

SAINT BERNADETTE SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I've been searching for an Easter message to offer you and keep coming up short. It's not that my faith in the Risen Christ is shaken, it's just I'm not sure when we will really feel as if Lent is over.



We have spent all of Lent consumed by news of the coronavirus. When we celebrated Ash Wednesday on February 26, there were 15 known cases of COVID-19 in the US and no deaths. Six weeks later, we have half a million known cases and nearly 19,000 deaths in the US. In the meantime, jobs are being lost or furloughed, your children have been out of school for a month with more weeks at home ahead, and we are wondering how this will end, and what life will look like when it does.

This will end. Not soon, but eventually. We will continue to cancel this or that, we will wish it were different, and we will plow ahead, six feet apart, masks on our faces, one day at a time. Little by little, things will improve. But until things improve, we will suffer. There's no point in saying otherwise.

On our faculty retreat, the leader encouraged us to offer our suffering up in prayer and to offer it specifically for the good of someone else. Just as Christ suffered for our good, our suffering can be offered as prayer for the healing of others, the financial well-being of our fellow families, the mental well-being of every student and teacher. This "cup" of COVID will not pass us by, but we can bear up under it and pray through it until we come out on the other side.

In every challenge, there is Grace. The gift of quarantining is more family time. The gift of disappointment is that it teaches resilience; the children will be stronger for this. In the meantime, though, you might feel like you're drowning as this situation drags on because you are being asked to do more and be more than ever and you're doing it in near isolation. I say NEAR isolation because we are here for you.

When we start assigning new lessons next week, we are providing as much "normal" as we can for your child, but please let us know if there's something else we need to do to help. I am still your principal, still willing to speak to a child who needs a nudge or a pat on the back, still looking for resources to help our families, still supporting our wonderful staff. In so much change, some things are the same.

According to our faith, Lent is over and Easter approaches. The threat of the coronavirus cannot be our sole focus. Instead, we will continue to support one another in our quest for good health, trust in God's steadfast love for us, and rejoice in promise of the Resurrection. Easter will come.

In Christ,

~Mrs. I

NEW ASSIGNMENTS

Teachers will be assigning work via email, or Zoom meetings, or video instruction as much as possible, even in the younger grades. We are trying to eliminate as much in-person contact as possible.

ZOOM has been in the media lately because some meetings have been hacked by outsiders in big school districts. We continue to use this platform with confidence because our Zoom meetings are not publicized and only those invited to the meeting can enter the meeting.



CANNED FOOD DRIVE and KROGER GIFT CARDS

Please continue to bring in canned foods and any non-perishable items, paper towels, toiletries, cleaning supplies, etc. to help replenish the shelves for our St. Vincent DePaul Society. We will continue to collect all through the quarantine period. Families may drop off donations to school at the bus lane in the box labeled for donations.

Kroger gifts cards, or money donated to help purchase them, are needed for our families who will now depend on St. Vincent DePaul's food pantry to help offset the larger grocery bills and lack of school-based lunches that this extended closure will inflict. Please send this kind of support directly to the parish.

EDCHOICE EXTENSION OF DEADLINE

THE APPLICATION PERIOD FOR THE TRADITIONAL EDCHOICE SCHOLARSHIP AND EDCHOICE EXPANSION SCHOLARSHIP IS NOW OPEN AND WILL CLOSE AT 11:59PM ON MAY 30TH, 2020. INCOME VERIFICATION DOCUMENTS ARE DUE MAY 30, 2020.

EDCHOICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2020-2021 RENEWAL FORM

Please use Birth Certificate for student data

STUDENT INFORMATION	NAME:	FIRST _____	MIDDLE _____	LAST _____
	DATE OF BIRTH:	_____		GENDER: MALE <input type="radio"/> FEMALE <input type="radio"/>
	GRADE STUDENT WAS IN ON JANUARY 1, 2020:	_____		
	SCHOOL CURRENTLY ATTENDING?	_____		
	WHAT SCHOOL DISTRICT DO YOU LIVE IN?	_____		
	WAS YOUR STUDENT ACCEPTED FOR ENROLLMENT? PLEASE CHECK ONE <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	_____		
ARE THERE ANY SIBLINGS ATTENDING THIS SCHOOL? IF YES, PLEASE LIST HERE: _____				

Guardian Signing Scholarship Checks I am the (check one)

Natural Parent Legal Custodian (court documents required)
 Adoptive Parent Guardian of student applying for scholarship funds
 Residential Parent Student is at least eighteen years of age

PRIMARY GUARDIAN	NAME:	FIRST _____	MIDDLE _____	LAST _____
	DATE OF BIRTH:	_____		SSN# LAST FOUR DIGITS: _____
	PHYSICAL ADDRESS:	_____		
	CITY, STATE, ZIP:	_____		COUNTY: _____
	PHONE: _____	E-MAIL: _____		
	RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT: _____			

SECONDARY GUARDIAN	NAME:	FIRST _____	MIDDLE _____	LAST _____
	DATE OF BIRTH:	_____		SSN# LAST FOUR DIGITS: _____
	PHYSICAL ADDRESS:	_____		
	CITY, STATE, ZIP:	_____		COUNTY: _____
	PHONE: _____	E-MAIL: _____		
	RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT: _____			

PLEASE ATTACH A CURRENT UTILITY BILL AND RETURN TO PRIVATE SCHOOL BY April 15, 2020.

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