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NATIVITY ACADEMY AT SAINT BONIFACE

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Louisville's independent Catholic middle school offering educational excellence to children of academic promise from low-income families

Mission Driven Work Leads To Student Success



Dear Friends of Nativity Academy,

As I meet with so many people from our community, I am frequently asked questions about Nativity Academy at St. Boniface—what is it? where is it? what makes it different? etc.

I am always energized to tell them about our school and its “story”. Our school is mission driven and easily captivates an audience to hear more.

Sometimes it is a parent wanting to hear about the opportunity Nativity Academy at St. Boniface can provide for their child. We often hear from parents how excited they are to be offered a “choice” in education for their student when they felt as if they had so few.

Many times it is when we are telling our story to guests who are visiting Nativity Academy at St. Boniface for one of our “Breakfast at Nativity” information sessions or to those who have called to inquire, visit and tour our school.

Oftentimes I am out in the community where people have heard just a bit about Nativity Academy at St. Boniface and want to know more about us. It is great to be able to tell of the mission driven work being done at our school. When I talk about our unique programs – extended day/year, graduate support and the data that points to our successes, they immediately comment on how impressive it is.

It truly is rewarding work but also hard work. Our faculty/staff are professionals dedicated to making a difference in people’s lives. Parents commit to the school by having their children here daily, volunteering and attending parent meetings/conferences. Our Board of Directors and the members of our many committees are committed to



offering their time and talent to lead our school. Countless volunteers give of themselves regularly to offer their talents and assistance to students in tutoring, study halls and enrichment activities. Many faithful donors give unselfishly of their treasure to fund and support our school and its mission.

As I read the newly released report from the Kentucky Youth Advocates about the devastating statistics regarding children of poverty in Kentucky, I can reflect on our work and know that Nativity Academy at St. Boniface is making a true difference in the lives of many young people and families in our community.

We see it daily in many events – Nativity graduates making the honor roll in high school, former grads being accepted into college, students who came to our school struggling academically finally grasping new concepts, being awarded grants for our programs, students being selected as outstanding delegates at a Youth conference, and the list goes on....

With the support of so many, we will continue to reach many more children and families. Know that whatever role you may play in the success of Nativity Academy at St. Boniface, you are crucial and appreciated. Continue to help us spread our story and good news in our community.

Blessings to all for a wonderful 2013,

Carol A. Nord

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Executive Director

Christmas Program delights and inspires Nativity Academy students, families, and staff.



Nativity Academy gathered for a Christmas presentation celebrating the holy season with dance, drama and song. Student performances delighted the assembled family members, supporters, faculty and staff.



New library at Nativity promotes reading for learning and enjoyment.

The new Nativity Academy library has been developed by volunteers during the last two years. With new books that are exciting to middle school students and that encourage reading, the library promotes literacy. Students have begun to read “just for fun” due to the dedication of volunteers and staff. The library now is home to more than 2,000 titles appealing to young adult readers.

To contribute a book to our library, simply go to www.nativitylouisville.org and click on the Amazon Wish List.

State Accreditation Visit



Nativity Academy at St. Boniface is accredited by the State of Kentucky through the Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission. Every five years a team of educators comes to Nativity to conduct

a site visit. On February 14th, we will be hosting a team that will be examining our school to ensure that we meet the rigors and standards for State Accreditation.

We have been preparing for this visit for quite some time and are excited to “show off” our school and its special programs. This process assists us in our quest for continuous improvement and we are excited about what the future holds for Nativity!



Nativity students pose in front of a painting of Muhammad Ali at the Ali Center during a field trip on Martin Luther King Day for an educational tour and celebration of the holiday.



Nativity Sixth Grade boys basketball team captured the first place title in the Catholic grade school holiday tournament. Congratulations to our team and their coaches.



Graduate Support Update

This fall and winter has been busy for our Graduate Support Program. Several of our graduates joined us on college visits to Western Kentucky University, University of Kentucky and Kentucky State University. Upcoming visits are in the works for visits to Bellarmine University, University of Louisville, Spalding University, Jefferson Community/Technical College and Berea College.

We are pleased to say that many of our current Seniors have been receiving their college acceptance letters, some to multiple colleges. We are proud to announce that five students have already received word that they have received scholarships to their selected college and hopefully to hear more in the coming weeks.

Our current 8th graders have all taken the Catholic High School Placement tests in December and are now preparing for the Registration process during late February/early March. We are

grateful for the assistance that our Catholic High Schools offer to our students to help make it possible for them to further their Catholic Education. Nativity Academy proudly has students enrolled at every Catholic High School in the Louisville area.

As we move to the summer period, we are working with the Mayor's office to help our students who are seeking summer employment. If you or your company is planning to hire young adults for summer positions, please let us know.

We are also looking for volunteers in the community to help with high school tutoring for ACT preparation, if you know of anyone who would like to support our graduates. As we near college graduation of the first class of Nativity Academy students, we are also looking for support in placing our grads in the community for Internships. Please keep us in mind if you have opportunities to offer.

NATIVITY ACADEMY'S

Wish List

If you are able to donate any of the following items or services please contact us at 855-3300. Any donation will be greatly appreciated!

- Dry Erase Boards for classrooms (\$300 each)
- Lightweight (plastic) 6 or 8 foot tables
- Classroom set of laminated world maps (quantity: 12)
- Classroom set of Dictionaries & Thesauri, including etymologies (quantity: 12)
- Dance Dance Revolution game for Wii gaming system
- Handyman volunteer services for small repairs.
- United States History Origins to 2000 (Schlessinger) DVD series
- Any books from Nativity Academy's Amazon wish list at www.nativitylouisville.org
- Small 21-passenger bus to transport students
- Rosetta Stone Spanish language education software.
- Educational-Quality Computer Speakers
- Culturally diverse religious posters/statues/artifacts

Founders of Nativity Academy Honored



Father William Fichteman, Sister Paula Kleine-Kracht, OSU, and Father Timothy Hogan, founders of Nativity Academy.

Our founders were recently honored in November at the annual Nativity Donor Luncheon. We will soon be launching our Founder's Fund campaign in their honor.



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