

St. Bernard Bobcat Chronicle



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From the Desk of Ms. Acra acra_j@stbernardtc.org

Lent is a time for reflection and action. It's not a time to merely give up something, although that in itself is a sacrifice and can be very meaningful. In addition, Lent is a season to do something for others and for God. It's a time to focus our hearts.

For the remaining weeks of Lent, let's resolve as a school family to focus on others and on God. Let's make this Lent a time of true spiritual growth.

Registration: Registration forms are due this Friday, 2/26. Our budget is dependent upon the number of students enrolled, so I ask (beg?) you to submit your registration forms in a timely manner in order that we have an accurate count as we begin to work on the 2010-11 budget. Thanks so much!



Upcoming Events...

- + Feb. 25 ~ Rescheduled -Parent's Club Meeting-7pm.
- + Feb. 26 ~ Out of Uniform Day
- + March 1-5 ~ In Control – Gr. 5-8
- + March 2 ~ Gr. 1 Field trip to Children's Theater
- + March 5 ~ Interims
- + March 5 ~ Stations of the Cross – 2:20 pm.
- + March 10 ~ Penance Service – Gr. 2-8
- + March 10 ~ McAuley Science Show for Gr. 6
- + March 11 ~ Bobcat Bash ~ 1:30 pm.
- + March 12 ~ Pizza Lunch
- + March 12 ~ Stations of the Cross - 2:20 pm.
- + March 15 ~ Grandparent's Day
- + March 17 ~ Skating Party – 6:30-9:00 pm.
- + March 17 ~ Gr.1-4 Field trip to Music Hall
- + March 19 ~ Stations of the Cross – 2:20pm.
- + March 22 ~ Blessing Cup Evening – Gr. 2
- + March 23 ~ Education Commission – 7:30pm.
- + March 26 ~ Out of Uniform Day
- + March 26 ~ Stations of the Cross – 2:20pm.
- + March 31 ~ Firefighter Phil – Gr. K-5 – 9:30am.

Interims: Because of the number of snow days/delays in the past few weeks, interims will be postponed until next Friday, 3/5.

Family Life: In-Control classes will be held next week for students in grades 5 through 8. These classes will take place during the school day and are taught by instructors from Pregnancy Center West. **Permission slips are included in this week's envelope and must be returned by the end of the week.** If you have any questions about the program please contact Rachel Renner from Pregnancy Center West at 244-1097 or Rachel@itspowerful.com.

Thanks for all you do! Have a wonderful week and God bless our St. Bernard family.

Kindergarten News

Mrs. Semm – semm_j@stbernardtc.org

This week, we will recognize, say and write common sounds of letters. In writing, we will use some end consonant sounds when writing. In math, we will order events based on time. In religion, we will learn that we belong to the Catholic Church. We will learn about dental health, the letter "Yy," and the sight word "be."

First Grade News

Mrs. Gildea – gildea_k@stbernardtc.org

STAR OF THE WEEK: Hannah Riecke

BIRTHDAYS: Avery (2-21); Grace (2-26); Paul (half 8-22)

Religion: Stations of the Cross

Phonics: Long vowel “u”

Spelling: Unit 22 (long a); **TEST FRIDAY**

Reading: *The Kite* (fantasy)

Grammar: Adjectives

Math: Estimating lengths of time; **FACTS QUIZ THURSDAY**

Social Studies: Find land and water on a map

Science: How teeth grow and change

Field trip permission and picture for Mass collage are due Friday. Have a great week!

Second Grade News

Mrs. Hebauf – hebauf_s@stbernardtc.org

Religion: Listen to story of Tarcisius. Discuss Morning Offering prayer.

Math: Do story problems. Continue to practice regrouping in subtraction.

Phonics: Contractions

Reading: Read The Great Kapok Tree and the fable: “Ant and the Grasshopper.”

Spelling: Unit 22 words with -ed and -ing.

Handwriting: Practice lowercase cursive j and p.

Expression: Use writing process....”A Leader is.....”.

Social Studies: Conclude February holidays discussion.

Health: Discuss parts of a tooth and good dental hygiene – including tooth brushing.

Have a happy week!

Third Grade News

Mrs. Shannon – shannon_p@stbernardtc.org

Religion: We are reading and discussing Jesus’ miracles.

Math: Division

Vocabulary: Unit 7. Test is March 5th.

Phonics: Suffix endings -ion and -ment.

Spelling: Unit 22. Test is Friday.

English: Quotation marks

Reading: We are reading and discussing A Dog Called Kitty.

Social Studies: Myths and Legends

Science: Test on Thursday, Feb. 25th.

Fourth Grade News

Ms. Krause – krause_j@stbernardtc.org

English: How to Article.

Reading: Caleb’s Story. Skill: Draw conclusions

Vocabulary: Unit 7

Spelling: Unit 22. Suffixes -er and -est.

