

October 29, 2020

SAINT BERNADETTE SCHOOL

Small school. Big heart.



Happy Halloween, Sabers!

[School Website](#)

[Parish Website](#)

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you to the students and parents who've gotten their flu shots so far. This is really important!

GOOD NEWS

The free lunches provided through West Clermont will continue for the rest of the school year! The federal waiver that has made this program possible has been extended until the end of June. This means that regular volunteers and intermittent volunteers are going to be needed throughout the school year. Please help me thank our unsung heroes so far: Robert Row, Diane Hinkle, Denise Byrum, John Dickhaus, Jenn Pikal, Tara Jungkunz, Angie Robey, Mike Jones, Diane Brunner, Christina Klump, Dana Yacchari, Amanda Hein, Jennifer Krois, Ashley Huegel, Amber Fairbanks, Nikkita Pardini, Maggie King, Janet Sparks, and If-I've missed-you-please-forgive-me. Most of these people are squeezing us into an already booked day of working from home or a precious day off. To get your name on this illustrious list, [click here!](#)

CELEBRATIONS

It was so fun to see students in costume yesterday, and three students took home



the pumpkins carved from the Great Pumpkin Character Challenge. We had so many wonderful entries that teachers and students decorated some, too. The pumpkins I carved encompassed the ideas from several entries and they were raffled off this afternoon. Erik Benkelmann took home The Saber (above), Jonathan Byrum won the Unicorn Ballerina, and Madison McPherson snagged the Howling Wolf. Thank you so much for helping your children enjoy a bit of Halloween with us this week. Angie Tucker took a ton of pictures yesterday, many of which are bound to show up on our St. B Facebook page (our live feed from yesterday is still there, too). Take a look!

COVID UPDATE

I hope you had a chance to read my letter dated 10/26 about additional COVID cases in our building. As mentioned, these cases were familial in nature. What we suspect is that the original source came from contact in a poorly controlled sport environment. In a Zoom meeting this afternoon, the Commissioner of the Board of Public Health said that where there are controlled environments - schools and businesses that are following CDC guidelines - spread of COVID is very rare. That is, if someone in the population tests positive, other individuals in the school or business are not becoming infected. So far, that has been our experience, too. Our efforts...our masks, our cohort groups, the quarantining, increased air flow/filtration and sanitation schedules **are** helpful.

Students tend to become ill through their participation in sports, birthday parties, overnight events, and family events, since these types of gatherings generally have less compliance with wearing masks and distancing. The bottom line: if your environment is well-controlled and your personal choices line up with guidelines, it's much, much harder to become sick, and that helps everyone.

Halloween parties and trick-or-treating are two activities that may cause additional community spread. For some ideas about making them safer, visit [HERE](#).

I am often asked, "When we will have to go remote?" and the answer is always, "It depends." The county going red or purple will not necessarily mean we have to go remote, but we might be required to if the hospitals are out of beds, or if we don't have enough healthy teachers to remain operational. There isn't a magic number in the data to trigger a school closing at this point. We're tracking the data found in the chart below because it helps us see trends so that we can be wise in our decisions.

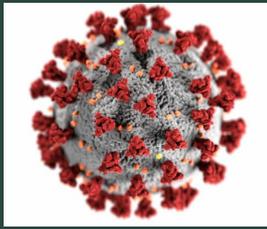
Right now, it is clear that the spread in our county is accelerating rapidly. Please do all you can to stop the spread because once again, we need to "flatten the curve" and our children can be super-spreaders. Controlled environments and good choices are our best hope for staying healthy, and staying in session. Be smart, and well.

Blessings on your evening,

Mrs. Ingram

P.S. Remember to visit our online Bookfair event! Bookfairs increase student interest and confidence in reading; there are so many titles to choose from, and St. B. teachers benefit from those purchases, too!

Data Used to Support In-Person Learning						
1 st Metric: Clermont County data		2 nd Metric: Clermont County data			3 rd Metric: School data	
7 Day trend of Daily New Cases	Goal: <10	Percent of COVID tests that are positive	Goal: <5% (CDC) <3% (Harvard)	Number of St. B COVID-19 cases	Isolated (sick)	Quarantined (well)
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 (post travel)
↑ 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



TAKE ACTION AGAINST A WINTER SURGE

It is time to recommit to all of the protective habits we've been developing as a community AND layer on some additional practices to counteract a fall/winter surge. Taking extra precautions makes it possible for us to stay in school.

