

August 10, 2021

SAINT BERNADETTE SCHOOL

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Small school. Big heart.

Do you have used uniforms for us? Our PTO re-sells uniforms as one of their fundraisers. If you have any to donate, please contact Craig Meisman at cjmeism@yahoo.com. PTO earned over \$500 at the kindergarten Meet and Greet, and will be selling used items at the K-8 Meet the Teacher, too!



Dear Parents and Guardians,

This is the third of several back-to-school newsletters. Today's focuses on Positive Behavioral Intervention and Support (PBIS) and how we expect it to affect our school community.

A School-Wide PBIS system (SW-PBIS) makes a conscious effort to tie our expectations for student behavior to targeted values. It embraces the idea that students will rise to the behaviors that are specifically taught, and positively reinforced.

To start this effort, a committee of teachers and staff attended training in June and have been meeting to complete a plan of action. The first step was to name the behavioral values. Our students can think of them this way: "We are **SABERs**" and the initials stand for their behaviors. We are **S**afe; we are **A**ware; we are **B**ig-hearted; we are **E**ngaged; we are **R**espectful.

Next, the committee has drafted a series of behaviors for specific locations. What does it mean to be "safe" in the hallways, versus the cafeteria? In what ways can a student demonstrate "respectful" in a classroom versus on the playground? Posters with these targets will be displayed in all the appropriate locations.



The reward system will be based on points for the school-wide program, but individual teachers may use other incentives in their classrooms. Those incentives can be assigned to individuals and/or to their house points. We are meeting with teachers and staff about this aspect later in the week.

As school gets underway, some students are bound to make mistakes or misbehave. In those situations, a teacher's response might be a tried and true correction, or it may be something along the lines of losing house points or a classroom incentive. These finer points are currently on the table for discussion and will likely evolve over time.

Finally, we will invite student feedback, and begin including parents in committee meetings. There are four 8th graders who will give us their impressions and recommendations, and three parents have volunteered to be part of our monthly committee meetings. Students of all ages will be able to let their teachers hear how it's going, as well. A key component of a launch like this one is to consult our data and make adjustments as we go.

We'll launch our PBIS initiative in those first few days of school and continue developing it throughout the school year. Stay tuned!

Enjoy your evening,
Mrs. Ingram

P.S. Next up (on Thursday): What to expect for Meet the Teacher and the first day of school.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

LOOKING AHEAD...

- **Tues. August 10: Preschool Open House 7 p.m., Stievenard Hall**
- **Sat. August 14: Mini Festival at St. B.**
- **Mon. August 23: Meet the Teacher for K-8 (evening event)**
- **Weds. August 25: First day of school for K-8 (half day for kindergarten)**
- **Mon. August 30: First day for four-year-olds and PreK**
- **Tues. August 31: First day for three-year-olds**
- **Mon. September 6: Labor Day (no classes)**

All Volunteers and Staff must register with SafeParish.

The Archdiocese is now using SafeParish exclusively for safe environment compliance as of July 9. Even if you have 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!



VACCINES are NOT Required

A few respondents to our survey have written in their personal reactions to mandatory vaccinations based on the questions asked on the survey. Please be advised that the only vaccinations required for school or school employment are clearly listed by the State of Ohio. St. Bernadette School is not requiring COVID vaccinations of eligible students, although they are highly

recommended by physicians, and we have been advised that both the COVID vaccine and the flu vaccine reduce the overall incidence of respiratory illnesses. Questions about vaccines on our survey are there to help us understand where our community falls on the continuum of COVID vaccinations received so far, to hear attitudes and opinions, and to help us make projections about future vaccination rates. Teachers, at this point, are not required to be vaccinated, although most of our teachers and staff are.

Unlike some childhood illness vaccines, COVID and flu vaccinations are a personal choice for school attendance. Like all vaccinations, though, the rate of vaccination impacts the safety of the general population. We will continue to encourage families to consider COVID and flu vaccinations, but this encouragement is not intended to be pressure. We simply consider it a responsible community service to remind the public and encourage behavior for the public good.

Please remember to complete the short [Vaccine Survey](#) if you haven't yet. So far, 104 surveys have been submitted. We'd love to see even more.

**ST. BERNADETTE SCHOOL
CALENDAR
2021 – 2022**

2021

August 5 Kindergarten Meet and Greet 6:30-8:00 on playground
19-20 Teacher In-Service
23 Meet the Teacher Night 5-8:00p.m.
25 Classes begin-Kindergartners will dismiss at 11:00a.m.

September 6 Labor Day (NO CLASSES)
17 Picture Day
27 Teacher In-Service (NO CLASSES)

October 29 Teacher Retreat (NO CLASSES)

November 1 All Saints Day (NO CLASSES)
4 Picture Retake Day (10:00 - 12:30p.m.)
19 End of 1st. Trimester
24-27 Thanksgiving Holiday (NO CLASSES)

December 21 Last Day of Classes before Christmas Break

2022

January 3 Professional Development (NO CLASSES)
4 Classes Resume
17 Martin Luther King Day (NO CLASSES)
30 Open House 12p.m.-2p.m.

February 18 Accreditation Meetings (NO CLASSES)
21 President's Day (NO CLASSES)

March 4 End of 2nd. Trimester
18 Teacher In-Service (NO CLASSES)
25 Spring Pictures

April 15 Good Friday - Easter Break begins (NO CLASSES)
25 Classes Resume

May 6 Walk-a-Thon
12 Field Day
13 Teacher In-Service (NO CLASSES)
27 Eighth Grade Graduation
30 Memorial Day (NO CLASSES)

June 2 Last Day of Classes (K thru 7)
3 Professional Development

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

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