



Nativity Prep North Star

Preparing Boys to Navigate the World

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25 in 2025

Did you know that Nativity Prep is turning 25 years old this year? Watch the interview with founder Barry Hynes below and learn more about Nativity Prep's history.



Check out what else is turning 25 this year:

- Mobile phones with built in cameras
- PlayStation 2
- The TV show Big Brother
- Razor Scooters
- Google Ads
- The Sims
- USB Flash drives
- Hollister
- Britney Spears "Oops I Did it Again" album
- The movie Gladiator

- The series Gilmore Girls
- Survivor

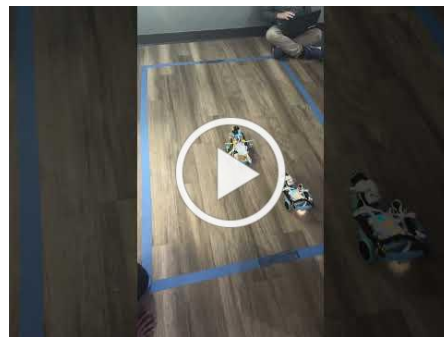
We hope you can join us for a community-wide celebration on June 5th!



What's Going on at Nativity Prep?



Eighth graders are using one of New Bedford Research and Robotics' robots to pick up a cup and place it on another platform in under four minutes - easier said than done.



The after school Robotics Club is battling bots using Lego Spike Prime Kits. The students use block coding to instruct their bots on how to stay within the blue arena and to shut off when the shield mounted on them is pressed.



It's that time of year again for the annual winter ritual of frog dissections in 7th grade science.

Welcome, Brian Rudolph!

Brian has begun his first year at Nativity Prep after teaching nine years of health education for New Bedford Public Schools at Carney Academy Elementary School. A native of New Bedford, Mass., Rudolph was a standout basketball player at New Bedford High School. He went on to be a four-year starter for the Men's Basketball team at Loyola University (Md.). He graduated from Loyola in 2011 with a Bachelor's in Communications, Advertising and Public Relations. Brian also was a member of the Cape Verde National Basketball Team from 2012-2018. He has previously coached basketball as an assistant at UMass Dartmouth and also was the Head Varsity Coach at his alma mater New Bedford High School in 2017-18.



In addition to teaching Health and Physical Education at Nativity Prep, he is an assistant coach for the boys basketball team at Tabor Academy and owns a private basketball training facility called Next Level Factory Dartmouth. Brian is the program director of Leaders In Training LLC which provides basketball camps/clinics, summer basketball leagues, AAU basketball and mentorship for Southcoast youth.

Guest Speaker Series

In December, Nativity Prep launched its guest speaker series. Once a week during morning assembly, community members share their professional and personal journeys and words of wisdom with the boys. If you have a story to share (or know someone who does,) please let Beth Mello know at bmello@nativitynb.org.



John K. Bullard, former Mayor of New Bedford, shares a compelling story with the students about a speech he delivered to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in the school gym many years ago.



Bob Rocha, Curator for Science and Research at the New Bedford Whaling Museum explains why whales, porpoises and dolphins are classified as cetaceans and shares other fun facts about the mammals.



Bill Mello, pilot for Southwest Airlines and retired officer from the Coast Guard, tells the students about his professional trajectory and his scariest moment in the cockpit.



Coming on April 7th

Award winning educator, motivator and strategist, **Troy Kemp**, will be presenting on "Reaching and Teaching Boys."

Keep an out eye for more details. In the meantime, you can learn about him [here](#).

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