



Nativity Prep North Star

*Preparing Boys to Navigate the
World*

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Introducing the Nativity Prep Navigators

Nativity Prep New Bedford has its first ever mascot! Roger Andrews, local freelance [illustrator](#) developed the seal and mascot. Nativity Prep is grounded in a rich history represented by the sailor with his sextant searching the horizon. The Navigator is also looking into the future exploring new worlds with a virtual reality headset. The Navigators represented here – both past and future – embody Nativity Prep’s current mission to prepare middle school boys to navigate the world.



Black History Month at Nativity Prep

Nativity Prep has been celebrating Black History Month during morning assembly. Faculty and students have featured one significant Black or African American person in contemporary or historical society. They have included artists, scientists, athletes, musicians, heroes among others. How many of these important figures do you know?

Titus Kaphar

Trombone Shorty (Troy Andrews)

Nicole Lynn

Kendrick Lamar

Beyonce

Michael Jordan

Doris Miller
Mary Jackson
Willie O'Ree
Mildred Taylor
Sgt William H. Carney
Lebron James

What's Going on at Nativity Prep?



The fifth grade read *Chasing Space* by Leland Melvin over February break ahead of their first space unit of the year. The book includes experiments like this rocket launch.



The students are learning about the engineering design process through building prototypes testing and redesigning. The winning rocket traveled 6.1 meters.



Keep the Rockets Soaring - Join the Champion's League

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Welcome, James Amaral!



James Amaral is Nativity Prep's new Community Outreach Coordinator, and he has been strategically positioned at the front desk. James has worked in the New Bedford School system as a Positive Youth

James takes pride in being a positive role model and an emotional support mentor for the children of New Bedford. He is a lifelong resident and product of the New Bedford School system; prior to attaining a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Jacksonville University in Florida.

James places great value on local partnerships and providing out-of-school time experiences for the students in which he serves. Creating an environment of inclusion and building staff,

Coordinator at Parker Elementary for the past four years. While at Parker Elementary, James oversaw the 21st Century after-school program and developed local partnerships that enhanced the student experience.

student, and parent relationships are an emphasis of James' work.

Basketball Season

This basketball season every boy who wanted to play was given the opportunity. Through a partnership with New Bedford Parks and Recreation, the school hosted three different teams. Most games were held at the McCoy Rec Center and every player on the A team received a brand new uniform featuring the name of the mascot - Navigators. While the season is wrapping up, it has been an exceptional one with the A team winning all games but two and the B team undefeated. The C team, comprised of fifth graders, only had one friendly game.



Don't Miss It - Upcoming Events

Monday April 7 5:30 pm Nativity Prep hosts **keynote speaker Troy Kemp**. For more information and to register click [here](#).

Thursday June 5 5:00pm Nativity Prep launches its **25th anniversary celebration** at Cisco Brewer's Beer Garden. Purchase tickets [here](#).

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