

Dear Parents and Friends,

I've missed several days on campus over the past two weeks because of professional obligations and because of personal illness. Although I'm finally starting to feel better, I know that my responsiveness lately has been affected. If you've tried to reach me, or have been waiting for a response from me, please know I'm digging out – slowly but surely – from the sorts of things that are best handled in person or at least while on campus. Thanks for your patience, and please feel free to re-contact me if you're waiting to hear from me. ~Mrs. I.

Thank you: Golf Outing!

We received a check today from the proceeds of the Golf Outing. This fundraiser raised almost \$7,000 and proceeds were split between the Boosters and the school. This is a tremendous help to our school. A HUGE thanks to Mark Kofalt and Steve Minning who were the contacts for this event. Thank you also to those in our school community who participated in the outing or who contributed to the project somehow. We are very grateful!



Get Ready: Holiday Expo calling for vendors/crafters

If you're a vendor of a home-based business or a crafter preparing holiday items, mark **November 18** for St. Bernadette's second annual Craft Fair and Holiday Expo. The event lasts from 9-3, and requests for vendor table are currently being accepted. Deadline: October 28. See the flyer at the bottom of this newsletter for more details! ↓



Join us for some new tricks on Halloween treats!

This year's Halloween Party (October 22) promises to bring some wicked new fun to our annual party. Plan to spend some time with family and friends, all dressed up and BOOgie-ing down. Play some games, grab some Halloween treats and have a ghoulishly good time. Registration form is at the link: [Halloween Treat and Greet](#)



Impersonation Accounts and Finstas

An Impersonation Account is when someone sets up an Instagram account (or other social media account) pretending to be you. The point of this is generally to make trouble and it is considered cyber-bullying, an abuse of our acceptable use of technology policy, and in the bigger world, can lead to legal prosecution. A Finsta (Fake Instagram) is a second account used to share with a smaller group of followers and is usually private. It's a place where kids might just be sillier, or it might be an account they don't want a parent to know about. Since it is deliberately more private, it might be a place where kids say things they shouldn't to one another, or about other students. Check out [this article](#) for more information.

Recently, I have been looking into a situation where someone impersonated another student on Instagram. Photos from the student's real account were copied to create a fake one with a close-enough user name, and understandably, this was embarrassing. It was a violation of our student's online identity.

Please monitor your child's online use carefully. Fortunately, in the case I've mentioned, the impersonated student's device is actually a parent's, and the parent is very aware of who follows the student's accounts, and what is shared. **Are you as savvy?** Please take measures, if you haven't already, to know **all** of your child's accounts and passwords, to understand how to find Finstas, or other harder-to-find online activity, and to randomly check your child's use of social media. Although we actively teach cyber citizenship, your child's safety and internet behavior is ultimately dependent on your vigilance.

For Your Calendar:

- **Tomorrow (Friday) : Regular uniform unless you have an out-of-uniform pass**
- **Wednesday, October 4:** All school Mass at 8:15. Join us!
- **Friday, October 6: Early Dismissal (12 noon)** Spiritwear tops with uniform bottoms. (Saber wear, or St. B team shirts, or plain shirts in St. B. colors)

Blessings,

PLEASE TURN IN (OVERDUE):

- Field trip forms for K-3 theatre performance at the Taft
- Grandparents Day forms
- Free and Reduced Lunch forms
- Technology Responsible Use forms

St. Bernadette Holiday Expo



Call for vendors and crafters

Saturday, November 18

9 AM—3PM

\$30 for one 8ft table and two chairs

\$55 for corner spot (8ft table, 6ft table, two chairs)

\$10 extra for electrical access

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Raffle donation valued at \$15

Lunch and snack items will be available to purchase.



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by OCT 28

for registration