



# Nativity Prep North Star

## *Preparing Boys to Navigate the World*

November 29, 2024

## So many reasons to give thanks!

### Community Thanksgiving

On November 22nd, students, families and faculty gathered to share a **community Thanksgiving**. It was a wonderful evening complete with amazing food, games and door prizes. It was the first event of the year sponsored by the Parent Teacher Organization.



### Learning Together

Seventh graders, Dyson and Izaiah, teach fifth graders about plant cell structures.



## Nativity Prep Alumni

Below alum, Nathan Argueta, shares **the significance of a Nativity education.**





Alumni, administration, friends and faculty - past and present - gathered at Rose Alley Ale House during a special promotional event for Nativity Prep. Pictured left, Sam Golden, Nativity alum wins the raffle. Thank you to Rose Alley for this special opportunity.

## YWCA Boys Leadership Conference

More than 20 boys from the community gathered on Saturday, November 9th, for the Boys Leadership Conference here at Nativity Prep. The conference was sponsored by the YWCA and engaged the participants - most of whom were Nativity students - in an array of activities.



## Welcome, Aleisia Guzman, Art Teacher

Nativity Prep is so pleased to welcome Aleisia Guzman to the Nativity community. She started as a full time teacher at the beginning of November. Aleisia had been teaching at Keith Middle School in New Bedford for the last six years. A native of New Bedford, she spent her youth in Florida and returned to get her BA at UMass Dartmouth. She is currently pursuing her Masters in Art Education and has been featured in the New York Times for her community centered art work. You can learn more about Aleisia [here](#).



In the art room, she has big plans for the students - with a recent purchase of Wacom drawing tablets, she will be teaching the 7th and 8th graders how to do digital self portraits, and the 5th and 6th graders about character design and visual storytelling. The students are currently finishing up Native American inspired projects, learning the difference between cultural appreciation and appropriation.

## Celebrate the holidays with the Rotch-Jones-Duff House and Garden Museum

### **AHA Night - Christmas on County - Thursday, December 12, 4pm – 6pm**

Drop in to see the decked halls of the mansion and hear from docents about some of the holiday customs held by residents of the house. Wear your ugliest holiday sweater and seasonal accessories.

**Seeking Bakers for the Cookie Challenge!** Interested bakers are asked to participate in the RJD's 5th annual Cookie Challenge, held during Christmas on County. To participate, pick your favorite cookie recipe, and submit your home-baked cookies, with the recipe, no later than 1pm on the day of the challenge (December 12). Four-dozen of the same cookie should be delivered on a disposable dish/plate/pan. A copy of the recipe must accompany the cookies. Participants at the event will be able to taste, and vote on their favorite cookie. **To confirm your participation or ask questions, please email Dawn Salerno: [DSalerno@rjdmuseum.org](mailto:DSalerno@rjdmuseum.org)**

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