

January 3, 2019

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#### LA ROSA'S CHALLENGE

There is still time to participate in the LaRosa's challenge tonight! Dine-in or carry out until 11:00 tonight. The St. Bernadette PTO will receive 15% of all sales. [Click here](#) to print out the flyer that will need to be presented and don't forget that classes compete for the most sales so don't forget mention the teacher's name.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I recently submitted our Emergency Operations Plan (safety plan) to the Dept. of Education and in doing so, was reminded of some thoughts to share with you:

- The backpacks that we were filling in September still need some items. These are "kits" for the teacher to take with him or her as a classroom is evacuated and they include some first aid, safety gear, and handy tools in the event of an evacuation and/or relocation. If you feel so inclined, please consider a monetary donation to help us purchase the remaining items. Just write "safety backpack" on the memo line of a check, or on the envelope of a cash donation you send in with your student. Thank you!
- We will be using the Gradelink text messaging system to notify you of any kind of emergency. Since those messages limit the number characters I can use, email will be used for the more detailed, follow-up type of messages. On an emergency text from Gradelink, "**SBS**" appears first. Think of it as "**St. Bernadette School.**"
- Some safety details are deliberately kept secret from our families for now, such as where our student or family reunification sites are located. This is a precaution in the event of a deliberate assault. Those details are released only when needed during an emergency.
- Unless you are instructed to come to school during an emergency, please do all you can to stay AWAY from the campus. First responders will need as little interruption as possible and additional private vehicles will impede the access of emergency vehicles and pathways. We will communicate updates and instructions with you as often as possible. If we need your help or your vehicle, you will know!
- In the event of a campus assault, parents with weapons - with or without concealed carry licenses - should also STAY AWAY. Police officers are trained to look for a gun, not the faces of people, and in assault simulation training, the well-meaning parent with a gun is always shot. The "tunnel vision" that a police officer must have under duress is needed in those situations, but it will likely end badly for the friendly but armed parent.

We will be holding a "full-scale functional exercise" in the coming weeks. The details have not been decided with Pierce Township and The Clermont County Emergency Management Office, but we will have that settled by the end of January. Such an exercise

requires some kind of simulation - usually an active shooter drill. A book we will share with younger students is "I'm Not Scared, I'm Prepared." Our goal is to equip your child with enough information and strategies to survive such a situation, but some fear or worry is bound to accompany that effort. Please be attentive to the needs of your child as we begin discussing the drill. I will share more information as it is available.

There are a number of great announcements below...read on!

Blessings,

Mrs. Ingram

## QUICK LINKS

[School Calendar](#)

[2018-19 On-line Calendar](#)

[Lunch Menu](#)

[Volunteer Sign Up](#)  
(still need volunteers)

[FACTS Login](#)

[Parish Website](#)

[PTO](#)

[Virtus Login](#)

[Schoolbelles](#)  
(code S1952)

[Gradelink](#)

[Newsletters and Handouts](#)

[Parent-Student Handbook](#)

[Virtues in Practice](#)  
(at home materials - Year II, Year of Hope)

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- **January 21** - Martin Luther King Day - No School
- **January 25** - Shadow Day for prospective 1st-7th graders, 8-3. First of two, reservation required.
- **January 27** - Open House 12-2pm

## On the Horizon...

- **February 15** - Shadow Day for prospective 1st-7th graders, 8-3. Second of two, reservation required.
- **February 27** - On Your Way to K! Shadow day for prospective Kindergartners. Two sessions: 8-11 and 12-3. Reservation required.



### LAROSA'S BUDDY CARDS

Buddy Cards are ON SALE NOW to benefit the 8th Grade trip to DC! Buddy Cards are \$10 each and have 14 "Buy one large pizza, get a large cheese pizza FREE"

deals. Good for one year after you activate your card. To order, send in cash or check made payable to "St. Bernadette" in an envelope with your name and child's

class. Add ATTN: BUDDY CARDS to the envelope and we'll return Buddy cards to you right away. Sincerely, St. B Class of 2019



**Kroger Community Rewards Program**



The Kroger Community Rewards program is an effortless way to earn money for St. Bernadette - all you need to do is shop. Kroger awards funds to local non-profit organizations like St. Bernadette based upon your purchases at any Kroger store but **ONLY IF YOU REGISTER FOR THE PROGRAM.**

If you have registered before, we suggest that you verify that St. Bernadette is still your designated non-profit organization. Check the bottom of your Kroger receipt. If it states: "You requested Kroger donate to St. Bernadette Church/School," then you are registered and already helping to support your parish.

