The Annual Golf Tournament is BACK!

On Monday, September 20th, we were so pleased to hold our annual golf tournament fundraiser at the Bay Club at Mattapoisett to benefit Nativity Preparatory School New Bedford, our first in-person event since the pandemic. The sun was shining as 104 golfers greeted our 8th Grade Temple Class before hitting the links to play Bay Club’s magnificent course in a scramble format. Finally, our players ended back at The Golf House for a reception, a silent auction of golf packages to leading courses in and around the area, and awards.

This year, we celebrated the memory of two important individuals, Barbara Urquhart and David Rivenburg, who were very involved with the golf event and our Nativity community. General Manager and Golf Director Greg Yeomans introduced The 1st Annual Barbara Urquhart Award to the leading female scorer, Cricket Mullaney, and The 1st Annual David Rivenburg Award to leading male scorer, Peter LaVallee. Mrs. Urquhart and Mr. Rivenburg have long been treasures to Nativity Prep, and it was a pleasure to honor them, their families, and everyone involved.

Lastly, a tremendous thank you to all our volunteers, supporters, players, and the fantastic staff at the Bay Club. It takes a village to execute a successful event such as this and it could not be accomplished without ALL of you.

Please Save the Date for the Annual Nativity Prep Golf & Tennis Fundraiser on Monday, September 19, 2022.

L to R: Carl Rivenburg, Ginny Rivenburg, Peter LaVallee, Ed Urquhart & Jay Goldrick, Head of School.
Our Teachers  
2021 – 2022

Kate Wahle graduated from Stonehill College in 2020 with a degree in communications, graphic design, and education. This is her second year at Nativity, where she is teaching fifth grade Social Studies and English and is Director of Advising. She is coaching sailing in the fall, basketball in the winter, and working on the yearbook in the spring.

Kate is pursuing her master’s degree at Boston University. She looks forward to meeting the new fifth grade class and seeing old faces in the hallways!

Maddie Inlow graduated from Bates College in 2017 where she was a biology major and an education minor as well as a student-athlete on the softball team. In 2020 she completed her Masters in Education at Boston University.

Maddie is in her fifth year at Nativity and is the Curriculum Director and Data Manager, as well as the teacher of 7th and 8th grade science. This fall she is working with students and tutors in the after school Academic Support Program. She will be coaching basketball in the winter and volleyball in the spring along with running the yearbook club.

Isaiah Ratti was born and raised in New Bedford, and he graduated from Nativity in 2010. From there he went on to Northfield Mount Hermon School before receiving his undergraduate degree and master’s degree from the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth. This is his third year teaching at Nativity. He is currently teaching 8th grade English, 6th grade Social Studies, and serving as our school’s athletic director.

Ollie Russell is from Mattapoisett and graduated from Bates College in 2021 with a degree in History and German Language & Cultural Studies. This year he is teaching seventh grade History and English, as well as coordinating Nativity field and service trips.

After school, Ollie coaches flag football and cross country in the fall, swimming in the winter, and sailing in the spring. He is looking forward to getting to know his students in the classroom, on the field and on the water.

Graham Davidson from Cleveland, Ohio, joined the Nativity community during the start of the 2020-2021 school year after majoring in history at Lafayette College. This year, Graham is teaching eighth grade Civics with Temple and sixth grade English with Coordinator ensuring that everyone has what they need for their classes.

After school, Graham serves as the Head Coach for the soccer team and enjoys watching their hard work translate into success on the field. In his free time Graham is working on completing his master’s degree in education at Boston University to continue to grow as a teacher.
Fox Maxwell comes from Pittsfield, Maine where his family owns and operates an alpaca and sheep farm. He went to Hamilton College for Mathematics with a minor in Education with the end goal of becoming a teacher. He has worked as a camp counselor for five years, four at an outdoor Quaker camp called Camp Dark Waters and one at a STEM camp at his old high school, The Maine School of Science and Mathematics.

In his work at Nativity he teaches fifth and sixth grade math while also curating the weekly academic challenges and organizing clubs for the school. He currently is running an Electronics, Programming, and Dungeons & Dragons club for the Fall Trimester.

