Small school. Big heart.



School Website

Parish Website





Dear Parents and Guardians,

Once again, I apologize for the last minute school closure on Tuesday. The time of notification was hard enough, but not having my

voice message go through was even more frustrating. As I mentioned in a previous communication, I knew I could use email, but I still had people notify me that they didn't receive the email. Gradelink found the issue and corrected the problem with messaging through phone numbers, but emails are going somewhere...please check your other folders.

Tonight I sent a text message to all parents and all staff members around 5:00 p.m. and I sent a voice message at 8:05. Please check to see if you received those messages to the appropriate phone numbers. If you did not receive one or both of those test messages, let us know right away.

For the time being, Gradelink is our one-call notification system, and our

communication system for emails and texts. In an emergency, our Plan A is to use Gradelink to notify you - not only for a snow emergency, but building emergencies, lock downs, etc. We first use text messaging because it's more immediate for you. Details about an emergency, or instructions to parents about responding to the emergency would come in a follow-up email. Therefore, it is critically important that text and voice messages from Gradelink are connected to a phone number you regularly use, and email messages go to the email you use the most, NOT dumped in your spam or junk mail.

Plan B in an emergency is to use Facebook, and also notify Clermont County Emergency Management who would help us get the word out via their network and the media in the event of a catastrophic emergency, but this is not ideal for most of our needs.

SAFETY UPDATE: Please follow our pick-up procedures after school.

Parents/drivers must park in a parking spot. Do not parallel park along the Ventura/cafeteria grassy area, or try to drive up into the "circle" to pick up your student. Students must be met by you on the playground side of the cones and walked back to your car so that you are able to get them safely to your vehicle while other families are pulling away.

We were thrilled with the Open House! Kindergarten is essentially full. If you know someone who is interested but hasn't registered, have them call the office, please. Preschool classes are filling well, and we have some inquiries for transfers into other grades, too. Thank you for getting the word out.

Tomorrow we will be bowling after Mass, and next week is Spirit Week!

Blessings,

Mrs. Ingram

P.S. Ash Wednesday is February 22, which means Fish Frys are on the horizon!

St. Bernadette Tuition and Fees 2023-2024

K-8 Tuition 2023-2024						
K-8 Number of	Non-Participating	Participating	Technology	Pay in full by		
Children	Tuition	Tuition (In-Parish)	Fee	May 31 apply		
	(Out of Parish)			discount		
1	\$5,906	\$4,318	\$135	In-Parish \$100		
2	\$11,630	\$7,839	\$270			
3	\$17,176	\$10,987	\$405	Out-of-Parish		
4	\$22,574	\$13,421	\$540	\$130		

Early Bird Registration Fee for K-8 Families: \$180 **before** February 15, 2023. Family Registration Fee **after** Wednesday, February 15, 2023: \$240

Preschool Tuition 2023-2024						
	2 DAYS, for 3 yr. olds Tues., Thurs. AM or PM	3 DAYS, for 4 yr. olds Mon., Weds., Fri. AM or PM	5 DAYS, for 4-5 yr. olds Monday – Friday AM or PM			
Tuition Per Student	\$1,827.00	\$2,053	\$2,494.00			
Registration*	\$145.00	\$145.00	\$145.00			

^{*}Preschool registration is separate from K-8 registration. Families with a child in Preschool as well as K-8 will pay two registration fees. Preschool families also pay a supply fee of \$25 per child, which is collected at Orientation (date to be announced).

Thank you to those families who have already registered for 2023-2024!

Registration is open via your Gradelink account. If you are re-registering a student AND

adding a new student for next year, complete the re-registration first, and there will be an option on the final page to add a new student.

Please remember to consider the Catholic Education Fund as a source of aid. To apply, complete the Grant and Aid form from your FACTS account <u>by Friday</u>, <u>February 3</u>. The CEF is prioritizing families who may not qualify for EdChoice Scholarships, but still demonstrate some need. Most families do not yet have their 2022 tax information, which the application requests. Please submit the application without it if necessary so that you make the deadline. Include tax information from 2021 and note whether or not this year will be significantly different. Then, as soon as you are able, upload your 2022 tax information to FACTS Grant and Aid.

The CEF will again offer scholarships to students NEW to St. Bernadette and Catholic education. This includes preschool and kindergarten. Please visit https://catholicbestchoice.org/affordability/ to apply. Welcome scholarships are awarded on a first come, first served basis.

EdChoice renewals and new applications will open on February 1.



Tuesday, Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day Friday, Feb. 17 - No School (Teacher Inservice) Monday, Feb. 20 - No School Wednesday, Feb. 22 - Ash Wednesday Friday, Feb. 24 - 1st Lenten Fish Fry Sunday, Feb. 26 - 1st Sunday in Lent



ST. BERNADETTE BOOSTER NEWS

The Boosters facilitate girls' volleyball, girls' and boys' basketball teams and help to maintain Ventura hall (gym) as well as some supporting areas on our campus. The next Athletic Booster Meeting will will be held on Monday Feb 6th at 7:00 pm in the gym.

Among topics will be the following:

- *Final preparations for the Lenten Fish Frys are coming up soon. (The first one will be Feb 24th) We always can use a lot of volunteers to make it a successful event.
- *Nominations and elections of Athletic Boosters board members. Believe it or not the current board will complete 2 years in May. Per the by-laws we have nominations in March, and elections in April. We have some positions that need to be filled and are always looking for new energetic parishioners and parents to join!

