



# Nativity Prep North Star

## *Preparing Boys to Navigate the World*

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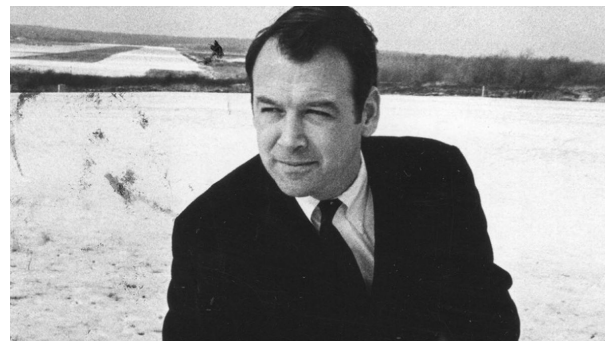
### Nativity Prep Annual Holiday Luncheon

Thank you to the Friends of Nativity for hosting our annual holiday luncheon. Highlights included the official naming of the 5th grade class - please see below for more details - and a celebration of Barry Hynes, Nativity Prep's founder's 90th birthday and the building's 100th birthday.



### 5th Grade Class Named the "Benjamin Baker Class"

Every class at Nativity Prep is named for someone; in the early days, the classes were named after Jesuit saints, nowadays classes are named after local heroes. Grade 5 has just been named to honor Benjamin Baker, former city planner, staunch advocate of education and literacy, and committed to the development of the city of New Bedford. Please



Ben Baker. Credit: Spinner Publications

read [here](#) for more about Ben Baker's remarkable local legacy. Nativity Prep is pleased to honor his legacy by naming this class after him!

## Holiday Book Drive

The Holiday Book Drive hosted by the River's Edge Book Club in Marion was a tremendous success. More than 350 books were donated to the school. Some of the books will support the English language arts program as part of the required reading, and some of the texts will be available in the library for check out. **THANK YOU** to everyone who participated and **a special thank you to the River's Edge Book Club!**



## Getting in the Holiday Spirit

Students are pictured wrapping presents at My Brothers' Keeper. This Saturday field trip is part of the required service learning program at Nativity Prep.



## Textile Arts

8th graders are creating textile art as a part of the new art program. Stay tuned to catch a glimpse of their digital self portraits.



## Save the Date!

Nativity Prep will be celebrating the launch of its 25th anniversary with a community-wide party at Cisco Brewer's on **June 5th**. Be on the look out for more details and help us spread the word!

It's not too late to participate in our 2024 Nativity Prep Annual Fund appeal. Postmark your gift by December 31st or donate online [here](#).



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