kems Caps, the PTO has established another "burdenless" fund raising opportunity in conjunction with the Minn-Kota Recycling Program. When taking your recycling to Minn-Kota, be sure to tell the staff that you would like the proceeds go to Nativity Elementary School. It makes good "cents!"



SHOW ME THE MONEY!

Where do the funds go that are allocated to the Nativity PTO? Now you can see for yourself by visiting the Nativity PTO website. The URL address is:

www.hoedlshaven.com/NATIVITYPTO

At present, the projected 2006-07 Nativity PTO budget is posted under the link entitled *Budget*.



WHAT DOES THE NATIVITY PTO DO?

Great question! Because of Nativity families' generosity in supporting the annual PTO fund raisers of Kids' Cards and Winter Carnival, the Nativity PTO has been able to support, but not limited to, such ongoing programs and activities as:

- Classroom enrichment
- Field trips and Fine Arts
- Language program
- Mini Week
- Liturgical celebrations
- Library enhancement
- Charity and Justice program
- Teacher development
- Playground supervision
- Technology maintenance
- Playground inspections and repairs

There are too many programs and activities to mention here, but for a greater view into how the Nativity PTO serves the students, staff and families of Nativity, check out the Nativity PTO website (both meeting minutes and budget).



VOLUNTEER SCREENING



If you are planning to volunteer at Nativity, where you will be in contact with children, there is a new policy issued from the Fargo Catholic Network Office of which you need to be aware. Please contact the Nativity Elementary Office (232-7461) for more information. The program itself is entitled the *Diocese of Fargo Safe Environment Program for All School Volunteers*.

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



Drivers are asked to remain in their vehicles when in the drop-off/pickup lane in front of the school. This increases efficiency and ensures the safety of our children. If you need to get out of your vehicle please pull into the parking lot and park. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this parking issue.

YOUR INVOLVEMENT IS ALWAYS WELCOMED

Volunteerism

There is a wonderful variety of opportunity to give of your time and talent during the school year, tailored to fit your time schedule. To find out more on how to share your gifts, contact Kathy Setness at kathysetness@yahoo.com

Curriculum

The Nativity PTO is committed to further enhancing and supporting the curriculum of Nativity School and the work of school teaching staff. If this is an area that interests you, contact Molly Thomas at mthomas4@cableone.net

Public Relations

The Nativity PTO is dedicated to fostering fellowship among school families through various programs and community activities. If you would like to assist in these efforts, contact Tammy Hoganson at tammyhoganson@hotmail.com

Fund Raising

Fund raising - such as the annual Card Sales, Winter Carnival, and other projects - remain an important aspect of the Nativity PTO's focus to support your child's education. To find out more of how you can assist in these efforts, contact Lori Dietz at loriodietz@yahoo.com

