

August 22, 2019

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Meet the Teacher and Ice Cream Social

Please join us for Meet the Teacher on Monday, August 26. Enjoy some ice cream, meet your child's teacher, see the classrooms, connect with other parents, and more!

Please note:

All sales and information tables and ice cream will be in the Gym (Ventura Hall)

- **5:15 GYM: NEW PARENT CHECK IN.** All parents new to the K-8 school are asked to sign in for more information. (This location changed from earlier this week.)
- **5:30 GYM:** Ice Cream social begins. Also in the gym: used uniform sale (and drop off), pick up for pre-ordered School Kits. Spirit wear is in the Gym Lobby.
- **6:00 Meet the Teacher Session 1**
 - Grades K, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 in homeroom class rooms
 - Grade 6 in Stievenard with the 6th grade team
 - Grades 7 & 8 in Mrs. Proffitt's classroom
- **6:30 *All parents and teachers meet in the gym for important announcements.***
- **7:05 Meet the Teacher continues Repeat of Session 1**
 - All meeting locations as noted above
 - Gym and Lobby re-open for sales, ice cream, and info

From the Desk of Mrs. Ingram

Dear St. Bernadette Families,

The beginning of the school year is so exciting and there are several items of business that you'll take care of at Meet the Teacher. As usual, however, in the first or second week of school I will be sending home two additional forms:

- 1) Verification you have read and understand our handbook and
- 2) Verification whether or not your family meets the income threshold for free and reduced lunches.

Both forms are required by the Archdiocese, and the verification regarding income is directly tied to our funding for certain services. Since these are required for compliance purposes, we will send home hard copies of these forms in the "home" folder of the youngest (or only) child, and notify you so you can be looking for them. The forms will also be posted online, in case they should get misplaced.

Please note that our Thursday newsletters are the PRIMARY source of information. Handouts and announcements for school events are linked here. Once a newsletter is emailed, a flyer has been posted, or a registration form has been published, it can also be found directly on our website. www.stbameliaschool.org > About Us > Principal's Newsletters and Handouts. Check it out!

Please be sure to read all newsletters and honor all deadlines.

Enjoy the last few days of summer, and keep us in your prayers as we launch a new school year!

Blessings,
Lizanne Ingram

The First Day of School K-8

On the first day of school, students can arrive between 7:30 and 7:45 and play on the playground. At 7:50, they will line up in homerooms, and go into the gym for our 8:00 assembly. Students arriving after homerooms have cleared the playground should proceed immediately to the gym next Wednesday.



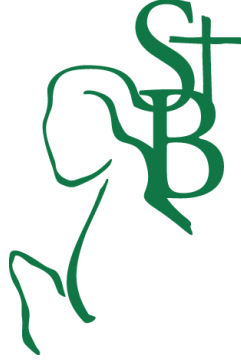
Parents are welcome to stay for the first part of the assembly. In fact, if you plan on dropping your child off on the first day, help us welcome students to the new year by forming a "tunnel" on the sidewalk into the gym. Applaud our students as they walk down the sidewalk!

After prayer, the Pledge of Allegiance, and our school pledge, parents can have a few seconds to take a photo, and then you are on your way to...

...The Boo-Hoo/Yahoo breakfast! Whether you're a little sad on the first day of school or giddy with relief, stop in the cafeteria for some goodies and coffee with other parents. Parents of kindergartners remember: your children are dismissed at 11:00 on the first day of school.

Starting Thursday, the students will come into the school building at 7:45, and any student arriving after 8:00 needs a tardy slip from the main office.

Our School Pledge



*As a student (or parent, or teacher)
at St. Bernadette,*

*I will be respectful in my words and actions for myself, my
family, our community and our God.*

*I pledge my heart to greater love
My soul to more reverence and
My mind to better decisions*

So that I may be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ.

VIRTUS Training

All adults who volunteer, coach, teach, moderate, or lead students in any way are required be trained through the Virtus program. Even parents who want to attend class parties or accompany classes on field trips must be trained. Training is free, and its purpose is to inform all adults about keeping students safe in our school and parish activities. As educators, we want as many adults as possible to be current on safety issues so we can protect our children. Please consider becoming Virtus trained, even if you do not yet have a role on campus!

The next training at St. Bernadette is Tuesday, September 10 from 6-9 in Stievenard Hall. Adults can register online starting Monday, August 26, by going to www.virtus.org and establishing an account. All attendees must be pre-registered. Once you have an account, look for training sessions in our area, and enroll in one convenient to you. You can train anywhere - just remember to list St. Bernadette as your primary location.

Once you've been trained, you'll receive a bulletin every month via email. Read the bulletin and answer the question at the bottom. Staying up-to-date on bulletins is easy, and it is necessary in order to be in good standing. Thank you!

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Next Week:

- **Monday, Aug 26** 6th Grade to Camp Joy 7:30 a.m.
- **Monday, Aug 26** Meet the Teacher 5:30 p.m.
- **Monday, Aug 26** Online registration for Virtus training (Sept. 10) opens
- **Wednesday, August 28** First Day of School - Kindergarten dismisses at 11:00.

ON THE HORIZON...

- **Mon., Sept. 2** Labor Day - No school
- **Tues. Sept 3:** First day for 3-yr-olds
- **Weds. Sept 4:** First day for 4-yr-olds
- **Weds. Sept 4:** K-8 Mass at 8:15. All are welcome!
- **Tues. Sept 10:** Virtus training 6-9. Pre-registration is required.

