

The Weekly Nativity Newscast

February 10, 2012

We are many parts. We are all one body.

UPCOMING DATES

Feb 10 Progress Reports

Feb 14 3rd, 4th and 5th grades Symphony field trip

Feb 15 Colts Fitness Camp

Feb 20 President's Day No School

Feb 21 Lead Like Jesus

Feb 22 Ash Wednesday Mass with 1B

Feb 28 Science Fair

Feb 29/Mar 1 First Eucharist Parent Meeting 7:00 Dear Parents,

It has been said that the person who can read and doesn't is no better off than a person who can't read. When children first learn to read independently, we applaud this important accomplishment. Let's recognize, however, that this is only the first step in becoming a "reader" and a literate citizen of today's world.

Students who practice their reading skills both in school and out will reap rewards beyond measure. A lifetime of pleasure in good books awaits them. Through books they can experience exciting adventures, travel to distant lands and find friends in fictional characters whose emotions and problems they may share.

From a practical standpoint, reading helps children do better in both school and college. "Readers" ask better questions, develop far larger vocabularies, express themselves more effectively and have a much wider background of general knowledge than do students who read very little.

What can you as a parent do to encourage your child in reading? Make visits to the library an important family activity. Read aloud to your child and talk about stories you both enjoy. Provide a climate for reading at home by turning off the television except for worthwhile programs. Be aware of those programs which may arouse your child's interest in a book which has been dramatized or in a subject area he or she might investigate further through reading. Show that you yourself enjoy reading both for entertainment and for information. When children discover the pleasure and satisfaction that come from reading, they will have added a new dimension to their lives and traveled far beyond that first step of learning to read.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Terri Rodriguez



IXL Math

Congratulations to 2A and 2B who have each answered over 25,000 math problems so far on IXL.

Box Tops Challenge

Each student who brings in 10 box tops on Valentine's Day will be out of uniform. Please send the box tops with your child on that day to be eligible.

February Service Project

The first grade classes are in charge of the February service project, and they are using their turn to collect money for fellow parishioner and Nativity graduate *Jacklyn Johnson*. Jacklyn, currently a student at Roncalli, was injured in May of 2010 when a basketball goal fell over on her, causing severe damage to her neck and throat. She has had well over 20 surgeries as doctors work to restore her ability to talk and to keep scar tissue from building up and closing her airway. All money raised will go to the Johnson family to help with medical expenses. Collection boxes are being placed in the classrooms, so please help if you can. Thank you! Mrs. Skirvin and Mrs. Dixon

7th Grade Service Project

The super Kids-Super Sharing program generated over 30,000 donations of sports equipment, books and school supplies, 251 of which were donated by Nativity families. Once again, thank you for your generosity.

Student Treasure Books

Each class from $Pre-k - 5^{th}$ grade is publishing their own class book.

If you would like to purchase a book, order forms & money need to be received by Friday, February 17th.

PFO News

Join us for Coffee and Conversation at Panera Bread on Southport Rd on Thursday, March 1st. We look forward to seeing you following morning drop off!

Save The Date and Your Pennies!

Scholastic Book Fair March 2012

Preview Day, March 9th

After Mass Shopping March 10th/11th

Class Shopping Day March 12th-13th

Grandparent Shopping Day March 14th

Volunteers Needed ~ contact Maureen Hutt <u>hutt1hike@sbcglobal.net</u>

Band Members

All Elementary Band fees are now due. Fees are \$20 for each semester payable to Roncalli High School. For those who needed a band book, the fee is \$7.95 payable to Band Boosters. If you have any questions, please contact David Knott, Elementary Band Director at 787-8277 Ext. 315





Knights of Columbus

This Saturday is the eighth annual K of C Chili Cook-off! Cash or prizes for 1st and 2nd place and also People's Choice.

\$10 to enter your favorite recipe.
\$5 to taste, \$20 max per family
6:30 to 8:30 (contestants arrive at 5:30)
Brownies for dessert
Contact Mike Remy if you'd still like to enter your winning recipe!

Nativity Athletics

Nativity Spring Sports Sign-Ups:

Sign-ups for all spring sports including soccer, track, kickball and baseball (7th and 8th grade only for baseball) will be held on Sunday, February 12 and Sunday, February 19th from 9:30 am to 11 am in the Nativity School gymnasium. All Nativity students and parishioners interested in playing spring sports should plan on attending one of these dates. If you cannot attend or if you have any questions, please contact Brian Beckman at brianb@coxbeckmangoss.com.

Roncalli News

Congratulations to Nativity Alumni who made high honors at RHS for the first semester with a minimum GPA of 4.0: JT Bruhn, Betsy Hall, Amy Hemmelgarn, Nathan Hollowell, Leah Hornberger, Danny Jennings, Emma Mappes, Ashley Minton, Peyton Schneider, Adam Schubach, Andrea Schubach Andrew Stallings and Kyle Stallings.