Jake Berman graduated from Nativity Prep in 2009 and went on to attend Groton School. In 2013, he began his undergraduate studies at Boston College BA in Psychology. In 2017, Jake graduated and returned to Nativity Prep to teach fifth and sixth grade Social Studies; over the next three years he would go on the teach sixth grade Math and seventh grade English, as well as head the Nativity Prep Mentoring Program on Monday evenings.

Currently, he is excited to be back for his fifth year at the school and second as Dean of Students and Alumni Support.

Nicolle Williams is a third year teacher, and is teaching 7th and 8th grade math. She graduated from St. Lawrence University in 2019 and is currently working on getting a Master’s degree in Curriculum and Teaching at Boston University.

This fall Nicole is helping students learn how to sail at the community boating center, and in the spring she will help with the yearbook and running the volleyball club. Nicole is also acting as our Community Partner Liaison. Through this role she is actively working with community partners to bring new experiences to our school community. She is excited to have everyone back in the building and get a new school year started.

Julia Morell graduated from Saint Louis University in 2021. She will teach Integrated and Earth Sciences to the 5th and 6th graders at Nativity. She is elated to be teaching such a great group of students that match her energy and curiosity, and constantly encourages them to always "think like a scientist" - question everything!

Outside the lab, Julia also runs community service, coaches soccer, and co-coordinates Mock Trial. In the spring, she will be starting up a club that is focused on the climate, nature, animals and biodiversity.

Nathan Argueta hails from Attleboro, MA and is an alum of Nativity Prep from the graduating class of 2008.

Nathan went on to attend St. Paul's School in Concord, NH and Davidson College in Davidson, NC. He is excited to work closely with the teachers and students in his role as the Dean of Instruction!
Nativity Alumni Spotlight

- Jacob Berman, Dean of Students & Alumni Support

This past August, the Cuffee Class, our newest group of NP Alumni, enjoyed a day trip to Canobie Lake Park! Fortunately, this year we were able to have this portion of our annual Bridges program for the graduating class, with the goal in mind of providing a fun outing for our students to spend some quality time together before heading off to high school.

They boys had a blast going on rides, playing some games (shout out to Amare who won himself a Celtics basketball with his shooting skills), and cooling off in the water park. When asked about high school, a few said they were a little nervous, but ultimately excited to start their next chapter.

We look forward to seeing what success is in store for the Cuffee Class!
To Our Teachers:

It is my pleasure to work closely with the Nativity Prep teachers throughout the year in my role as Dean of Instruction.

As I come upon my 5th year working at Nativity, I am grateful to have had the chance to work with educators coming from a variety of different backgrounds, faiths, cultures, and races. In my time here, it has become very clear and evident to me the characteristics that are most evident in a successful teacher at Nativity Prep.

**Humility.** Practice being humble in all that you do. There will be many times when you might not know the answer to a question or the best practice to produce the results that you are desiring. That is ok. That is more than ok. That is expected. When that happens, ask questions. Seek to learn and listen. Soak in the wealth of knowledge and experience around you, because your growth in this profession is directly linked to your students growth in your classroom.

**Pride.** Take pride in each and every lesson you teach. Take pride in your students and the work they can and will accomplish. Take pride in your school, in your classroom, in your desk space, in your conversations with your peers, students, and families. Be prideful not of yourself, but of Nativity Prep and the work that you do to make this place as great as it can be.

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**Relationships.** Build bonds with those around you. Show your students the respect you expect to receive from them. Remember their age in relation to your own. Connect with your families. Not just over email, but emotionally. Know what people are going through, and seek to help when help is needed. Being a teacher doesn’t end in the classroom, especially at Nativity Prep. The teachers our students remember most are the ones who truly care and commit themselves to getting to know them not only as students, but as people.

Lastly, **Intentions.** Intentions are great, but do me, our students, the school, and the New Bedford community a favor – please leave your intentions at the door. Intentions are the ugly step sibling of results. Intentions are a fall-back, an excuse, for when things don’t go according to plan. Use your intentions to generate achievement in your students through planning, execution, and going above and beyond.

*Our students, families, and the school are all counting on you this upcoming year. I have all the confidence in the world that we will not be disappointed. Let’s make this the best year yet!*
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