

Nativity  
Parent  
Association

2009-2010

# Calendar of NPA Events

Sally Foster

Begins August 25<sup>th</sup>  
Ends September 18<sup>th</sup>

Seafood Festival Cakewalk Booth

Cake Drop Off & Set-up September 11  
Event September 12 & 13  
Breakdown September 13

Halloween Carnival

T-shirt design contest begins September 1  
T-shirt design contest ends October 1  
Cake drop off & Setup October 16  
Event October 17  
Cleanup October 18

Silent Auction & Raffle

Tickets distributed September 21  
Tickets due in by November 6  
Setup November 13  
Event November 14  
Cleanup following event

Christmas on the Water Chili Dinner

Event December 5

World's Finest Chocolate

Begins January 11  
Ends February 12

Spring Fundraiser TBA

Homeroom Helper Coffee Meeting

August 26 8:00am

Logo Merchandise

Begins August 17  
Ends September 4

NPA General Meeting

September 3  
October 7  
November 4

Teacher Appreciation

Monthly

# What is NPA?

NPA stands for Nativity Parent Association, and it includes all parents of Nativity B.V.M. We want to encourage you to VOLUNTEER this year – anything you can do to help for any amount of time is GREATLY APPRECIATED! You do not have to make a huge commitment – any of your time you volunteer helps the school, and most importantly our children. In response to the survey we took last year, the main request was more communication regarding NPA events. Realizing that everyone may not be aware of the events and/or how they work...we have put together a NPA information packet for this year, which we hope will help in communication and planning. If you still have questions please feel free to ask! In addition we will continue to put out a monthly newsletter, in which you will receive a calendar of events, and things that are happening inside NPA. Volunteer opportunities will be listed.

We have also planned NPA meetings for all parents to attend. We hope you can plan to make the meetings!

# Sally Foster

## **What is it?**

Sally Foster is a fundraiser that is done through sales both in person and on-line of high quality gift wrap, delicious chocolates, gourmet gifts and practical items for the home. These products are great for holidays, birthdays and all other occasions.

Once you receive your packet, complete your sales, you will be notified when you will receive your items here at school to be delivered. The good news is that all on-line sales will be sent directly to your customers.

## **What dates do I need to know?**

Sally Foster packets will go home on August 25<sup>th</sup>, and are due back in on September 18<sup>th</sup>. We anticipate the arrival of the items (except for online sales) around the week of October 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **How can I participate?**

It is super easy. Sell, sell, and sell. Of course, we can always use help unloading the items when they arrive.

Sally Foster Chair – Jennifer Schmidt

# Seafood Festival Cakewalk Booth

## **What is it?**

The Biloxi Seafood Festival is held on Town Green in Biloxi. We are a vendor at this event with our cakewalk booth. Nothing too fancy, just simply a cakewalk booth!

## **What dates do I need to know?**

A few volunteers are needed to help build the booth on September 11<sup>th</sup>. The event takes place on September 12 (10am -9pm) and September 13 (10am-5pm). We will have valet drop off on September 11<sup>th</sup> during morning drop off. Breakdown is on September 13<sup>th</sup> at the end of the event.

## **How can I participate?**

We can use a few volunteers for setup on September 11. We will need workers to work the booth for an hour (or more if you have time) for all the hours the event is open. Most importantly, we rely on our families to help supply the cakes. Easy enough, either bake them or buy them. We appreciate all kinds!

# Halloween Carnival

## What is it?

Our school holds an annual Halloween Carnival which has been tradition here at Nativity for MANY years. The carnival features game booths, DJ music, a costume contest, food, drinks, inflatables, and more! Each class is assigned a booth, which they will decorate and work during the event. The theme and decoration is up to each class. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade class will be responsible for the food booth.

## What dates do I need to know?

Setup for the carnival starts after school on Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. Class booth decorations start Saturday morning at 8:00am. The carnival will be on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 4pm-10pm. Breakdown is immediately following the carnival, with the cleanup on Sunday morning at 9:00am.

## How can I participate?

There are so many ways to participate.

- Class booth – help your class design, decorate, and build their booth
- Set up of carnival – help setup the construction of the booths, tables, chairs, etc
- Work the carnival – help work for an hour in your class booth
- Cleanup – either help immediately following the carnival or come on Sunday morning to help clean up the school grounds
- Bake and/or buy – help bake cakes for the cakewalk or goodies for the treat booth
- Donate 2 liter sodas for the drink booth
- Come and have fun with your family!

Halloween Chair – Jodi Ellis

Costume Contest Chair – Marion Platt

Food Booth – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

T-Shirt contest Chair – Sheriee Semski

# Silent Auction & Raffle

## What is it?

The Silent Auction & Raffle will be held on November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the school. The theme this year is a Luau once again! Each family is asked to sell 3-5 tickets. The raffle tickets sell for \$100 each, and this entitles you to entry of 4 people and a chance to win cash prizes. The prize money is: (2) \$500.00 (2) \$250.00 (10) \$100.00 1st Ticket Wins \$5,000.00. For every 5 tickets sold per family, you will be entered into a drawing for \$2500 toward Nativity tuition for the following year. In addition, we also have a silent auction of donated items.

## What dates do I need to know?

Raffle tickets will be distributed on September 21<sup>st</sup> to begin sales. Silent auction items can be collected anytime. We ask that tickets be turned in by November 6<sup>th</sup>. Setup for the event is on Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> starting at noon. Cleanup for the event is immediately following the event.

