

August 29, 2019

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## Small school. Big heart.

### Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our first two days of school have gone very well...It always takes me several weeks to advance the students into the next grade. I looked at some students today and couldn't believe they were fourth graders already. Yesterday Tru said, "Kindergarten is really going well today. Wait. No. First grade is really going well today." So, I'm not the only one struggling with new grade designations. We are all just warming up, after all.

Kindergartners stayed the whole day today and did a great job at lunch and with afternoon instruction. Splitting the 5th graders for some classes seems to be working out well, eighth graders were "harvesting" some cabbage plants today (yes, decomposition is part of the life cycle of a head of cabbage), and Miss Giwer was suitably impressed at the quality of writing she saw in class. Next week we'll be assessing reading and math skills in most grades. This is a good jumping off place as we help students set some goals for the trimester. It also helps us establish interventions, if needed.

We gather for Mass every Wednesday morning during the regular parish Mass at 8:15. Next Wednesday is our first of the year and you are always welcome to worship with us! **Grandparents Day** is Wednesday, September 11 and it begins with Mass. Grandparents sit with their grandchild(ren) at liturgy, and then they come into the classrooms for some light refreshments and a look around. We hope to see lots of grandparents that day.

Please note: Responsible Use of Technology forms went home this week. If you do not have one from your child, it can be found [HERE](#). Please read, sign and return.

Thank you for a great Meet The Teacher night, and for helping your student be ready to start school. Your support means the world to us!

Blessings,  
*Lizanne G. Ingram*

### QUICK LINKS

School Calendar 2019-  
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August/September  
Lunch Menu

— WELCOME —  
BACK TO SCHOOL

Cafeteria Volunteer  
Sign-up

FACTS Login

Parish Website

PTO

Virtus Login

Schoolbelles (code  
S1952)

Gradelink

Newsletters/Handouts

Parent/Student  
Handbook

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

Kroger Rewards

Scrip Order Form

Box Tops Bonus App

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

## UPCOMING...

- **Mon, Sept 2** - Labor Day - No school
- **Tues, Sept 3** - First day for 3-yr-olds
- **Wed, Sept 4** - First day for 4-yr-olds
- **Wed, Sept 4** - K-8 Mass at 8:15. All are welcome!
- **Thurs, Sept 5** - [LaRosa's Pizza Night Challenge](#)
- **Tues, Sept 10** - Virtus training 6-9pm. Pre-registration is required. **See info below**
- **Tues, Sept 10** - Magazine Drive Kick-off

## ON THE HORIZON...

- **Fri, Sept 13** - Professional Day, No School
- **Thurs, Sept 19** - Picture Day
- **Mon, Oct 14** - Professional Day, No School
- **Mon, Oct 28** - Book Fair begins



## GENTLY USED UNIFORMS NEEDED!

Do you have gently used, outgrown uniform shirts, girls plaid uniform jumpers, skorts or skirts? If you do and would like to donate them to the school, please send them to the school office. They will be forwarded on to the used uniform sale. Thanks!



## PIZZA CHALLENGE NIGHT!

Our first challenge night of the year is on September 5. Mark your calendar to patronize the Amelia LaRosa's and St. B will get %15 of the proceeds! [Click here](#) to print flyer to present to a team member to participate.



## 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](http://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!



### **STVM FOOTBALL**

Come and root on our football teams and cheerleaders. Saturday, August 31 is our home opener for Bandit, Pony and Reserve teams. All games will be played at St. Thomas More: Bandits at 9:00am, Pony's at 10:30am and Reserve at noon.



### **MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES**

Mind-Peace is an organization that helps families find a mental health provider based on your zip code and other defining considerations. The 1N5 Foundation provides information about individual disorders online, including valuable information about the prevalence of particular challenges families face, and what to look for in your child or a loved one.

HOTLINKS:

[1n5 Foundation](#) (for great information)

[Mind-Peace](#) (click on Search for Providers)

**Suggestions and Requests!**

