



Small school. Big heart.

From the Desk of Mrs. Ingram

Dear St. Bernadette Families,

Thank you to all who attended our Open House last weekend! Open House marks the beginning of the registration period and forms were sent home last week. Please get the registration forms back to Mrs. Ell next week, or as soon as possible. It's so helpful to get started on all the paperwork to come.

We are all excited about Catholic Schools Week, and it begins with the Family Skate Party on Sunday night. We have heard there may be a conflict with some basketball games, but hope to see many of you at the Beechmont Roller Arena from 5:30-7:30. Flyers about the skating event went home on Monday. **Please note: The \$3.00 admission price is only for skaters.** Non-skaters and assorted scaredy cats (that would be me...) enter free of charge.

- If you need a glance at the CSW packet, you can find it [HERE](#).
- We are still in need of volunteers to assist with some of our daytime activities. There's a volunteer form in our packet, or you can [Sign Up Online](#).

About Registering Your Child

Every year we hear about a family or two considering another school for their child. Here are some legitimate reasons for considering a change in school environments:

- 1) Your child has not been invited back because of academic or behavioral issues.
- 2) Your financial status has changed.
- 3) Your child is unhappy.
- 4) You are dissatisfied with the school.

All four of the above reasons are issues that should include a conference with the principal. Please contact me if you are wondering whether or not St. Bernadette is the best choice for your child next year. I promise not to pressure you, and I may have some solutions for anything that is getting in your way.

Some other and more debatable reasons I hear are:

- 1) We aren't going to Catholic high school so we want to switch to a middle school or Jr. High now.
- 2) We want our child to get involved in _____ in the public school now, in time for high school.
- 3) We think it's easier (academically) in public school and my child struggles too much here.
- 4) We're tired of paying tuition or we're tired of the K-8 environment.

If you are happy with the education at St. Bernadette and your child is happy at St. Bernadette, please stay; graduating from St. B is the **best preparation** you can give your student. High school will be here soon enough and everybody starts over as a freshman, no matter where they come from. Transferring in the middle school years always takes a little away from the student's progress overall, especially if the student will be under-challenged academically, or over-stimulated socially after transferring. Families coming to us from public schools (or returning to us from them) are particularly supportive of the St. Bernadette experience.

If your child struggles at St. Bernadette and you are unhappy with the interventions we're providing, check with me first to see if something else can be done before you decide to transfer.

For those parents tired of paying tuition, or ready to "graduate" long before their child is, hang in there! I can't help the first issue, but I have some creative solutions for the second. And as far as paying for another three years is concerned, **education is the best investment you can make for your child.** I promise.

Bottomline: Let's talk before you leap!

Blessings,

Lizanne G. Ingram

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- Sunday, Jan 28 - Family Fun Night at Beechmont Roller Arena from 5:30-7:30pm
- Monday, Jan 29 - Opening CSW ceremony in Church at 8:30am; Lunch guests for grades K - Sr. Judy, 3/Mrs. Mattei and 5/Brunner in Steivenard Hall
- Tuesday, Jan 30 - 8th grade students to attend Mass at the Cathedral; Get up and move Day; Lunch guests for grades 1/Miss Selm, 2/Mrs. Muhlenkamp and grade 6 in Stievenard Hall
- Wednesday, Jan 31 - All School Mass at 8:15am; Lunch guests for grades 1/Mrs. Cayton, 3/Mrs.

Schoolbelles

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Duffy and 5/Mrs. Clark in Stievenard Hall

- Thursday, Feb 1 - Faculty Appreciation Lunch; Living Rosary at 1:45; Lunch guests for grades 7 and both grades 4 in Stievenard Hall
- Friday, Feb 2 - Student Appreciation Activity at Cherry Grove Lanes; Teacher/Student Dance Off

Friday is the only out-of-uniform day this week. Class spirit shirts and jeans or athletic pants in good condition are OK for bowling and the Dance Off



SPIRIT WEAR ORDERS

If you picked up Spirit Wear order forms at our Open House, they are due to the school office by tomorrow, Friday, January 26. Thank you



REGISTRATION FORMS

If you haven't turned in your registration forms yet, please do so as soon as possible. Remember that registration prices go up on March 1. If you have any questions regarding registration, please call the school office at 753-4744.



MARDI GRAS 2018

Please join us for an evening of food, dancing and fun to help raise funds for St. Bernadette. Mardi Gras 2018 will be held on Saturday, February 10th in Ventura Hall from 7pm - midnight. Authentic cajun food by J. Gumbo's. [Click here](#) or scroll down for more details.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

[Click here](#) to see the schedule for Catholic Schools Week (January 28 - February 2) and to print permission slips for various activities. Please note: the FAMILY SKATE NIGHT is two Sundays from now and replaces the Family Fun Night from previous years.
DRIVERS NEEDED: We are in need of drivers/chaperones for the Catholic Schools Week at the Cathedral. We need enough drivers to transport 11 eighth grade students. Please contact Mrs. Ingram if you are interested.



SPRING MUSICAL!

Audition forms for Schoolhouse Rock Live! Jr. will go home **next** week.

The audition form will have a calendar attached to it. This is for you to mark any after school conflicts your child may have. This information will help me design a rehearsal schedule aimed at getting the most participation possible, and the best progress toward a finished product.

Your child must bring the audition form and the calendar page with after school conflicts marked to his or her audition. More details next week!



TUITION GRANT OPPORTUNITY – Deadline approaching

The [Catholic Education Foundation](#) will once again be awarding need-based grants to qualifying families, *regardless* of religious or parish affiliation. To qualify for consideration, families must **complete the Facts Grant and Aid Assessment by January 31, 2018.** [This link will take you to the login.](#) Grant amounts will vary, but will not exceed \$1,000, and can be applied to any Catholic school. Families do not need to be Catholic.



King of the Court

Congratulations to 3rd grader, Trey Spitzmiller, who had a great game against IHM last Saturday. He had 15 rebounds and 12 points as the Sabres won their first game of the season. Way to go Trey!



King of the Court

Congratulations to 3rd grader, Michael Giwer, who made his presence known on defense, snagging rebounds and helping assist the Sabres to a second win of the season last Sunday. Way to go Michael!

ST. BERNADETTE
presents
Mardi Gras
FUNDRAISER DANCE

FEBRUARY 10, 2018
Saturday 7:00 PM TO 12:00 AM
ST. BERNADETTE'S VENTURA HALL
1453 LOCUST LAKE RD., AMELIA, OH

**\$35 PER PERSON OR \$240 FOR TABLE OF 8,
\$40 DAY OF EVENT**

Authentic cajun food by J. Gumbo's
EACH TICKET INCLUDES A MARDI GRAS SOUVENIR
AND TWO DRINK TICKETS*.
*ADDITIONAL DRINK TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR
PURCHASE.
** no outside alcohol is permitted.*

DJ'S - DOUG FORG AND SHAWN THOMPSON
Split the Pot and Gift Card tree raffle!

Contact 513.207.1884 FOR TICKETS OR INFO
(LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE)