

SAINT BERNADETTE SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Task Force needs a small set of data from our families to proceed. This third (and FINAL) survey needs families to specifically state their intentions for the fall, to voice their level of concern, and to weigh in on policy issues such as masks, latch-key, testing positive, etc. It is the shortest survey of the three.



On our first survey, we asked if any families were "quaran-teaming." We'll be using those responses to plan for our staggered start. Ideally, we would put students in groups according to family and close associations. That way, should we have an outbreak in our school, or should a community outbreak be so significant as to force some sort of closure, we could consider staggered attendance to get us through. In a staggered situation, coming to school with families you already closely associate with is safer than a random mix.

Our second survey, launched 11 days ago, is still being tabulated. If you did not complete that survey, the link is below.

One of the issues we are addressing on our survey is face masks. As a matter of course, all children will need at least two cloth face masks. If you have not had your child wear a face mask, please begin to do so. Because we know that families need choices, our team has researched several sources for your information. We have also included information on face shields. Face shields will not be required, but some people may need or want to use them instead of face masks *some* of the time. If a child uses a face shield, he or she must still have cloth masks to use in

specific situations. Even though younger children will not be wearing cloth face coverings as often as older children, they will need to wear them sometimes, and need them to be handy at school.

A donor has already supplied the kindergarten class with face shields, but you may want your own for use at home or in public.

I recommend families begin to purchase face coverings for the fall. While we finalize our school policy, it is a good idea to have at least one of the child's masks be plain in color. Some children will want/need LOTS of masks!

Check these links to give you an idea (you may have found others, too):

[Kids Face Masks](#)

[Free patterns for DIY masks](#) (some parents have suggested St. B logos)

[Masks and shields](#)

[KlearStand Anti-Fogging Adjustable Shields](#)

A final policy for wearing face coverings at St. Bernadette will be adopted early next week, after we combine your input with what we already have from the CDC recommendations, the State of Ohio guidelines for re-opening schools, and the input of our task force and faculty.

FINAL Survey (#3) [Community Concern and Policy Survey](#) Please complete this by Friday, July 24.

Survey #2 - launched July 10. Complete if you have not already.

[School Connectivity and Distance Learning Survey](#)

Please continue to communicate whenever you have a question or concern. If you need to contact me privately, leave your name in a text message to my cell: 513-226-3301, or email me with a time and number to call you. The names of the people serving on the Task Force and their emails are in the green box, below. You are welcome to contact us with your concerns or thoughts.

In Christ,

~Mrs. Ingram

A NOTE FROM OUR NURSE

Nurse Diane asks that families take care of the following over the summer:

KINDERGARTEN: Make sure all immunizations are up-to-date before school starts. Remember to submit a current immunization record from the pediatrician.

RISING 7TH GRADERS: Parents need to submit proof of meningococcal and Tdap vaccination from your physician if you have not yet done so.

FESTIVAL INFORMATION

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and restrictions on public gatherings, St. Bernadette's Festival Committee and Fr. Timothy Ralston made the difficult decision to cancel the annual parish festival for 2020. At this time, with so many unknown factors, we cannot consciously continue planning a major event that draws in thousands of people every year.

In lieu of the cancelled festival we will still be holding a virtual Bid N Buy, Basket Raffle, and Major Raffle during our scheduled festival weekend. If you are interested in donating or helping with these events, please see the information at the end of this letter and how to contact Emily Wille.

All donations will need to be turned into the parish no later than July 26, 2020. More information will be coming soon regarding these virtual events. We hope to see you all next year in August 2021. We pray you all are staying healthy and safe during these difficult times. If you have any questions regarding the festival please send us an email at stbfestivalcommittee@gmail.com.

Blessings, St. Bernadette Festival Committee

Please contact Emily Wille for donation questions, pick-up or drop-off arrangements. 513-882-8386

WANTED: LIBRARY BOOKS!

We are missing 39 books from our school library. Could you check your home, please? They can be dropped off at school. There is a bin between the two school buildings, under the roof in the bus lane. Thank you!

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