

January 13, 2022

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I have news for you in two specific areas:

ACCREDITATION

Please complete the [Parent Survey](#)

The survey will close on Friday, January 21, and your input is immensely important for our self-study. If you haven't done this yet, please take care of it right away!

Teachers have completed their surveys, and students in grades 5-8 will be completing student surveys next week.

COVID-19

The data in the chart below is dismal, but probably even worse than it looks. **Over 1.1% of Clermont County is currently reported as sick with COVID.** We know that there are people with COVID who are not testing to confirm, we know that those who get a positive result on a home test, or who are presumed positive often fail to report this to the Board of Health. The numbers I share with you each week are from a massive database from various boards of health. If positive cases are not being confirmed or reported, you can bet the numbers are higher in reality. Also, remember that the county numbers are always based on per 100,000 residents. Clermont County has over 200,000 residents, so double the case rate for a closer approximation. Let's be clear: Over 1.1% of Clermont County is currently reported as sick with COVID. That is 100 times higher than is considered acceptable for in-person learning.



Despite the incredibly high transmissibility of the Omicron variant, and the unheard of number of cases in our community, it is time for St. Bernadette to look ahead. We can do this because school-aged children and their teachers and parents have the ability to get a free vaccine against COVID-19. Where we once felt a huge responsibility to create a COVID-resistant environment while a vaccine was developed, it is now up to families to make the school safer by actually *getting* vaccinations and booster shots.

Per discussion with the COVID Task Force last month, we will continue to mask through January, while Omicron burns through the population and hopefully peaks. Take advantage of this precaution by getting vaccinated now because at some point (yet to be determined), we will not be universally masking, even if community numbers are higher than we'd like. Be aware that Omicron re-infects, it is a significant threat to the unvaccinated for serious illness and death, immunity after illness fades, there are still dangers to children and adults in the aftermath of an infection, and a next variant may be far more dangerous. **The medical community is stressing this message: Vaccination is the best possible tool we have.**

If your child is vaccinated, THANK YOU! Please make sure the Office has that information. Close contacts who are vaccinated do not have to quarantine; we need to know if your child has been vaccinated as we notify families of close-contacts.

Blessings on your evening,

Mrs. Ingram

P.S. Go Bengals! Students are encouraged to dress out and support the Bengals (and the 8th grade), by paying \$1.00 for Bengals Spirit Day tomorrow. Wear accessories, Bengals tops, comfortable pants, but no leggings as pants...see Wednesday's email.



ANNUAL FREE THROW COMPETITION



Saturday January 15, 2022 at 10:00am
 St. Bernadette Elementary School Gym
 1453 Locust Lake RD
 Amelia, OH 45102

Registration at the Door Starting at 9:30am

For ages 9-14

Each Age Group will have a winner who can then advance to the District Championship in February

Any Questions

Contact Justin Wille 513-578-2564 or wille.hoffa.2009@gmail.com

St. Bernadette School Family Bowling Event



Cherry Grove Lanes

Sunday, January 16th

2pm-4pm

\$10.95/Bowler

Note: Kids need to wear gym shoes with rubber soles. Price includes shoe rental for adults and 1 soft drink per bowler. Masks are strongly encouraged. Please return the bottom form and payment by Fri. January 7th.

Family Name: _____

Number of Adult Bowling: _____ x \$10.95/ea= _____

Number of Children Bowling: _____ x \$10.95/ea= _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Bowler First Names: _____

Bowling Lane Requests*: _____
 *Requests could include sharing a lane with a friend, being assigned to a lane near a friend, bumper bowling, etc.

 **MARK YOUR
 CALENDARS!**

LOOKING AHEAD...

- Thurs, Jan 13 - PTO Mtg. 7:00pm (via Zoom)
- Mon, Jan 17 - Martin Luther King Day - No School

ON THE HORIZON...

- Sun, Jan 16 - Family Bowling Event
- Sun, Jan 30 - Open House (12-2pm, for new families only)
- Jan 31 - Feb 4 - Catholic Schools Week

Volunteer Opportunities

We've refreshed our Sign-Up links for Lunchroom Help and Recess Duty. Please consider spending time on our campus in these positions. Both of these "jobs" give you an opportunity to see our students socialize and play. Children love seeing their mom or dad on campus - particularly the younger students. (Older students might complain or ask you not to come, but down deep, they're proud of your participation and support!) The links for these signups are in the QUICK LINKS, below.

