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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you to all who came to tonight's Meet the Teacher Event!

YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks were distributed to students today if they had been ordered last spring and paid for. There are a *limited* number of yearbooks available for sale in the main office. To purchase a yearbook (first come, first served) send in \$18.50 to school with your child's name on the envelope. Cash or check - checks can be made payable to St. Bernadette School with "yearbook" on the memo line.

More Forms Headed Your Way...

Our last round of school-wide forms will be given to the youngest or only child

in your family after the Labor Day holiday. We will be needing Title I eligibility forms, handbook acknowledgement forms, and perhaps one or two more. All forms will also be linked to our website for your convenience. Please complete them as soon as possible and send them back to school.

Did You Know...?

The flyers that appear in our newsletters as well as any forms we distribute can be found on our website? Open the drop-down menu for "About Us" on our navigation ribbon. Select "Principal's Newsletters and Handouts" and scroll through the lists provided. There is also a hot link below under the "Quick Links" header.

COVID: Close contacts wear a mask.

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.

Big "Asks"

In the Principal's meeting tonight I mentioned that I have some big "asks" for donations. You may be a family who is able to assist with some of these needs, you may work for a company that matches your donations, or you may know someone looking for a worthy cause, a special project, or an easy tax deduction. We need:

- A new PA system: Cost estimates vary based on hard-wired vs. digital systems, the amount of coverage needed, and the customization options availability for campus emergency notification. Our current hard-wired system will not support the additional speakers we need in hallways and restrooms to alert students in the event of a campus emergency. A new unit with additional channels is needed, as well as upgrading some of the wiring throughout, and running new cable. (\$7,000 before labor.) A wireless system would be far more flexible, and far more expensive. (\$20,000+)
- A website designed for school use, easily edited by school personnel, interfacing with several social media platforms, and easy for parents to use.
 Cost estimates average at a minimum of \$7,000 for initial set-up, with annual licensing thereafter in the \$5,500+ range, depending on modules purchased.
- An outdoor learning space, encouraging connections and interactions with nature. No estimates or designs have been initiated.
- Classroom furniture. Modern students need modern options including desks that move across a classroom and are easily grouped together for collaboration, desks that adjust for standing, or collapse for easy storage, or have dry-erase tops.
- Air conditioning (someday). Our new roof was installed with the reinforcements needed for rooftop units. Fr. Tim is not ready to venture into this investment, but when he is, big big dollars will be needed.

Unpacking

Thanks to the generous donation received last year to establish STEAM learning and creative problem-solving, we have purchased quite a bit of curriculum and materials for Science Technology Engineering Art and Mathematic projects. We have always had STEM/STEAM projects built into our curriculum, but by investing

additional dollars into some specialized workspaces, storage, and collaborative learning kits, and by supporting our teachers with professional coaching in this area, we are developing better resources and bigger opportunities for your student. Stay tuned for updates on our progress!

In Christ, ~Mrs. Ingram



ON THE HORIZON...

Sept 2: (and every Friday Morning): All School

Mass 8:15.

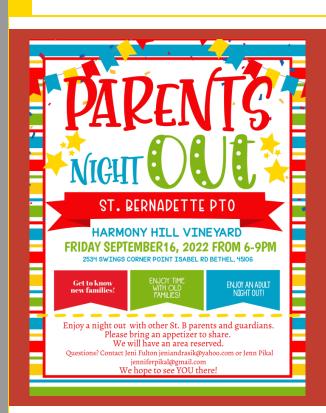
Sept 5: Labor Day - No School

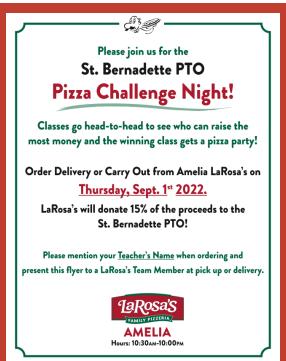
Sept 8: PTO Meet and Greet 6:30 - Cafeteria

Sept 16: Parents Night Out: Harmony Hill

Sept 16: School Picture Day

Oct. 7: Grandparents' Day







Check **Email for** <u>Gradelink</u> **Login Info**

If you are new to our school, or your child is new to the school, you'll need to set up his or her account in Gradelink.

Gradelink is our attendance, grading, and and notification system. You can set alerts to be notified when your



<u>Set up your Titan</u> 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 student receives a particular grade, has an attendance issue, or receives discipline points. It is through Gradelink that emails are sent as well as text messages. When you log into your child's Gradelink account, click on the instructional video link for more information.

seen on your child's Gradedlink page.

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



Wanted: Parents to help lead after school clubs in your area of interest.

If you are willing to share your interest with children, please email Mrs. Ingram. Coaching a special interest club or leading a project to completion is very rewarding (but not paid!) and

enriches the experiences, skills and friendships of our students. All coaches/directors/leaders need to be cleared through the Safe Parish program and background checks. **Write me!** We're open to a lot of ideas: sewing, woodworking, coding, financial literacy/stocks, robotics, theatre, music ensembles, crafting, animation, chess, broadcasting, photography, dance, and more!

St. Bernadette School PFRCONAL PTO VOLUNTEER FORM INFORMATION Name _____ Email Student #1 _____ Grade _____ Student #2 Grade ____ Student #3 _____ Grade _____ Are you Safeparish Trained ? YES NO TELL US A Will this be your first time volunteering with the St. B. PTO? YES NO BIT MORE TAIVOLVEMENT COMMUNICATION FUNDRAISERS/EVENTS INTERESTS Bulletin Board Fall Fundraiser __ Walk-a-thon ___ Grandparents Day Fundraising ___ Family Fun Night Staff Appreciation Flyers Week Trunk or Treat/Halloween Event Setup/Cleanup No Preference Book Fair Volunteer Recruitment Father/Daughter Dance Website/Social Media Mother/Son Event

Are you able to commit to attending 1 meeting every other month? YES____ NO____



What Skills/Expertise & Areas of Interest Would You Like to offer to the PTO?



Volunteer Opportunities

We are refreshing Sign-Up links for Lunchroom Help and Recess Duty. Thank you to those who signed up at tonight's meeting! Please consider spending time on our campus in these positions. Both of these "jobs"

give you an opportunity to see our students socialize and play. Children love seeing their mom or dad on campus - particularly the younger students. (Older students might complain or ask you not to come, but down deep, they're proud of your participation and support!) The links for these signups will be live NEXT WEEK.

All Volunteers and Staff must register with SafeParish™

The Archdiocese uses SafeParish™ exclusively for safe environment compliance. Even if you have had a



Virtus account, you must open an account with SafeParish™. Virtus accounts are no longer being used. 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!

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To set up Lunch Instructions

Free and Reduced online application

PTO

SafeParish instructions

Schoolbelles (code \$1952)

Gradelink

FACTS Login

Remind Sign-up

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</u> - Pastoral Planning and <u>Parish Families</u>

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



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