Congratulations to our Alumni who made honor roll with a minimum GPA of 3.5: Cassie Avery, Peri Barnhill, Kaitlin Brewer, James Bruhn, Daniel Burkhardt, Trista DeBolt, Megan Farrar, Nicholas Farrar, Wes Frye, Abby Griebelbauer, Megan Harrell, Mackenzie Harrington, Laura Hollowell, Allison Kelly, Brittni Lee, Nick Littrell, Sam Littrell, Abby Locker, Michael Lorenzano, Joey Madden, Jake Mappes, Sophia Miller, Matt Morgan, Daniel Ragozzino, Jessica Rikke, Abby Scifres, Matthew Steadham, Mitchell Watkins and Nick Young.

Camp Invention

Let Your Child's Imagination Soar

It is that time again for the awesome Camp Invention!

If your child has a wild imagination, likes working with their hands, loves science or enjoys fun, Camp Invention is for them. During the week of June 11-15, 2012, Nativity Catholic School is again hosting the annual Camp Invention. Get your child signed up by March 30, 2012 and receive a 25\$ discount. Hurry space is limited!! If you have any questions, please contact Ali Leffler, camp parent, at <u>nali4412@sbcglobal.net</u> or 317-997-7046.



THE LIFE PREP SCHOOL

Computer Classes Now Available at Nativity!



Starting February 18th, Computer Classes for Nativity Community Members will be taught at Nativity School by Solvonex. This new adult-oriented education program is sponsored by the Nativity Catholic Parish and is aimed at bettering your computing skills by using the investments the parish and school have made in technology.

You can learn valuable skills such as Introduction to PCs, Windows 7 Pro, Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and more. Every paid registration will benefit students at Nativity. Visit http://NativityStore.Solvonex.com, log in with Nativity as the username, and use GoTitans3310 as the password to get more information on this exciting program.

Solvonex will teach classes at the Nativity School PC Lab on the dates below. Each class includes a student manual with your registration fee. The registration fees have been discounted for parishioners, their families, and referred businesses. Most classes are about eight hours and include drinks and snacks. Lunch or dinner will not be provided; however, food breaks will be available. There must be at least eight participants per class for the classes to occur. There is room for 25 participants per class. Registration and full payment in the form of a check or credit card must be received at least two weeks prior to the class.

Introduction to PCs with Windows 7 Windows 7 Professional Level 1 Windows 7 Professional Level 2 Microsoft Word 2010 Level 1 Microsoft Word 2010 Level 2 Microsoft Word 2010 Level 3 Microsoft Excel 2010 Level 1 Microsoft Excel 2010 Level 2 Microsoft PowerPoint 2010 Level 1 Microsoft Excel 2010 Level 3 Microsoft PowerPoint 2010 Level 2 Computer Security Awareness Microsoft Publisher 2010

Saturday, February 18, 8:30 AM to 5:15 PM Cost \$80.00 Saturday, March 10, 8:30 AM to 5:15 PM Cost \$90.00 Monday-Thursday, March 12-15 6 PM to 8:30 PM Cost \$95.00 Saturday, March 17, 8:30 AM to 5:15 PM Cost \$90.00 Monday-Thursday, March 19-22 6 PM to 8:30 PM Cost \$95.00 Monday-Thursday, April 2-5 6 PM to 8:30 PM Cost \$95.00 Saturday, April 14, 8:30 AM to 5:15 PM Cost \$90.00 Saturday, April 21, 8:30 AM to 5:15 PM Cost \$95.00 Monday-Thursday, April 23-26 6 PM to 8:30 PM Cost \$90.00 Saturday, April 28, 8:30 AM to 5:15 PM Cost \$95.00 Saturday, May 5, 8:30 AM to 5:15 PM Cost \$95.00 Saturday May 19, 8:30 AM to 6:30 PM Cost \$135.00 Cost \$90.00 Saturday May 26, 8:30 AM to 5:15 PM

Phone

Computer Class Registration Information

For all classes, we have room for 25 students. To confirm class space, contact Ryan Eldridge at 317-664-5316 ext. 706. Once space is confirmed, you may use the form below to finish registration and enclose a payment. Payments may also be made over the phone using Visa/Mastercard. All payments must be cleared 7 business days before class date. You can mail registrations and payments to: Solvonex Atten: Computer Class PO BOX 39232 Indianapolis, IN 46239.

Full Name____

Email

__ Class(es)___

Amount Enclosed

Note: Students must be at least 18 years old.

Those who register and have paid in full have an opportunity to win one FujiFilm FinePix AX300 digital camera package in March, April, and May. The package includes a 4GB high speed SD card and batteries. Package valued at \$110.00. One winner per month max, and the participant must have attended at least one class. Contact us for drawing details.



Christ Renews His Parish

We extend a special invitation to the women of the parish to join us for a weekend of renewal. The next Women's Christ Renews His Parish retreat will be February 25-26, 2012. Sign-up forms are in the back of church. For additional information please contact Michele 435-4361 / <u>chrisandmichelep@gmail.com</u> or Natalie 748-5945 / <u>kluemper@excite.com</u>.



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