

2023-2024

Schedule of Special Events and Fundraisers

Welcome Nativity families, new and old! We hope you had a fantastic summer and are looking forward to this year as much as we are. Below is a brief outline of special events held throughout the year as well as volunteer opportunities and committee chairs. Together, with our faculty and staff, it is through teamwork at events like these, that Nativity has built such a strong family community. The success of each event is 100% dependent upon involvement from families like you. We encourage you to reach out to any of the committee chairs and ask how you can become involved. Any amount of time you can offer will be greatly appreciated.

Our HSA (Home and School Association) plays an important role in facilitating many of these events. HSA is comprised of a group of parents who help perform two primary functions through school events: fundraising and community enrichment or “fun”raising. During the 2022-2023 school year, HSA’s dedicated family volunteers raised **\$87,104** for our school! HSA’s fundraising efforts account for 17% of the school’s budget, contributing directly to your student’s experience and the cost to educate. The HSA Co-Chairs for 2023/2024 are Jessica Rodriguez (jessrod523@yahoo.com) and Sarah Schuller (sjstek@gmail.com)

This year we are hoping to continue bringing back the events you know and love. With that in mind, please know that events listed may change as necessary. Please be attentive to emails and our Nativity website as it will keep you updated with the latest info.

SEPTEMBER

Back to School BBQ – 8/31

Summer may be coming to an end, but this is a chance to reconnect with your fellow Nativity families before jumping into the school year. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be served, and HSA will be soliciting pot-luck donations for sides, snacks, and desserts. We’ll also have plenty of fun activities for the kids!

Fall Meet the Teachers Night – 9/14

Meet the Principal, school staff, teachers and your HSA Co-Chairs for the year. A brief overview of the year ahead and important information will be shared.

Cookie Dough/Holiday Gift Sale 9/18-10/9

Otis Spunkmeyer frozen cookie dough, other desserts, and a catalog of holiday gift ideas. This fundraiser can be done online and in person and will have special incentives for the kids to be excited about selling.

Co-Chair: Melissa Burke (melissabertini@yahoo.com)

OCTOBER

Halloween Trunk or Treat – 10/27

A night of Halloween fun with music, crafts, food and spooktacular decor! Held in the evening at school.

**Co-Chair: Julie Napor (julianne.napor@gmail.com)*

**Co-Chair: Melissa Fox(foxmr519@gmail.com)*

**Co-Chair: Nicole Kulik (hello.kulik@gmail.com)*

NOVEMBER

Student Art Sale-TBD

With the assistance of our fantastic art teacher Sue Geerkin, our students will create designs that can be ordered on mugs, t-shirts, prints and other forms! These make great gift items and are a wonderful way to capture your little one's artistic talent!

**Chair: Liz Regan (echendel@hotmail.com)*

Fellas Night Out - TBD

This is a great time for our boys and their special guy to spend a fun afternoon/evening together. Details to come!

**Chair: Vacant*

Thanksgiving Feast – 11/14

The spirit of Thanksgiving is truly alive during this whole-school feast, created entirely by our students, Pre-K through 8.

**Co-chair: Molly Cullinen (mjknhbf@yahoo.com)*

**Co-chair: Liz Kontrabecki (ekontrabecki@gmail.com)*

DECEMBER

Warrior Winter Warmup – 12/8

Join your fellow Nativity parents for a kid-free night out at a local establishment! This event includes food, beverages, a 50/50 raffle and drawings for prizes. It is not to be missed!

**Co-chairs: Maura & Tim Seibold*

**Co-chairs: Gretchen & Andrew Bennett*

Merry Moose Workshop – 12/7 & 12/8

Children can shop for and wrap Christmas gifts during the school day. Older students and volunteers will be on hand to assist the little ones.

**Chair: Kelly Friedman (kelly.mack@gmail.com)*

**Chair: Jen Townson (townson826@gmail.com)*

Faculty and Staff Christmas Luncheon/After-School Happy Hour – 12/20

On this special day, we host a lovely luncheon at school catered by a local restaurant, as a way to show our appreciation for all of our devoted teachers and staff.

**Chair: Georgianna Trpevski (ccgeorgie21@yahoo.com)*

Christmas Cookie Decorating – 12/21

Our students will have a chance to get creative, decorating cookies and singing Christmas songs together in the school cafeteria.

**Chair: Kristina Lighten (klighten03@gmail.com)*

JANUARY

Joe DeMarco Tournament – Dates TBD by Athletic Dept.

This is the largest grammar school basketball tournament in WNY. It is held each winter and pays tribute to a beloved Nativity science teacher and basketball coach who passed away in 2006.

