

NATIVITY PARENT ASSOCIATION SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the 2018/2019 NPA School Year! Even though we only meet once a month during the school year, our NPA families are still working year-round! I'd like to give a "Saints Shout Out" to those who have already donated their time and talents to NPA this year.

Saints Shout Out

John Lizana for designing our new welcome banner for the 1st day of school.

Jamie Rhodes for your gracious donation of flags and dancing balloon men for the 1st day of school.

Tracie Strayham for volunteering as the new Co-Chair of the Biloxi Seafood Festival Cake Walk. Tracie has done a fabulous job organizing volunteers and will serve as Chair for the 2019/2020 school year.

Maggie Landry for organizing and marketing the Seafood Festival Cake Walk.

Jenny Baker for organizing our new Fun Run/5k event with the City of Biloxi and working to create a design for Breakfast with Santa T-Shirts.

Nanette Burke for coordinating volunteers and cake donations amongst the Grandparents Club.

Silent Auction Committee: **Keelin Cromar, Mary Williams, Renae Codella, Victoria Conway, Dusti Simnich, Alex Snyder, Dana Lamey** and **Aimee Jordan** for meeting and organizing the Silent Auction.

Carnival Committee: **Charnell Martino, Jen Byers, Sr. Mary Jo, Kerry Stoddard, Dana Lamey** and **Mary Williams** for meeting and organizing our Carnival.

Dusti Simnicht for collecting, organizing and marketing the Growing Like Weeds event.

Alex Snyder and Dusti Simnicht for volunteering at the Final Registration NPA Table.

Summer Canon for designing and organizing our Spirit shirts.

Sr. Mary Jo and **Allison Watts** for spending countless hours helping to organize everything mentioned above. We appreciate YOU!!!

Our first NPA Meeting will be held September 6th in the school gym. Dinner and child care will be provided. Each adult member (per family) who attends the meeting will get an entry to win one month's tuition credit. There will also be a prize giveaway for the most box tops of the night. Please bring box tops in a ziploc bag with your name and number of box tops.

Biloxi Seafood Festival Cake Walk September 8th and 9th

Our first event of the year is the Biloxi Seafood Festival Cake Walk. We are asking for donations of cakes, sweets and treats (cookies, brownies, etc.) to be delivered to the school Friday, September 7th. Homemade items are preferred, but store bought is also accepted. If you bring a homemade dessert, please label it. We are also looking for volunteers to work the Cake Walk. Volunteering for the Cake Walk will get you into the festival for FREE!!! You can sign up by visiting our website www.nativitybvm.org.

60th Annual Halloween Carnival October 13th

Our 60th Annual Halloween Carnival will be here before you know it! **Carnival will be held on Saturday, October 13th, from 1-9 p.m.** Homeroom helpers should be sending out letters to each class in the coming days asking for your help. Class committees have been formed to assist the homeroom helper leads in planning and organizing class booths and silent auction baskets. We welcome all of the help that we are offered and will put you to work if you volunteer! ☺ If you have any questions about how you can help with Carnival in addition to working with your child's class, please contact Charnell Martino.

Silent Auction

Silent Auction will also be held on Saturday, October 13th in conjunction with Carnival. If you would like to help with this event, please contact an NPA Officer Katie O’Grady, Dana Lamey or Dusti Simnicht. We are also in need of donations, please contact the office for donation request letter and details.

Contests

We will continue the tradition of our annual scarecrow and pumpkin decorating contest. All entries will be displayed during carnival. For questions, contact Jen Byers. More info to come.

Raffle

We will be raffling off a Louis Vuitton Graceful PM bag worth \$1,280. The Louis Vuitton Raffle Tickets can be purchased for \$20 each or 3 for \$50 (only 500 tickets will be sold). Tickets can be purchased in the office or on the school’s website.

Teacher Appreciation Month

The **6th grade** is responsible for Teacher Appreciation for the month of September.

Facebook

Did you know we have a closed Facebook group for just Nativity families? If you’re on Facebook but not in the group, find our official FB page, click on “Groups” and I’ll add you. Many of our classes have their own closed groups as well. If you’re not sure, contact your Homeroom Helper and ask.

NPA Volunteers

Our NPA has several committee chairs this year. If you would like to volunteer to help for a particular event, please contact the chairperson of the event by sending a note through the school or contact Katie O’Grady. The office does a great job of making sure the notes go home with the children.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS/CO-CHAIR

Seafood Festival Cake Walk	Maggie Landry / Tracie Strayham
Carnival	Charnell Martino / Jen Byers / Brandon Cloud
#iGiveCatholic	Allison Watts
Technology Fundraiser	Allison Watts
Breakfast with Santa	Jenny Baker
Lenten Dinners	Stoddard, Canon and Davis Families
Saints Shenanigans Fun Run/5k	Jenny Baker
Breakfast with the Bunny	Susie Davis
Movie Night	Katie O’Grady
Peace Love Saints Field Day	Jamie Rhodes
School Supply Kit	Katie O’Grady
Box Tops	Amy Leon
Aluminium Cans	Friend of Nativity
Yearbook	Brooke Theobald
T-Shirts	Summer Canon
PR, Advertising and Website	Kerry Stoddard and Katie O’Grady

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