

Nativity BVM School
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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we celebrate the feast day of All Saints, and tomorrow, All Souls Day, we certainly celebrate as a school! We are so grateful to God for the many people who have gone before us and have given us such wonderful examples of how to serve God in whatever way we can.

The Promethean Boards are coming! Yes, each classroom in PreK through Grade 6 will have a brand new Promethean Board installed either Wednesday or Thursday of this week. The interactive white boards were purchased with proceeds from last year's Disney Raffle, from income from one of our trust funds and some school funds. We are so pleased to be able to make these learning tools available to our students and teachers.

We are proud to announce that our school has been awarded several grants in these last months. Through an **Arts in Education Grant**, a professional artist will be working in our school for four sessions this month. She will work with 4th, 5th and 6th graders in seeing the connection between art forms and every day life. Our particular artist, Ms. Julie White, is a Professor of Dance at USM, Hattiesburg. Mrs. Zina Puzs (our Explore teacher) wrote and received a **grant for an underwater robot**. How exciting is that! Finally, Mrs. Michailos (gr. 5) and Mrs. Kavanagh (gr. 6) have received two **environmental grants from Mississippi Power**. The total for those grants is \$1500! We are grateful to the funding sources for these grants!

Many of you were able to attend the recent production of our Arts Alive group. The 4th, 5th and 6th graders who were part of the production did a wonderful job acting and even dancing their way through the program. Thank you to the director of Arts Alive, Mrs. Wanda Stewart and to Mrs. Kelly Pennell, who assists her. Their next project is a special prayer celebration for the last day of school before Christmas.

Our Box Tops for Education program has been very successful and over these last 6 months we have earned \$377.50. Mrs. Amy Leon, who takes care of this project, is challenging our students and families to work even harder. She will be keeping tally of how many Box Tops are brought in per class over these next months. And, of course, we will have some special rewards ready for the top classes. Remember, friends and family members all over the country can help us with this project!

In these next weeks before Thanksgiving and before Christmas, we will continue to focus on our school lessons each day. Please make sure that your child **arrives on time** for school each day and **remains in school** for the entire school day. Our teachers plan many activities and projects throughout the day and teach from the beginning bell at 8:00 a.m. until the dismissal bell at 2:45. Thank you for the ways in which you work with us in providing the best possible learning environment for your child. Please don't ever hesitate to contact us if we can do anything to make your child even more successful!

Our CALL this month is a call to thankfulness...for the blessings of the past, present and those yet to come. May we turn to God with grateful hearts!