NEW!! FOR LOVERS OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, ARTS, AND MATH (STEAM)

We have been blessed with a very generous cash donation from a past parent. Our task now is to use that money for the development of a makerspace for our students. Mrs. Ingram needs the input and elbow grease of parents who work or recreate in these fields to develop a resource here for our students. Although we take pride in integrating STEM projects and concepts across grade levels, now we have an opportunity to intentionally equip a classroom that can be used specifically for this purpose. STEAM has been a push in education for many years. Adding Arts to the mix pulls creativity and the humanities into the room. Creativity + Technology is how real-world problems get solved. Would you like to help us dream, vision, shop, and innovate? Contact [Mrs. Ingram](#)

Curious about makerspaces? [Check out this article.](#)

Data Used to Support In-Person Learning

1 st Metric: Clermont County		2 nd Metric: Clermont County		3 rd Metric: St. Bernadette School data		
7 Day Sum of Daily New Cases	Goal: <10	Percent of COVID tests: positive	Goal: <5% (CDC) <3% (Harvard)	Cumulative COVID cases	Isolated (sick)	Quarantined (well) Current
↑↑ 9/7/2021	539	↑ 9/7/2021	12.7%	2	1	15
↓ 9/12/2021	484	↓ 9/12/2021	12%	6	4	9
↓ 9/20/2021	447	↓ 9/20/2021	10.6%	6	0	3
↓ 9/29/2021	357	↑ 9/29/2021	12%	6	0	2
↓ 10/4/2021	346	↓ 10/4/2021	9.7%	9	3	5
↓ 10/11/2021	309	↓ 10/11/2021	9.5%	14	5	40
↓ 10/18/2021	224	↓ 10/18/2021	7.6%	15	2	3
↓ 10/25/2021	161	↑ 10/25/2021	10.7%	15	1	2
↓ 11/01/20	156	↓ 11/01/20	4.4%	16	2	3
↑ 11/08/2021	167	↑ 11/08/2021	5.3%	17	2	0
↑ 11/15/2021	237	↑ 11/15/2021	6.6%	17	1	0
↑ 12/1/202	294	↑ 12/1/202	10.2%	18	1	4
↑ 12/7/2021	439	↓ 12/7/202	9.7%	18	0	9
↑↑ 1/6/2022	874	↑↑ 1/6/2022	21.7%	35	17	10
↑↑ 1/13/2021	1142	↑↑ 1/13/2021	25.8%	40	5	10



CHESS CLUB

Chess Club will start on Friday, January 21st. No matter what their skill level may be, all girls and boys 3rd grade and up, who are interested in playing or learning how to play chess, are invited to join Chess Club on Fridays after school from 3:10 until 4:00. The emphasis will be on friendly competitive gaming that will teach the value of good sportsmanship, as well as teaching strategy and foreseeing consequences. If you

have your own board, you are welcome to bring it – but it's not necessary. Any questions, email dhoffmann@stbernadetteamelia.org



THE BEST PREVENTION

All the data points to this truth: The COVID-19 vaccination is the best prevention against contracting COVID-19 at all, or from needing hospital care for a break-through infection. They are safe, free, and effective.

Please vaccinate, and keep your boosters up to date! Links are below.



All Volunteers and Staff must register with SafeParish.

The Archdiocese is now using SafeParish exclusively for safe environment compliance. Even if you have had a Virtus account, you must open an account with SafeParish. Virtus accounts are no longer being used. Instructions for setting up your SafeParish account are [HERE](#). New to volunteering? You start by opening a SafeParish account, get the needed on-line training, and learn about any required background checks. Click on the link to get started!

If you are interested in volunteering for cafeteria or playground duty, please see the links below to sign-up through Sign-Up Genius.

COVID-19 LINKS

[Ohio COVID Vaccine Program](#)
[Quarantine and Isolation Calculator](#)

[Get the Shot Ohio](#)

[Search Available Vaccine Sites](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions: Quarantining](#)

[Local Statistics](#)

[Myths and Facts: COVID Vaccine](#)

[Cincinnati Children's COVID site](#)

(appointments, information, FAQs, latest research)

[Clermont County Public Health](#)

Quick Links

[Newsletters/Handouts](#)

[Parent/Student Handbook](#)

[Parish Website](#)

[Lunchroom help sign-ups](#)

[Recess duty sign-ups](#)

[To set up Lunch Instructions](#)

[PTO](#)

[SafeParish instructions](#)

[Schoolbelles \(code S1952\)](#)

[Gradelink](#)

[FACTS Login](#)

[Remind Sign-up](#)

[Virtues in Practice \(at home materials - Year I, Year of Faith\)](#)

[Kroger Rewards](#)

[Box Tops Bonus App](#)

[1n5 Foundation](#) (great mental health information)

[Mind-Peace](#) (to find mental health providers - click on "Search for Providers")

[Beacons of Light](#) - Pastoral Planning and Parish Families