If your receipt does not mention St. Bernadette, and you have a KrogerPlus card account, then go on-line and designate St. Bernadette.

- Go to: [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com).
- Sign-in using your KrogerPlus card username (e-mail) and password.
- Click on "View Your Rewards Details"
- Look for St. Bernadette listed under Organization Name. (See adjacent screen shot.) If it is not listed there, click on the Edit button and look for St. Bernadette in the list provided. The Organizational Number for St. Bernadette is 80155.
- Log-off the web site when completed.



If you don't have a KrogerPlus card account, then follow these steps:

- Go to: [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com). Be sure to have your KrogerPlus card handy. If you do not have a KrogerPlus card, you can obtain one at the customer service desk at any store.
- Click on "Create An Account".
- Complete the information requested (zip code, the Kroger store where you normally shop, e-mail, password, your name, and your KrogerPlus card number).
- When completed, you will get a message to check your e-mail inbox and click on the link within the body of that e-mail.
- Click on "My Account" and use your e-mail address and password to proceed to the next step.
- Click on "Edit" Kroger Community Rewards information. Update or confirm your information.
- Enter NPO number (80155) or name of organization (St. Bernadette) from list and click on confirm. To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see your organization's name on the right side of your information page.

Once St. Bernadette is your designated non-profit organization, all you need to do is use your KrogerPlus card every time you shop at any Kroger store.



**Slice of the Pie.**  
FUNDRAISING EVENT

**Pizza challenge Night**



**Come together to help raise funds for the St Bernadette PTO. Classes compete head to head to see who can raise the most funds. Be sure to mention your teachers name.**

**Please join us.**

**We will donate**

**15%**

**of our proceeds to**

**St Bernadette PTO**

**January 3rd, 2019**

**10:30 AM - 11:00 PM**

Please present your flyer to a Team Member to participate.



**AMELIA**

**Dine In • Delivery • Carry Out**

We love to help the neighborhoods we serve!

Amazon
Kroger
Butterbee's
Home Depot
LaRosa's
Pierce Point Cinema
Bob Evans

Best Buy
Skyline
Walmart



Want to support St. Bernadette? All you need to do is see a movie; fill-up your fuel tank; buy your groceries; get some new shoes; or just have dinner at a nearby restaurant. It's that easy - just use gift cards available from the St. Bernadette Scrip Ministry.

Gift cards are available after most weekend masses in the Gathering Space. You pay the regular price for each gift card. We maintain a supply of gift cards from many local businesses and some national stores. If we don't have a particular gift card, ask us and we will attempt to get it by the following Sunday. You can also order on-line and pick them up at Church. If you don't know what gift card to purchase for someone, we offer gift certificates (\$10 or \$25) that can be exchanged for a gift card.

Stop by after mass and talk to a member of the Scrip Ministry team.

iTunes Target Kohl's Lowe's Arby's

**HELP SUPPORT OUR SCRIP MINISTRY**

**Click here to see what gift cards are available and to print out the order form**



**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**  
The Archdiocese of Cincinnati

The Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) is again accepting applications for needs-based elementary school tuition grants for the 2019-2020 school year. Grant awards range from \$250 to \$1,000 per student and can be used at any Catholic elementary school within the Archdiocese. The deadline to apply is January 31, 2019.

Flyers that include details on the CEF grants can be downloaded in English and Spanish by clicking the links below:

[English Version](#)

[Spanish Version](#)



**SMART911.com**

Attention all St. B families AND your extended family and friends: Want to help first responders have important information about you and your family in case of an emergency? Go to [SMART911.com](http://SMART911.com) and click on "Sign Up Today." Create a Safety Profile so that emergency information

will be automatically displayed to an operator if a call is made to 911 from the telephone numbers that you register. You can include as much or as little information as you like, including emergency contacts should someone in your family call 911.



### **EDUCATION SAVINGS OPPORTUNITY**

Are you looking for ways to start saving for your children's college education? [Click here](#) to access some information from the National Catholic Education Association about the 529 Plan.

**Suggestions  
and  
Requests!**



### **HAVE A SUGGESTION?**

The best part about being a small school is that no question, no frustration and no innovation should go unaddressed. Is there something on your mind? Click on the orange button on the left (Suggestions and Requests). Here's to a great year!



### **REMIND**

Don't find yourself in a bind, SIGN UP FOR "REMIND"! When you sign up for REMIND, you will receive occasional texts throughout the year reminding you of upcoming deadlines, events, and other important school information. Just text @stb45102 to 81010 to receive reminders and important school news via text.

