# 2025-2026 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 2045-2025 school year, HSA's dedicated family volunteers raised \$135,000 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 2025/2026 are Jessica Rodriguez (jessrodo523@gmail.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.

#### **AUGUST**

## **New Parent Mixer**

Come meet new and current Nativity parents, enjoy some refreshments, ask questions, and get to know our wonderful school community!

## **Back to School BBQ**

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!

#### **SEPTEMBER**

## Meet the Teachers Night

Meet the Principal, school staff, teachers and HSA. You will get a brief overview of the year ahead and important information will be shared.

# **Bunco Night**

A gift gathering event for the Gala. Bring a \$25 or \$50 gift card to roll the dice with us for a fun night out. Gift cards will be used for our punch a bunch game at the Gala.

\*Co-Chair: Kelley Comerford \*Co-Chair: Maura Devlin

#### OCTOBER

## **Fellas Night Out**

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

\*Co-Chair: Melissa Fox (Foxmr519@gmail.com)
\*Co-Chair: Joy Katilus (joymarlinski@hotmail.com)

#### Halloween Trunk or Treat

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: Vacant

#### **NOVEMBER**

# 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> and Junior High Dance

# Thanksgiving Feast

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

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

# **DECEMBER**

#### Elves' Magic Workshop

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: Jen Townson (townson826@gmail.com)

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

# Faculty and Staff Christmas Luncheon/After-School Happy Hour

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

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

## **Christmas Cookie Decorating**

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

\*Chair: Katrina Basil (katrinabasil6@gmail.com)

## **JANUARY**

## **Gala Gift Gathering**

Join us for a gift gathering to support our school's largest fundraiser. Bring a gift, enjoy light refreshments, and help make this year's event another unforgettable night!

\*Chair: Vacant \*Chair: Vacant \*Chair: Vacant

## **FEBRUARY**

#### Joe DeMarco Tournament-

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: Sports Department

#### MARCH

#### **Nativity Gala**

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

#### **APRIL**

## Father/ Daughter Dance

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: Georgianna Trpevski (ccgeorgie21@yahoo.com)

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

\*Co-chair: Kelly Basil (kelly.basil@icloud.com)

#### MAY

## **Teacher Appreciation Week**

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: Vacant

## Mother/Daughter Night

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

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

\*Chair: Katerina Waters (katerina@katerinawaters.com)

# Mom Prom Mother/Son Night

This is a great time for our boys and their mom or special gal.

\*Co-chair- Laura Miller (Ibmiller87@outlook.com)

\*Co-chair: Georgianna Trpevski (ccgeorgie21@yahoo.com)

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

\*Co-chair: Kelly Basil (kelly.basil@icloud.com)

### **JUNE**

# Chase the Sun Run and Family Night

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 racecourse 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: Martha Snyder (mikemarthasnyder@gmail.com)

\*Co-Chair: Ekaterina Frohring (ekankuz@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)

# **Uniform Sale – Ongoing**

Uniform sale ongoing in our Warrior Store!

\*Chair: Jenni Lent (jennlent626@yahoo.com)