Religion: The 8th Commandment

Math: Division

Science: Chapter 4, Unit B will be tested.

Social Studies: Chapter 9 will be tested.

Fifth Grade News

Mrs. Kersey – kersey_t@stbernardtc.org

Religion: (*text review online*) Chapter quiz on Friday. Next week we'll focus on Jesus healing in the Anointing of the Sick. There will be a unit test to follow this chapter.

Language Arts: Writing Sample result arrived yesterday. The remainder of this week will be spent making improvements and understanding our score. Your copy to keep at home along with a letter will be sent home on Friday. Novel projects are being shared this week. Good work everyone! This is a spelling week. The test is Friday.

Math: (*text is online*). – The chapter test was today. Next we'll be identifying fact and opinion, interpreting line plots, and working with stem and leaf.

S.S.: We'll be discovering how Aryans changed the Indian life along with interpreting special messages of fables. Nightly review of notes is important.

Science: The chapter test has been moved to tomorrow. Students have been encouraged to study each night. Next week we'll begin exploring Electrical Energy.

*Remember to use the 5th grade website daily.

Junior High News

Mrs. Harrell – harrell@stbernardtc.org

Grade 6

Religion: We will have a quiz this week on the Ten Commandments. We will also discuss ways we apply the Golden Rule in our daily relationships with others. Chapter 12 quiz is Monday, March 1.

English: We will write Persuasive Paragraphs. Spelling Unit 11: Test is Friday, Feb. 26.

Reading: *Maniac Magee*, Part III.

Social Studies: Chapter 16 test was today. Our next chapter is Ch. 17: The Industrial Revolution.

We began Junior Achievement last Friday. Mr. Jim Ashley is our J.A. volunteer. He will be teaching the students about World Trade.

Grade 7

Reading: The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle. We are preparing our Mock Trial. There is a writing assignment due tomorrow that will count as a quiz grade.

Mrs. Beck – beck_b@stbernardtc.org

Grade 7

Spelling: Unit 25 work due Thursday, test on Friday

English: Test on Unit 5 Pronouns will be Thursday.

American History: Test on Ch. 8 will be Friday or Monday.

Grade 8

English: Test on Unit 5 Pronouns is Friday.

American History: Test on CH. 24 will be Monday or Tuesday.

Mrs. Herrmann – herrmann_n@stbernardtc.org

Grade 6

Health: Students will take the Chapter 10 test on Thursday.

Science: Students are about finished studying the different groups of invertebrates. This week we will study Arthropods and Echinoderms. The test is scheduled for early next week.

Grade 7

Religion: Students will begin Chapter 11 Miracles: Signs Jesus Worked. Students will discuss how miracles revealed the identity and mission of Jesus.

Science: Students will finish studying Chapter 15 this week. The students will take the chapter test on Thursday.

Grade 8

Reading: Students are reading The Giver. Students will also work on Vocabulary Workshop Unit 9 this week.

Science: Students will be studying Newton's 3 Laws of Motion and the concept of momentum. Students will be designing and building a car to test the speed and the ability to protect an egg during a crash. The chapter test will be next week.

Mrs. Simmons – simmons_b@stbernardtc.org

Grade 8

Confirmation Preparation: The prayer for recitation tomorrow is **the Prayer of St. Michael**. The students need to continue to work on their service projects. **Once a sponsor has been chosen, please get the sponsor form filled out and returned.**

Religion: This week, we discuss how being of service and giving witness are ways of building the Church. Later in the week, we will take a close look at the Beatitudes and the Corporal Works of Mercy.

Math: We will conclude the first part of the chapter with a lesson on area of circles. **The class can expect a Checkpoint quiz on Lessons 10.1 through 10.3 tomorrow, 2/25.** The next part of the chapter covers space figures, such as prisms and pyramids.

Algebra: We will be solving inequalities using addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. The students will also be graphing these results.

Grade 7

Math: We will be talking about finding and comparing precision of measurements. **The chapter test is scheduled for tomorrow, 2/25.** Our next math adventure will be with percent.

Algebra: This week, we will use proportions to solve problems involving scale. **The chapter test will be scheduled for Friday, 2/26.**

Grade 6

Math: We have been solving equations that involve fractions. We are currently discussing elapsed time, and how to convert. **The students can expect this chapter test next Thursday, 3/4.**

Physical Education News

Ms. Hope – hope_l@stbernardtc.org

Gr. K-8: This week Jump Rope and Hoops for Heart. Next week we begin fitness testing!

Music News

Mrs. Thornberry – thornberry_t@stbernardtc.org

Gr. K- 4: Animals on Parade

Gr. 3-5: Recorders

Gr. 6-7: Siyahamba

Gr.8: Musical

***REMINDER – The eighth grade parent meeting will take place immediately after school in the music room on Monday March 1, 2010. Your children may sit quietly in the room with us if necessary.

