

Nativity BVM School
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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our call this month is a **call to love**. That sounds so very simple but each of us knows that “to love” involves opportunities to give, to receive, to share and to challenge. One way that you have answered this call to love has been through the sacrifices that you have made to provide a Catholic education for your child. As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week this week, I would like to personally thank you for all that you have done to provide a Catholic education for your child. Thank you for entrusting your child to THIS Catholic school. It is my honor and privilege to work with you and your child each and every day.

Mardi Gras is coming soon, as if we need that reminder! It has been a long standing tradition that our PreK 3, PreK 4 and Kindergarten students parade around our school grounds on the Friday before Mardi Gras. It is nothing fancy but is loads of fun and great for young guests who might join us. We are thrilled that the King and Queen of Neptune have made this one of their regular events. They, along with some members of their Court, will join our parade on Friday, February 9th at 10:30 a.m. Although we are hoping for a bright, sunny day, our parade will “roll” rain or shine! Please consider joining us and be sure to bring family members, friends and neighbors!

The route of the evening Neptune Parade on Saturday, February 10th, is right past Nativity Cathedral and Rectory. Father Dennis has graciously invited everyone to enjoy the parade from the comfort and safety of the rectory lawn. Bring some snacks and drinks; hamburgers will be provided by the parish. Please plan to attend and join Nativity parishioners and Nativity School Families for a night of fun!

Our fifth grade students will participate in a nationally administered religion assessment near the end of the month. The assessment will ask some basic questions about our Catholic faith and then will have students answer several open ended questions about their faith in practice. We will use the results as a way of improving our religious education program to make it an even better program for our children.

Our annual Nativity BVM School Open House is coming soon after Mardi Gras! Please plan to join us on Sunday, February 18th from 11:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. We will have displays of our various programs, demonstrations by our students, storytime, a Book Walk, delicious refreshments and much more. Please think about any friends, neighbors or relatives who might be considering sending their child to our school. This is a wonderful opportunity to see our school, meet our faculty and staff and speak with parents and grandparents of children who attend our school.

Our Lenten season begins on February 14th, again a perfect day to reflect on love. We will once again pray the Stations of the Cross with the children each Friday during Lent. Please feel free to join us to pray and reflect with us.

May God bless you and your families with many good things in the days ahead!