

November 12, 2020

SAINT BERNADETTE SCHOOL

Small school. Big heart.



Pantry items or \$1 = comfy pants (jeans, athletic pants, no yoga pants or leggings), Spirit Wear, or favorite team tops. Proceeds benefit St. Vincent DePaul.

**School
Website**

**Parish
Website**

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Conferences are underway for some teachers, and are being scheduled for others. Most conferences are Zoom meetings and will either include your student directly, or will include your student's goals for the next trimester.



The following teachers are scheduling their own conferences and have communicated their appointment times directly to parents:

Ms. Selm
Mrs. Cayton
Ms. Giwer
Mrs. Alvey
Mrs. Duffey
Mrs. Mattei

Kindergarten conferences can be scheduled [HERE](#).

Conferences for students in grades 6, 7, and 8 may be scheduled on [THIS LINK](#).

Parents who wish to conference with a specials teacher or an intervention specialist should email that teacher to arrange an appointment.

Make a Note of it: CALENDAR CHANGE

We will not be in session on Friday, November 20 so that teachers may have an independent work day to address the current challenges with student attendance from rising cases. Thank you for supporting our teachers by making the necessary arrangements to keep your child home that day.

LUNCH on Thursday, November 19

WCSD will not be providing a hot lunch next Thursday and will substitute a (cold) Turkey sandwich as the Daily Option. Since this is NOT on the WCSD menu, students and parents must be aware of this change for St. Bernadette, only. Mrs. Ingram will send out a reminder as a separate email on Sunday.

More COVID-19 Cases This Week

We continue to monitor the incidences of positive cases in our school community and quarantine students as needed. This week a student is quarantining after a family wedding where members of the wedding party tested positive shortly after, and another student tested positive after having only mild symptoms. The source of that infection is not known, but the student had just participated in a community activity that included students from all over the area and developed symptoms only after the event was over, so others involved in the event had no way of knowing to take extra precautions. Consistent with what the CDC is saying, we see cases where the environment is less structured (athletics, performance groups, family gatherings), and not (so far) from student-to-student contact in the school.

I bring these cases to your attention to illustrate that this virus is very, very tricky. By the time a person experiences symptoms, he or she has already been shedding the virus to the people in their midst for at least a day - probably two or three. This is why close contacts are identified as those people within 6 ft. in the 48 hours prior to symptoms, and why the 15 minutes of contact is accumulative over a 24 hour period.

Please be conservative in judging whether or not to keep a student home when there's illness in your household. We would rather have one student need assistance catching up than send a whole group of classmates home to quarantine several days later.

I'm headed to the Zoom PTO meeting. See you there?

Blessings on your evening,

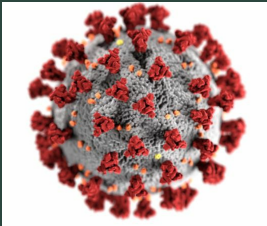
Mrs. Ingram



TONIGHT, NOVEMBER 12, via ZOOM

Join us from the comfort of your home at 7 p.m. The Zoom invite was emailed to parents yesterday directly from the PTO. Please access that email for the agenda, the link, and instructions for the meeting.

Data Used to Support In-Person Learning						
1st Metric: Clermont County data		2nd Metric: Clermont County data		3rd Metric: School data		
7 Day trend of Daily New Cases	Goal: <10	Percent of COVID tests that are positive	Goal: <5% (CDC) <3% (Harvard)	Cumulative St. B COVID-19 cases	Isolated (sick)	Quarantined (well) Current
8/31/2020	9	8/31/2020	4%	0	0	1 (post travel)
↓ 9/8/2020	8	↓ 9/8/2020	3.9%	0	0	2 (post travel)
9/13/2020	8	9/13/2020	3.9%	0	0	1 PT
↑ 9/20/2020	9	9/20/2020	3.9%	0	0	0
↓ 9/28/2020	7	↑ 9/28/2020	4%	0	0	0
↓ 10/04/2020	6	10/04/2020	4%	0	0	2 (close contact)
↑ 10/11/2020	13	10/11/2020	4%	0	0	11 CC
↑ 10/19/2020	18	10/19/2020	4%	1	1	13 CC
↑ 10/26/2020	22	↑ 10/26/2020	4.9%	3	3	25 CC
↑ 11/5/2020	27	↑ 11/5/2020	5.8%	5	2	8 CC, 3 Post Trv
↑ 11/9/2020	35	↑ 11/9/2020	6.2%	6	3	15 CC, 3 PT
11/12 N/A		N/A 11/12		7	3	29 CC, 3 PT



It's Time to Double-Down Our Efforts

(Received today from Alert Hamilton County)

We know you have pandemic fatigue. We do too. Let's do what it takes to get past this virus together. If you are curious why the repetitive information about "masking up, staying home, and avoiding contact with others," it is because data shows that these preventative measures work.