Student Spotlight

Congratulations to 7th grader Sara Forbeck, who competed in the regional finals of the 2010 Scripps National Spelling Bee on February 13. Great job, Sara!

LaSalle Honor Roll for 2nd Quarter

First Honors: Augustus Brock, Christopher Davis, Ryan Johns, Daniel Keller, Patrick Rebsch and Theodore Ruwe.

Second Honors: Richard Betz, Alexander Bowman, Nicholas Fritz, Kevin Jelen, Jacob Keller and George Welling.

February 25 - 2010 Festival Meeting

Festival 2010 will be June 11, 12, & 13. **SAVE THE DATES!!!** The first festival meeting is Thursday, February 25 at 7 pm in the Church Hall. Everyone is welcomed to attend. We will be discussing changes to the festival for this year, new booths, bands, layout, etc. Please bring any suggestions or comments you may have. If you cannot attend the meeting, please visit the web site and email a festival committee member your suggestions or comments. Go to <http://stbernardtc.catholicweb.com> click on the Festival News button on the right. All suggestions and comments will be considered. This is an important meeting. We need booth captains for the Snack Booth and Pick a Winner.

SCRIP PROGRAM

Easter is right around the corner, are you in need of a gift idea? How about home improvements with the spring weather approaching, Lowes and Home Depot cards really come in handy! Order forms are available in the back of church or go online, www.shopwithscrip.com, to order and for hundreds more choices. Use enrollment code: **AF4LDL6519L8L**

Due date for orders for the remainder of the 2010 school year are as follow:
March 17th.....April 21st..... May 19th

Order form and check are due to the school office by 9:00 am on these dates.

Special arrangements can be made for larger orders.

Questions call or email Dan and Julie Middendorf at 353-2761 or djmiddendorf@gmail.com.

Parent's Club Meeting

Parent's Club Meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday, February 25th at 7:00 pm. in the cafeteria.



Mission Festival 2010



This year's mission festival raised @ \$3400.00.

Thanks to all who helped to make this a huge success! The students had fun all week long collecting change, munching on sweet snacks and a hot dog lunch, making a mission quilt, displayed in the gym, and playing festival games. St. Julie Billiard School in Uganda will benefit greatly from all of our efforts.

We have sent them a care package with an all school picture, signed by the whole school, some photos of the festival, and a "mini quilt" made of nine quilt squares, one selected from each grade.

A special note of thanks to Mike Bernecker at Relay Express, Mark Tallen at Zimmer Heating and Air Conditioning, John Myers and the St. Bernard Athletic Association, Tina Engelbrink and the St. Bernard Parent's Club, the Morley Family, the Butler Family, the Fritz Family, and all of the other families who donated raffle prizes. Thanks also to all of our volunteers and new committee helpers. I would especially like to thank our event chairs, Giselle Carroll, Michelle Feldman, and Maria and Doug Seitz.

Sincerely, Michele Frey

MCAULEY OVERNIGHT FOR 6TH AND 7TH GRADE GIRLS

All 6th and 7th grade girls are cordially invited to the (Pajama) Party in the McA. This second annual grade school sleepover begins on March 12 at 9 p.m. at McAuley High School and ends on March 13 at 7 a.m. This fun night will include games, snacks, movies, prizes, and breakfast! There will be an optional campus tour for parents on March 12, from 9-10 p.m. Admission to the overnight is free!

You must register by March 5. Space is limited. To register, please:

- 1. Fill out the online registration form at www.mcauleyhs.net/partyinthemca.**
- 2. Print out the permission slip and mail it to the address indicated on the slip.**

Call Kathy Dietrich at (513) 681-1800 x 2272 for more information.

Mother of Mercy Theatre Presents “Dancing at Lughnasa”

Mother of Mercy Theatre will present Brian Friel’s “Dancing at Lughnasa,” winner of three Tony Awards. Performances will be held at 7:30 on March 5th and March 6th with a Sunday performance on March 7th at 7:00 PM. All performances will be held in the Mother of Mercy Theatre. Tickets are \$10.00 and can be purchased at the Mother of Mercy High School Main Office starting on February 24th or by calling 513.661.2740. Group discounts are available on the preview night show Thursday March 4th at 7:00 PM. “Dancing at Lughnasa” achieved critical acclaim and commercial success on Broadway in 1992. “Dancing at Lughnasa” takes place in 1936 in Northern Ireland. The play tells the story of the five Mundy sisters and their family and friends who have been toughened by their circumstances but find joy in the simplicity of life. The story is told through the eyes of Michael, the son of one of the sisters. Michael provides a close look at the fabric of the Irish family and how each member turns to religion, music or to the beliefs of their ancestors to weather the approaching storm of revolution and industrialization. A must see Mercy Production!

ESAP Scholarship (Educational Scholarship Assistance Program)

A reminder that the ESAP Scholarship applications must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2010. This scholarship is available for boys and girls entering the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades at St. Bernard’s School.