



# The North Star

January 23, 2024

## It's hiring season for 2024-2025...

Check out 8th grader Adolfo interviewing one of our faculty, Brendan Bonner, to learn more about his experience as a teacher and AmeriCorps volunteer below. You can access more videos on our website. The videos have been posted to promote the program and school during the recruitment and hiring process.



## What's going on in the science lab?



Frog dissections are still standard fare for the middle school science class. In 7th grade at Nativity, the learning objectives include:

- Being able to explain why humans dissect animals and why a frog is a useful animal for dissection
- Being able to ID basic dissection tools
- Describing the function of each of the organs of the nervous, skeletal, respiratory, circulatory, reproductive, muscular, and excretory systems

- Dissecting the frog safely, respectfully, and precisely
- Identifying and illustrating organs
- Describing the organs and the organ system functions
- Writing a 2-4 paragraph description of either the digestive, respiratory, or circulatory system

## THANK YOU - We Love Books



**Thank you to Katie Mannix**, former faculty member and owner of Book Love in Plymouth, for orchestrating the book drive to benefit Nativity's library. It was a great success with more than 60 books donated to the school. **Thank you also to our book sponsors!**

## Family Engagement Committee

Parents and guardians, we need **you!** The Family Engagement Committee is interested in hosting events and building community at Nativity. Join Us! Next meeting is **February 13th at 4pm**. You can also join us on Zoom.

## 4 in 24

In other family news, Nativity is re-instituting required service hours for parents and guardians. Give **four hours before the end of the 2024** academic year in June. Please complete this [form](#) by February 1st to sign up.

## The Guest Speaker Series is Back in Full Swing



Mr. Jonathan Felix, Assistant to the Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club, launched the new year and our guest speaker series with an inspiring message "The Truth About Us." And what is that truth? That our bodies (and brains) are precious and deserve the best care and that every decision we make paves the way for the future.

## Communications Survey

How are we doing? We want your feedback on the quality and frequency with which we communicate. Please complete this short [survey](#) and share your input.





Skating at Hetland Rink - first time skating for many



Another optional Friday evening fieldtrip - fun on the ice!

Donate [here](#) to keep the quality programming going.

## Community Calendar

Jan 26 - Field Trip Friday  
Jan 30 - Open House 3:15-5:15  
Feb 9 - Fun Night 6:30-8:00pm  
Feb 10 - Optional Field Trip  
Feb 13 - Family Engagement Committee Mtg.  
Feb 13 - Open House 3:15-5:15pm  
**Feb 19 - Feb 23 NO SCHOOL**

### Basketball Schedule

1/29-JV @ St Michael's Country Day (4:30pm)  
1/30-JV vs. Alma Del Mar Ottiwell @ home (4:15pm)  
2/5- Varsity vs. Moses Brown @ home (4:30pm)  
2/7-JV & Varsity vs Friends @ home (3:30pm & 4:30pm varsity first)  
2/14- JV @ Nazarene Christian Academy (3:30pm)

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