

SAINT BERNADETTE SCHOOL



Small school...from a distance.

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I thought by now I'd have something new to say about our long-distance learning environment, or if the schools will reopen by April 6, etc., but I really do not. I think we must plan for more weeks of home instruction, and we need your input on the surveys I've sent (see below).



Our calendar originally had us off school on Tuesday, March 31 for a teacher in-serve/retreat. We have moved that to Friday morning. **THIS COMING FRIDAY, April 3, teachers will be in a web-based Lenten retreat in the morning. Please do not expect a response to emails or phone contact on April 3 until after lunch.**

I've been asked about Spring Break. First, please know we are honoring our spring break time. I'd like teachers to have time to catch up with grading and planning, resting, re-charging, and maybe looking at resources when they can catch their breath. Please do your best to honor their time away from email, etc., from April 6-13. I think all of our parents and students have been doing a great job in light of all these challenges, and although it may seem counter-intuitive to some, taking a break now still seems prudent.

School resumes Tuesday, April 14. I know younger grades will need more in-hand

materials by then. We will work on the best way to get you all you need. More about that, later.

Can you help us with a few of things?

1) Please complete a survey for us. I meant to get this out a couple of days ago and did not. It seems to me that one grade differs just enough from another that one survey for everyone would not do, so I was struggling with that. The surveys are timed to be sent at 4:00 p.m. today (Saturday). Please complete them by Monday. Let me know if you have trouble opening. I think I removed all restrictions for other users, but may have missed something.

I sent one out for each grade, so you might get more than one. Please complete one for each grade in which you have a child enrolled.

2) We need some photos for our yearbook! This state-wide response to an unprecedented event is sure to live in our memories, but we'd like some photos to document what "school" has been like for you at home. In the photo, above, kindergarteners try a group chat from home. They miss each other! And, although a group chat isn't nearly as satisfying as being friends in the same classroom, I am at least grateful that this challenge was handed to us in March and not September...all of our students are much more savvy by March and the routine of school has been well established by then, so we can capitalize on that.

3) I've received a call for help from our friends at the Clermont County Emergency Management Agency. They are asking for any Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) we can spare...

- sanitizers
- gloves
- masks
- antibacterial wipes

*I will be taking taking stock of what we can donate from our school's supplies. I know that we do not have much, but we have some. I'm hopeful that, by the time we return to school, we will be able to replenish the supplies of those items ourselves. These PPE items are needed for folk on the frontlines and will be distributed by the Clermont County Health Department. *If you have any unopened supplies at home you can donate, please drop them off at school.**

Regarding DROP-OFF on Monday, March 30: CHANGES

- **Third grade** families still need to drop off materials for Mrs. Duffey and Ms. Giwer **on Monday at the bus lane and overhang**. Please check your emails for specifics. You may leave PPE and St. Vincent DePaul donations in a marked bin there. I'll be nearby and will check them periodically on Monday.
- **Students in Grades K, 1, and 2: Drop off has been changed to Friday evening, April 3** and will include any hard copy assignments from last week and this coming week, unless you've submitted them in some other way. We collect between 4-6 p.m. on 4/3, in the bus lane and under the overhang between the modular and the main building. Donations to CC Health Dept. and SVD will also be accepted there.
- **Grades 4-8:** No drop off; all assignments are to be submitted online, but feel free to drop off any donations on Friday from 4-6 p.m.

EdChoice legislation has changed once again, but deadlines have not. See the note, below.

Do you need to hear from me more often? I'm trying to stay out of people's way, and do not want to overload you. I'll be online, in ZOOM on Monday afternoon from 1-3 p.m. To join the meeting on Monday, click [HERE](#). Email is also a good way to stay in touch. Your students are welcome to stop by as well! I intend to have Zoom office hours more regularly. Let me know what you think would be helpful. There's a question on the survey that addresses this issue, as online contact during hours that work for you.

Alternatively, if you'd like me to give you a call, there's an option for that on the surveys, too, or just shoot me an email.

Blessings on all your efforts!

Mrs. I

P.S. Remember the story, "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?" There's a little play on that in a meme, given to me by another principal, and it's ripped right from the book. We are all in this together! Scroll to the bottom.



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 Lent. Families may drop off donations to school or during the drop off/pick up times for student classwork. Please be generous. 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.

EDCHOICE UPDATE: The designated schools list has officially been reverted to the list from 2019-2020, so new schools, particularly those in our area, are no longer on the list. If you are contemplating an application for the income-based scholarships, remember that the **deadline is still APRIL 15**. The form is below. Email me if you have any questions.

The form is titled "EDCHOICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2020-2021 RENEWAL FORM" and is from the Ohio Department of Education. It is divided into several sections:

- STUDENT INFORMATION:** Includes fields for NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST), DATE OF BIRTH, GRADE STUDENT WAS IN ON JANUARY 1, 2020, SCHOOL CURRENTLY ATTENDING?, WHAT SCHOOL DISTRICT DO YOU LIVE IN?, WAS YOUR STUDENT ACCEPTED FOR ENROLLMENT?, and ARE THERE ANY SIBLINGS ATTENDING THIS SCHOOL? IF YES, PLEASE LIST HERE.
- Guardian Signing Scholarship Checks:** A section with checkboxes for "Natural Parent", "Adoptive Parent", "Residential Parent", "Legal Custodian (court documents required)", "Guardian of student applying for scholarship funds", and "Student is at least eighteen years of age".
- PRIMARY GUARDIAN:** Includes fields for NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST), DATE OF BIRTH, SSN (LAST FOUR DIGITS), PHYSICAL ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP, COUNTY, PHONE, E-MAIL, and RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT.
- SECONDARY GUARDIAN:** Includes the same fields as the primary guardian.

At the bottom, it states: "PLEASE ATTACH A CURRENT UTILITY BILL AND RETURN TO PRIVATE SCHOOL BY April 15, 2020." There is a small "1" in the bottom right corner.

Do you have a favorite meme or cartoon that's helping you smile during the COVID break? For those of us managing Google Classrooms, this one is hilarious...send me one of yours and if it passes the "G Rating" test, I'll publish it here. Hang in there, everyone!

Teacher,
Teacher,
What do you see?



I see 300 Google
Classroom
notifications
looking at me

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