Saint Bernadette School Spirit Week 2023

February 6th-10th

Monday PJ Day	Tuesday Sports team Day	Wednesday Wacky Tacky Wednesday	Thursday Character Day	Friday Class color Day
On Monday, you can roll out of bed and come right to school! Wear pajama attire to school.	Support your favorite sports team by wearing a jersey or sports attire.	Pull into school in the most wacky tacky outfit ever! Wear mismatched, tacky attire.	Dress up as your favorite character from any book, movie, or TV show.	Wear your grades' assigned colored attire (shown below) with removable accessories for Mass.
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For each day you dress up, bring in <u>one dollar</u>.

Grade colors:

Kindergarten- Purple

1st grade- Red

2nd grade- Green

3rd grade- Pink

4th grade- Light Blue

5th grade- Orange

6th grade- Yellow

7th grade- Dark Blue/Navy

8th grade- Rainbow Tie Dye

Staff/ Teachers- Black and White

Happy Spirit Week!



GIVE THE GIFT OF MUSIC in 2023!

A special message from Mrs. Lana

Music is VERY analytical, greatly enhances critical thinking, and improves math scores and self- confidence! Kickoff the new year with Piano Lessons with Mrs. Lana. Special discount for our St.

Bernadette students ONLY! Contact Mrs. Lana for details about registration, screening, learning materials, and scheduling before space runs out! llana@stbernadetteamelia.org



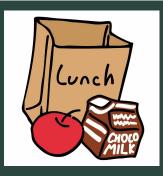
Instructions for setting up your SafeParish™ account are HERE.

New to volunteering? You start by opening a SafeParish™ account, get the needed on-line training, and learn about any required background checks. Click on the link to get started!



LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR AREA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

MCNICHOLAS HS
MOELLER HS
ST. XAVIER HS
URSULINE ACADEMY
ST. URSULA
MT. NOTRE DAME
ROGER BACON HS
ELDER HS
MERCY MCAULEY HS



Set up your Titan Account for school lunches.

Lunches are provided through West Clermont School District and are made on our premises. Lunches are \$3.00 this year.

To set up your account, you will need your child's school ID number. This is the same ID number seen on your child's Gradedlink page.

You should be able to create your <u>Titan account</u>, load the **PaySchool account** and <u>apply for free or reduced priced lunches.</u>



You May Be Eligible

Even families who don't receive government subsidies can be eligible for Free or Reduced Priced lunches. Go to your Titan account and click on "Meal Application." Click through the form until you are able to note your income or other qualifying circumstances. Although families receiving SNAP benefits are automatically eligible, they still have to apply every year. Make sure you've taken advantage of this service, if you are able.

Apply for free or reduced priced lunches.

Church News



TOTUS TUUS 2023

Seems incredible, but we are preparing for Totus Tuus 2023. Teens meet Sunday June 11 -Thursday June 15, 2023, 7:00pm-9:00pm and Children Grades 1 – 6 meet Monday June 12 - Friday June 16, 2023 from 8:40am-2:30pm. Full SE6 Parish Pot Luck is Wednesday June 14, 2023, 5:15-6:15pm in the St Bernadette Gym. This is a full SE6 Parish event, so we will have room for 150 children and 80 Teens. We will need approximately 100 volunteer adults and four host families from the 4 churches of our SE6 Parish to make this work for all.



SUMMER FESTIVAL

Thank You to those of you who have already stepped forward to help with our 2023 Festival. If you are still prayerfully considering what you might do to help make our "Celebrate Life at the St. Bernadette Festival a success, please join the group and volunteer! We **need Your Talents**. The Festival in 2023 will be on Friday and Saturday, August 18th and 19th, 2023. Please contact Mike at:

<u>faithformation@stbameliaparish.o</u> <u>rg</u> if you will be willing to be a big part of our big success!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Help PTO with School and Parent Events!

This button will take you to a sign up form...All kinds of help is needed...everything from helping to set up a concert to organizing an event. A few of these may require SafeParish registration.

PTO and School Event Assistance

Supervise Students During Lunch Periods

Lunch supervision is a big help to the teacher in the cafeteria! Requires SafeParish registration.

Cafeteria Assistance

Recess Volunteers

This service requires SafeParish registration. Get your steps in and spend a half hour from 10:00-10:30 for morning recess, or about an hour during lunch recess. Your presence will increase playground safety by giving the teacher on duty another pair of eyes, and the kids will love seeing you there!

Playground Patrol

Quick Links

Lunchroom volunteer sign-up

FACTS Login

Recess volunteer sign-up

Remind Sign-up

St. Bernadette volunteer sign-up

Newsletters/Handouts

2022-2023 School Calender

Parent/Student Handbook under revision

Parish Website

To set up Lunch Instructions

Free and Reduced online application

PTO

Schoolbelles (code S1952)

Gradelink

Virtues in Practice (at home materials - Year 3, Year of Charity)

Kroger Rewards

Box Tops Bonus App

<u>1n5 Foundation</u> (great mental health information)

Mind-Peace (to find mental health providers - click on "Search for Providers")

<u>Beacons of Light - Pastoral Planning and</u> <u>Parish Families</u>

SafeParish instructions

COVID-19 LINKS

Ohio COVID Vaccine Program
Get the Shot Ohio
Search Available Vaccine Sites
Myths and Facts: COVID Vaccine
Cincinnati Children's COVID site
Clermont County Public Health

If you or your child is exposed to someone with COVID, wear a mask for 10 days. If symptoms develop, assume you are positive for COVID and start the isolation period. If you remain symptom free, test on Day 5. If the test is negative, finish out the remaining 5 days wearing a mask. If you test positive, begin your isolation period.

If a parent is positive, it is important to isolate away from your child(ren) at home, otherwise you continue to expose the child to COVID and the mask wearing will continue 10 days past your last date of infection. (yikes) Children who are close contacts should absolutely stay in school and stay masked for 10 days. Teachers will also be masked whenever they are a close contact.

We have a modest supply of rapid tests. Call the office if you need one.



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