

## *An Update*

It's amazing what a difference a trimester makes! We began this school year with a focus on the concept of "Yet." We embraced the idea that time and persistence can improve a child's ability and performance; a concept or skill is too difficult, it's just not mastered YET. When a child believes this, s/he has adopted a Growth Mindset. Tenacity, improvement, and learning from mistakes are the foundation of a Growth Mindset. Yesterday, a student brought me his STAR Reading Assessment to show me that his reading had improved 1 ½ grade levels in three months! While this is not every child's experience, it is a testimony to the coaching he received from instruction and intervention, and to **his growing belief that he could improve**. We continue to adopt our feedback and encouragement to your child by complimenting effort, appreciating creative approaches, fostering independence and endurance, and reminding each student of our faith in them. Thank you for supporting this initiative!

### **OPEN HOUSE: January 22, 2017 12 noon-2:00 p.m.**

**Help us spread the word!**

- "Like" the St. Bernadette School Facebook page
- "Share" the Open House FB event on your newsfeed
- Invite a friend or neighbor to our Open House
- Refer a friend to [www.catholicbestchoice.org](http://www.catholicbestchoice.org) for great information about Catholic schools
- Lift one another up in a positive spirit about our school, our teachers, and our students.
- Need a postcard to send to someone? Let me know!

### **Events on the Horizon: Quality Time with your SON!**

- Mother-Son Dance/Red Carpet Gala...*this weekend!* Visit the [LINK](#) for more info.
- Father-Son Cyclones game 2/8/2017. Get tickets by Jan. 27. See [FLYER!](#)

#### **For Your Calendar:**

- **Friday, January 13** Early dismissal – 12 noon.
- **Monday, January 16** – NO SCHOOL. Martin Luther King, Jr. observance
- **Wednesday, January 18** – 8:15 Mass for grades 4-8. All are welcome!
- **Sunday, January 22** – *OPEN HOUSE 12-2*
- **Monday, January 23 through Friday, January 27** – Spirit Week! \$1.00 per day for out-of-uniform themed days. Participation is optional, but great fun. Proceeds benefit the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class.

Blessings,



**Congratulations to Mrs. Alvey's 4<sup>th</sup> grade HR.** They won the Marco's Pizza challenge and earned a pizza party. The next Marco's Pizza night is February 16<sup>th</sup>. Pick up some pizza, mention St. B and a HR teacher, and we will get a cut of the proceeds, and the winning homeroom gets lunch!