As we get more relaxed with our behaviors and attitudes towards COVID-19, we begin to see even more negative impacts – such as increased confirmed cases of COVID-19 and hospitalizations. Currently, in Hamilton County, the demand on hospitals is high. Our local medical professionals need your help to keep from stressing hospitals even further. Here is what you can still do:

- Avoid gatherings, even with people you know & trust.
- Mask up when in public.
- Stay home if you feel sick or have COVID-19 symptoms.
- Stay home while you are waiting for COVID-19 test results.
- Wash hands regularly.
- Disinfect high-touch areas regularly.

Your behaviors have a substantial impact on your neighbors, your local hospitals, the people you worship with, the people you go to school with, and the people you care about. Do not get distracted – we are not over COVID-19.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

LOOKING AHEAD...

- **Thurs, Nov 12** - PTO Meeting on Zoom
- **Fri, Nov 20** - End of 1st Trimester/**NO CLASSES FOR STUDENTS**
- **Nov 25-27** - Thanksgiving Break

ON THE HORIZON

- **Fri, Dec 11** - Remote Learning Day
- **Dec 23 - Jan 4** - Christmas Break
- **Tues, Jan 5** - Classes resume

BACK THE BINOEDERS

Help us support this family as they face a devastating illness.



- **Meal Train for The Binoeder Family.** *The unique link associated with this Meal Train is: <https://mealtrain.com/6wo1wk> Click on the link to sign up to bring the family a meal.*

- **A Benefit for the Binoeder Family** *is in the works. More information will follow, but for now the coordinators of the Benefit are currently looking for donations & things to raffle off. Items such as Gift Cards, Theme Baskets, Vendor Items from Sales Consultants, Craft items, etc. If you are interested in donating an item or have questions please contact Casey Cornett email: caseyannc3@gmail.com*
- **Prayers** *for Marcus, Heather, Ben and Jenna are continuously needed. Visit the Grotto in prayer, or go online and offer a **Rosary**, start a **novena to St. Peregrine**, speak from your heart, or simply offer to God any sacrifices you make during the day to the Binoeder's intentions and needs.*



TECH TIPS

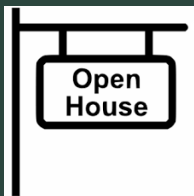
Tech Tips are shared on a monthly basis through this newsletter and are posted on a bulletin board at school. These are tips that help students, parents, or teachers. If you have one to share, please email Mrs. Roesel at croesel@stbernadetteamelia.org.

EXTRA MATH HELP

For extra Math help, Google a math topic, followed by "worksheet with answers." For example, to get help with fractions, type, "fractions worksheet with answers" in the search bar, and you will see lots of examples of how to work through problems with fractions.

WHAT IS GOOGLE MEET?

Google Meet is an online meeting tool. For each Classroom on Google Classrooms, there is a Google Meet link that is created when the Classroom is created. Teachers may use that any time for a quick meet up with remote students. You can find this link under the Classroom name on the home page.



HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

It's time for our 6th, 7th and 8th grade students to start thinking about High School. Below is a list of High School links for Open Houses, Virtual Tours and other information about the schools.

- ~~**McNicholas** - October 25 & 26~~
- ~~**St. Ursula** - October 25~~
- ~~**Ursuline Academy** - Oct 31, Nov 1~~
- ~~**Moeller** - November 1~~
- ~~**Mt. Notre Dame** - November 1 & 2~~
- ~~**Xavier** - November 12 & 15~~
- ~~**Purcell Marian** - November 8~~
- ~~**Mercy McAuley** - November 8~~ Mercy McAuley's Admissions Application Deadline is November 21. November 21 is an important deadline for all 8th grade families applying for admission to Mercy McAuley. November 21 is the deadline to submit the required Admissions Application. A completed Admissions Application is required in order to be considered for admission to Mercy McAuley. November 21 is also the deadline to submit the FACTS Financial Aid Application, the Catherine McAuley Scholarship Application, and the Spirit Scholarship Application. Details and links to all of these applications can be found at www.mercymcauley.org/classof2025. Any questions may be directed to Alli Miazga, Admissions & Recruitment Coordinator, at 681-1800 x2272 or miazgaa@mercymcauley.org.

WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS

CAN YOU HELP AT LUNCH or RECESS?