## How can I participate?

Lots of ways!

- Setup up – we will need help setting up the area, decorating, and arranging the silent auction
- **Tickets sales – please help us make this a successful fundraiser by selling tickets.**
- Silent Auction items – we cannot have the auction without your help with acquiring silent auction items.
- Food preparation – if you can help prepare the food, please let us know!
- Class auction item – each class supplies a silent auction item for the raffle. Help your class prepare this item.

Decorating Chair – Marion Platt  
Food Chair – Angie McBride / Ashlei Hawkins  
Silent Auction Chair – Sheriee Semski

# Homeroom Helper

## **What is it?**

This includes parents who will help coordinate with the teacher classroom activities such as Halloween carnival booth, teacher appreciation, and classroom holiday parties.

## **What dates do I need to know?**

The first coffee meeting will be held at 8:00am on August 26 in the cafeteria.

## **How can I participate?**

If you are interested, please let Sheriee Semski (Homeroom Chair) know. Our staff will always have opportunities for parents to help.

# World's Finest Chocolate

## **What is it?**

We sell the combination boxes of World's Finest Chocolate bars. The bars are priced at \$1 each, and come in boxes of 50. Each student is asked to sell one box of chocolate. The boxes are sent home with your children. We ask that the money is returned clearly marked with the child's name so that we can account for the chocolate sales.

This was a very easy and popular fundraiser last year. We heard you loud and clear, and plan to order more this year. Thanks for the feedback!

## **What dates do I need to know?**

The boxes of chocolate will be distributed to the children on January 11. The money must be turned in by February 12.

## **How can I participate?**

Once again, it is super easy for you. Sell chocolate! We just ask that you please help up account for money returned, and any extra chocolate you may receive. If you can sell extra, please stop the office to see Mrs. Cook to sign out more. We pre-buy all the chocolate, so proper accounting is necessary.

Worlds Finest Chocolate Chair – Jennifer Schmidt

# Christmas on the Water Chili Dinner

## **What is it?**

This is not a fundraiser, but rather a Nativity family outing. During the annual Christmas on the Water boat parade, our Nativity families are welcomed to the school to enjoy a chili dinner (hot dogs too). There is no cost, on a donation jar to help cover expenses.

## **What dates do I need to know?**

We are hoping that it is held on December 5<sup>th</sup> as usual.

## **How can I participate?**

Please come. We always have a fun, easy, relaxing evening with our families. If you have a little time earlier in the day to help setup the food, you are always welcome to help. Please just let us know.

# Logo Merchandise

## **What is it?**

We are selling logo merchandise to show our school spirit. We are continuing the school spirit shirt day from last year, and have designed a **new** shirt for this year. The cost stayed at \$20, and the children will wear these once a month on the designated “Nativity Spirit Shirt Day”. We also have new car magnets (PROUD TO BE A SAINT), embroidered jackets, mom shirts, caps, beanies, and more!

## **What dates do I need to know?**

Order forms will go home with the students on August 17. We ask that all orders be turned back in by September 4. The Spirit Shirts will arrive first, and then all other arrive later. These will all be sent home with your children.

## **How can I participate?**

Place an order and show your school spirit. We do this to support our school, offer parents some clothing options, and to give our students an opportunity to show their Nativity spirit!

Logo Chair – Margaret Wilcox & Ashlei Hawkins

# Teacher Appreciation

## **What is it?**

Each month a class sponsors our teacher appreciation goodies and snacks. Your teacher and homeroom helper will coordinate, and you will receive information from them regarding your month. Last year, each class had their own fun! It usually consists of a little art project the students help with, and a few goodies. This isn't meant to be a burden, but something a little fun to show our staff how much we appreciate them!

## **What dates do I need to know?**

September – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade  
October – 4<sup>th</sup> grade  
November – 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
December – 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
January – Pre K 3

February – Pre K 4  
March – Kindergarten  
April – 1<sup>st</sup> grade  
May – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

## **How do I participate?**

Look for a note from your teacher/and or homeroom parent. They will let you know what your class will be doing. Of course, if you have any ideas or extra things... they are always welcome.

Teacher Appreciation Chair – Sheriee Semski

# Box Tops

The Nativity Parents Association (NPA) will again be participating in the **Box Top\$ for Education** fundraising program. This program helps the school earn cash. It's simple to participate, and there's no selling involved. Here's how you can help:

## **1. Clip Box Top\$ for Education coupons**

Find Box Top\$ on hundreds of participating General Mills and Pillsbury products (we have attached a complete list of products). Bring them in to school and place them in the collection bin. The NPA then redeems the Box Top\$ for cash – 10¢ per Box Top\$. A collection bin is placed outside the office. Check your pantry and start clipping!

## **2. Shop online through the Box Top\$ for Education Marketplace**

When you make online purchases through the Box Top\$ Marketplace, up to 10% of your purchase will be donated to the school. There are over 175 participating stores, including Nordstrom, Lands End, J.C. Penney, Dell, Gap, Eddie Bauer and many, many more. Stores are constantly added so check back often to see what's new. Log onto [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) to sign up and register Nativity BVM Elementary as the one you wish to support. You will need to log on to [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) and then access the online store you choose to shop at in order to take advantage of the 10% donation.

The sky is the limit for our school to earn money. When everyone participates - even a little bit - it adds up fast! Don't forget to ask friends, family or even your company to help with Box Top\$.

Box Top Chair – Marion Platt