**Chair: Vacant*

Mother-Son Bowling – TBD

This is a great time for our boys and their special gal. Bowling, pizza and treats makes for a fantastic date!

**Chair: Liz Kontrabecki (ekontrabecki@gmail.com)*

FEBRUARY

Calendar Raffle – ongoing during February

Students sell entries for drawing for a different prize each day of February. One entry gets you into the drawing every day of the month. Gift cards, spa baskets, “hot” toys and more (donated by members of the Nativity community) are up for grabs in this fundraiser!

**Chair: Jennifer Grzybowski (jennifer.ruffino@gmail.com)*

Catholic Schools Week – 2/13-2/16

This is an annual celebration of Catholic education and the value that our students bring to society. We kick off the week with mass and hold a number of fun events throughout the week! Details to come in the new year.

MARCH

Spring Lottery – dates TBD

Are you feeling lucky? Students sell lottery tickets for a chance to win a \$2,500 grand prize! Prizes are awarded to the students who sell the most tickets.

**Chair: Erin Riker (erinlody@gmail.com)*

Mother-Daughter Night - TBD

A special evening of fun activities that will create lasting memories.

*Chair: Monika Wilcox (monikawilcox@yahoo.com)

APRIL

Nativity Gala – 4/27

The Nativity Gala is our *largest sponsorship-driven fundraiser for the school*. This themed event will include a full sit-down dinner, beverages plus live and silent auctions. We're recruiting several committee positions to help lighten the load for this big event. Dress up and join our Nativity family for a fantastic night out!

*Co-chairs – Jess Rodriguez & Sarah Schuller

MAY

Teacher Appreciation Week – 5/6 - 5/10/24

This week-long celebration is our way of expressing gratitude for our teachers. Each day we will acknowledge our teachers in a new, thoughtful way. Details will be shared later this year!

*Chair: Kim Ignatius (kimberlyignatius@gmail.com)

Special Person-Daughter Dance – TBD

This themed dance is a long standing tradition for our girls and their special guy. Held at our school during Spring, there will be food, music, dancing and pictures.

*Co-chair: Kati Krol (katidelmonte@yahoo.com)

*CO-chair: Kristina Lighten (klighten03@gmail.com)

JUNE

Chase the Sun Run and Family Night –TBD

Please join us for our annual 5K year-end celebration! This is a great community wide event where walkers and runners are welcome. Starting at Nativity School, our race course winds through nearby Orchard Park neighborhoods and Green Lake. The event features official timing for race enthusiasts, after race party for racers and non-racers, and a family-friendly atmosphere.

*Co-Chair: Maura and Tim Seibold (maura33917@gmail.com)

*Co-Chair: Liz Kontrabecki (ekontrabecki@gmail.com)

YEAR - ROUND ACTIVITIES

Lunch Monitors

This is a great way to visit with your little ones during the school day, and gives our wonderful Nativity teachers a well-deserved lunch break! This year we hope to return to going outside during lunch periods (from 11am to 1pm) so we need your help more than ever. Sign up for regular weekly shifts, monthly shifts, or to be a back-up in case more lunch monitors are needed on a particular day.

**Chair: Molly Cullinan (mjknhbf@yahoo.com)*

New Family Mentor Program

Do you remember your family's first year at Nativity? Learning the ins and outs of our school community takes time, and you can help new families feel welcome and at home by volunteering to be a New Family Mentor. Mentors take new families under their wing and serve as a resource for any questions they might have. What better way to fulfill your volunteer hours than to help new families find their place in our school community?

**Chair: Jess Rodriguez (jessrod523@yahoo.com)*

Raise Right formally known as SCRIP

Raise Right is a major fundraiser for our school that allows ANYONE (family, friends) to purchase gift cards to over 50 retail establishments and restaurants, both local and chains. A percentage of each gift card purchased goes directly to our school! Gift cards may be purchased online (www.raiseright.com using the enrollment code: EFF1F1FF3795), as well as through our school. It has never been easier to give!

**Please contact Jill Metz, jmetz@nativityschool.net to see how you can help.*

**Co-Chairs: Gina Cirasunda (gina_cirasunda@yahoo.com) and Jen Townson (townson826@gmail.com)*

Chiavettas Chicken BBQ

These drive-thru chicken dinner sales are scheduled at various times during the school year and summer, and are always a hit. Chiavettas cooks the chicken for us on site, and volunteers are always needed to package meals, take payments, and deliver them to cars. Stay tuned for information about how you can help.

**Chair: Georgianna Trpevski (ccgeorgie21@yahoo.com)*

Uniform Sale— Ongoing

Uniform sale ongoing in our BRAND NEW Warrior Store!

**Chair: Jenni Lent*