We have a great need, and anything you can offer will be appreciated.

We need volunteers to assist us with lunch distribution. This is an easy volunteer task! Any day you have to offer helps us and we only need you from 11:00-12:30. Working from home? Maybe you could squeeze us in? Sign up for LUNCH HELP.

Teachers are eating lunch everyday with their students and supervising on the playground, too, thanks to the pandemic. We could really use some help on the playground so that teachers can get a bit of break at lunch time. Please click HERE to sign up for playground help. Virtus required.



GREAT GIFT IDEA FOR CHRISTMAS!

Mrs. Lana has a few spots available for piano lessons in your home, after school. This would be a great Christmas gift for your aspiring musician, or a way to get "Jingle Bells" wafting through the air this season! Contact Mrs. Lana at llana@stbernadetteamelia.org for more details.



Ages 5-12 • Sign up now!

SATURDAY, NOV. 21 • 1:30 PM

Mad Science via Zoom

1:30 p.m., Saturday, November 21

During this highly-interactive Fire and Ice event with Mad Science, we bring the heat and really "cool" (get it?) experiments. We'll explore the concepts of matter and pressure.

Science lovers watch as our friend Eggbert gets "pushed around" by air pressure with the help of a lighter. Pingpong balls defy gravity with columns of air.

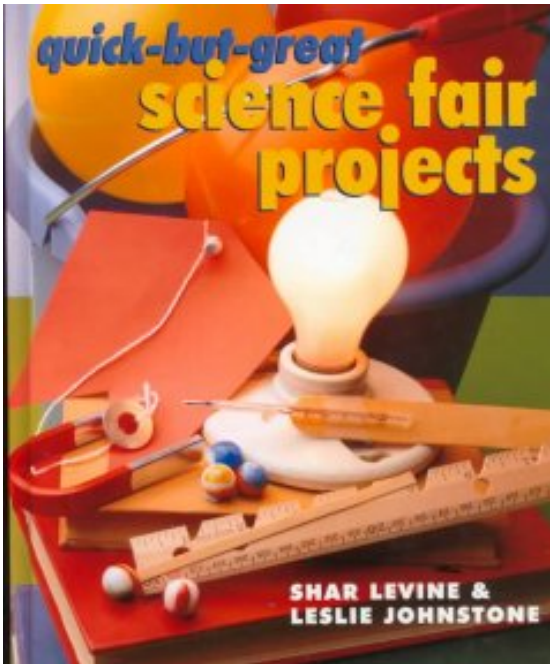
We close with a series of dry ice experiments that include shivering quarters, giant burps, bubbling potions, and more. But don't leave, because after you will get the

chance to ask a real Mad Scientist your science questions!
Registrants ages 5-14 will need to sign up with a valid email address to receive the Zoom link to participate in the event. [CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)

Library Science Fair

Join us for our third annual Library Science Fair, hosted virtually for 2021. Participants in grades K-12 will record a video of their Science Fair project to submit to the judges. Winners will be announced during a video broadcast on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 7 PM; prizes will be distributed at the branch of the winner's choice.

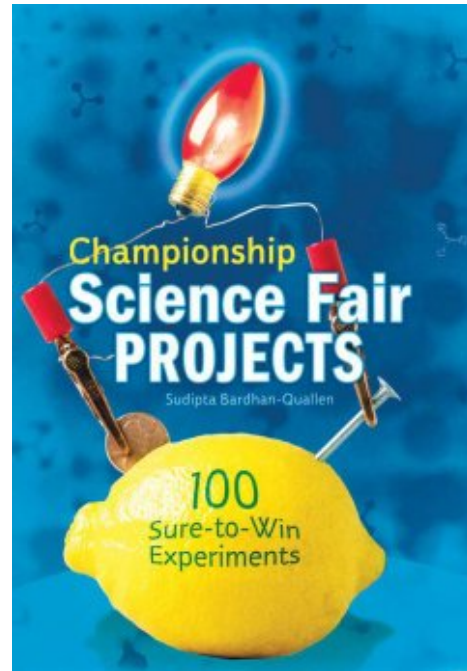
Sign up by Saturday, December 19 by 5 PM.



Quick-but-great science fair projects

by Shar Levine

Provides information on the basics of science fair projects and suggestions for a variety of projects using easily obtainable materials. [CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)



Championship science fair projects : 100 sure-to-win experiments

by Sudipta Bardhan-Quallen

Presents step-by-step instructions for one hundred science projects that use everyday supplies. [CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)

Quick Links

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

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[Box Tops Bonus App](#)

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

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

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