



Happy New Year

I hope 2017 is off to a good start for you. I spent the turn of the calendar in Chicago with my husband and it was nice to go away for a couple of days. I came home ready to face 2017, and anxious to see our students. It's great to have them back in the building!

Here Comes Open House!

Our annual Open House is on Sunday, January 22 this year, from 12-2 p.m. This event kicks off our recruitment season and opens our registration period. Here are some points you should know:

- Our Open House is one week earlier than most other Catholic schools. This was intentional so that inquiring families would not have to rush around from school to school on the 29th, and current families could have an extra week to act on new scholarship opportunities. Please spread the word!
- Our annual tuition raffle will occur at Open House. One current family and one new family will win a tuition grant, but all entries are submitted at the Open House.
- Your help at Open House is welcome. Please pay attention to any specific requests that are made regarding volunteers. We will need representation from various aspects of our school community such as scouts, sports, clubs, etc. We will use friendly greeters and parents willing to welcome and engage new families.
- Most of all...we need you to invite a family to visit our Open House. The quality of our community is a testament to the people who choose St. Bernadette. Think about the child you'd like in your child's class, or the friend you'd like to have as a school parent. Invite them, please. Word of mouth is the best tool we have!

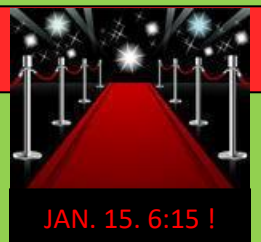
New Tuition Grant Opportunity – Deadline approaching

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati has a new division supporting Catholic education, the [Catholic Education Foundation](#). The Foundation will be awarding need-based grants to qualifying families, *regardless* of parish affiliation. To qualify for consideration, families must **complete the Facts Grant and Aid Assessment by January 31, 2017**. [This link will take you to the assessment](#). 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.

Pass this along...National School Choice Week Jan. 22-28.

Why have you chosen Catholic education? Sometimes our reasons for choosing a Catholic school are different than our neighbor's. Our Open House falls on the first day of this national recognition of school choice. If you know someone who is considering Catholic education, please refer them to [catholicbestchoice.org](#). This site is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and addresses everything from Frequently Asked Questions to tuition assistance, and has a search by zip code. This is a great site for your friends who need to know about Catholic education. Check it out!

Mother-Son Red Carpet Gala Tickets on Sale! \$15 pre-sale, \$20 at door. See our [flyer!](#)



DUE TOMORROW: Dismissal plan form for Early Dismissal on Jan. 13. Go [HERE](#) for a copy.

Coming Up...

- **Wednesday, January 11:** No liturgy. Fr. Bill is on retreat next week.
- **Thursday, January 12: PTO Meeting.** 7 p.m. in cafeteria. All are welcome – please attend!
- **Friday, January 13:** Early dismissal (noon) **Is your form in?**
- **Sunday, January 15:** Mother-Son Gala (see above for link)
- **Sunday, January 22: OPEN HOUSE** 12 noon-2 p.m.

Blessings,



◇ **St. Bernadette School follows West Clermont School District's inclement weather policies.**

◇ **Sign up** to receive email alerts for area closings from [WLW](#).

◇ **Sign up for REMIND** and receive text alerts from us!

- For smartphone users, open your browser and go to [rmd.at/stb45102](#). Follow instructions.
- Other phone? Text "@stb45102" to the number 81010
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