- **Limit your circle of contacts.** Reduce the number of people you are in regular contact with as we go indoors. Keep your "quaran-team" smaller and more exclusive. This will reduce the number of close contacts who might be affected if you become ill, and will reduce your exposure as well.
- **Pare down all indoor family/social gatherings** ...Football gatherings and Thanksgiving come to mind. "Family" isn't always the same group as "household." Because your children have several contacts in school, visiting with relatives in a different household may be dangerous for everyone. The people who track viruses for a living recommend we keep Thanksgiving small and private to our own homes this year.
- **Wash your mask, and your student's mask every night.** Would you take a band-aid off a skinned knee and move it to the finger with a paper cut? Of course not! Using the same mask without washing it daily is similarly gross and full of germs. Please get in a routine of regularly washing masks. **How to wash masks.**
- **Please don't travel** any more this fall and winter unless it is absolutely necessary. If you must travel, check the **Travel Advisory link**. If the infection rate at your destination is 15% or higher, you and your student will need to quarantine for 14 days when you get home.
- **Get a flu shot...kids, too.** If you've ever been on the fence about this, make this the year you commit to getting one. The best arguments for a flu shot this year are that having one helps your PCP diagnose you more quickly if you get sick, and reducing influenza in the community is another way to keep hospital beds available for other needs.



BOOK FAIR

Our Book Fair is online! Support our school and help your child discover new books, favorite characters, complete series, and more! You'll love the fun new option to shop for Book Fair exclusives directly from the interactive booklist and enjoy free shipping on book-only purchases over \$25. **Click here** to view the flyer.

The Book Fair runs from October 26 until November 8.

It's a new school year... let's instill a new-found love of reading!



Please join us for the
St. Bernadette PTO
Pizza Challenge Night!

Classes go head-to-head to see who can raise the most money and the winning class gets a pizza party!

Order Delivery or Carry Out from Amelia LaRosa's on
Thursday, November 5th 2020.

LaRosa's will donate 15% of the proceeds to the
St. Bernadette PTO!

Please mention your Teacher's Name when ordering and present this flyer to a LaRosa's Team Member at pick up or delivery.



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 1453 LOCUST LAKE RD., AMELIA, OH 45102
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TWO WAYS TO SHOP ONLINE!

Oct. 26 - Nov. 8
 EARN SCHOOL REWARDS ALL YEAR, PLUS FREE SHIPPING ON BOOK ORDERS OF \$25+

THE SCHOLASTIC STORE
 6000+ titles

Support our school by shopping The Scholastic Store Online for an expanded selection of exclusives, new releases, value packs, and more. All orders ship home and book-only orders over \$25 ship free. Every purchase **benefits our school** and helps develop a love of reading.

NEW VIRTUAL FAIR!
 360°

- Experience the joy of book covers, characters, and much more
- View exclusive book trailers and related reading lists
- Shop over 200 hot, new books and premium titles

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BACK THE BINOEDERS

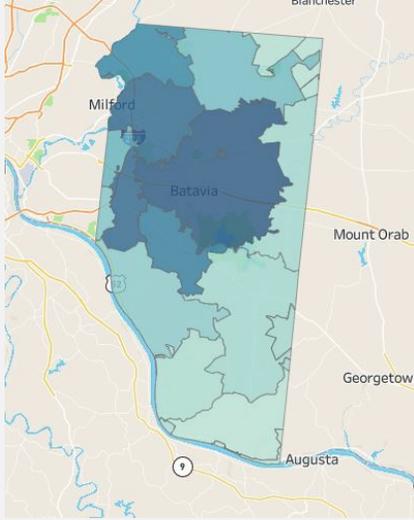
Help us support this family as they face a devastating illness.

- **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.*

COVID-19 Cases by Zip Code

You can see the number of active cases by zip code on the Clermont County Public Health website. The interactive map, pictured left, is found at the bottom of the site. The link is below.

[Clermont County Public Health data](#)



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

LOOKING AHEAD...

- **Fri, Oct 30** - Professional Development (No Classes)
- **Sun, Nov 1** - Daylight Savings Time ends
- **Tues, Nov 3** - Election Day (Vote!) and Student Pizza lunch.
- **Thurs, Nov 5** - LaRosa Pizza Challenge Night - [Click Here](#) to print
- **Thurs, Nov 5** - Picture Retake Day
- **Fri, Nov 20** - End of 1st Trimester
- **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



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
- [Purcell Marian](#) - November 8
- [Mercy McAuley](#) - November 8
- [Xavier](#) - November 12 & 15

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.

Quick Links

School Calendar 2020-2021

Lunch Menu

[Link to Order Lunch](#)

Newsletters/Handouts

Parent/Student Handbook

[COVID-19 Handbook](#)

[Recess Volunteer sign-up genius](#)

Parish Website

PTO

Virtus Login

Remind Sign-up

Schoolbelles (code S1952)

Gradelink

[order](#) FACTS Login

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

