

Newsletter: August 21, 2020

# SAINT BERNADETTE SCHOOL



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**School  
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*Dear Parents and Guardians,*

*We have received some donations of picnic tables and I am very grateful! If you are interested in helping, please email me. Email: [lingram@stbernadetteamelia.org](mailto:lingram@stbernadetteamelia.org)*



*During the Zoom Q & A with parents the other night, I was asked what we need. In addition to those picnic tables, we will need additional sanitizing wipes throughout the year. Although we have purchased many, we will be asking the students to sanitize their desks and teachers will need to sanitize their rooms, too so cleaning products will need to be replenished throughout the year. Likewise, we are incurring other costs to help make in-person instruction possible. If you have the means to help our COVID costs, we would be thankful.*

*Please note all of the information in this newsletter. The last two forms needed from every family are linked on yellow buttons, below.*

## **Regarding Latchkey**

*Based on the most recent survey, we have more families requesting afternoon latchkey services than space is available. Therefore, if you did not indicate a need for afternoon latchkey services on that survey, it is unlikely that we will be able to place your child in after care any time this year. This is especially true for families who have used latchkey in the past because of practice schedules or other activities.*

*I will be sending an email and survey to the families who indicated a need for latchkey **this weekend** to help us ascertain the number of days coverage is needed as well as some sort of priority-based placement.*

*From a disease prevention point of view, we do not recommend using latchkey services at all because those students will be cross-contaminating the classroom cohort groups across all ages. Placing your child in latchkey will expose him or her to more people, and may accelerate the spread in our school community.*

*We recommend that all families who typically rely on before or after care make alternative arrangements if at all possible. We are aware that some families could not send their child to school without this help, so we are attempting to provide what we can, but it will be very limited in scope, both in terms of how many we can serve, and how effective our precautions may be. Should a child in latchkey test positive for COVID-19, students also in latchkey may need to quarantine, in addition to some of the student's regular classmates. Please consider any other support networks you may have that are already part of your "germ circle" before requesting latchkey services.*

### **Last but not least...**

*Remain hopeful. It can be discouraging to think of all the changes we have made and will continue to make; it can be frustrating to stay vigilant and function within all the guidelines; it can be easy to give up or give in to the fatigue. Please don't. Stay the course and hang in there. If we remain vigilant and hopeful through all of these challenges, we will be modeling the very best in us. We will be telling our children it will be all right.*

*Blessings,  
Lizanne Ingram*



## **NEW FORM NEEDED BY YOUR CHILD'S FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**

- **Acceptable Use of Technology Policy (ONE per family).** This form is **required** by the first day of classes for students in grades 1-8. A Chromebook will not be assigned to your child unless the form is on file in the office. The AUP explains our use of technology, covers our expectations for student use, parental responsibilities, Online and Remote Learning acknowledgements, and replacement cost information. Mrs. Roesel will discuss many of the points included in the document as part of her instruction in computer classes for grades 1-5, however, a student may need to take a device home before that instruction is completed, so most students will need their parents to explain the key points in the coming days. Your student can bring the form to school on his or her first day next week, Wednesday or Thursday, or you may bring it to school on Monday evening if you are attending the classroom walk-throughs.

**Acceptable Use of Technology  
Policy**



## **MEET-THE-TEACHER CLASSROOM WALK-THROUGHS August 24, 5-8 p.m.**

Meet the Teacher is a two-part event this year. Part I is the video your child's teacher sent you. The video is intended to replace the presentations teachers gave in the past. Part II is your visit to the classroom, giving you a chance to see your child's homeroom and our preparations, if you want. If you are more comfortable staying home and away from gatherings, do not worry. Pertinent information is in the videos we are sending.

Families are limited to 10 minute visits, and only three families should be in a classroom at any one time to allow for social distancing. Please take note of any classmates that are sharing your time slot, and if there are already three for your homeroom, please choose a different time. To select a time, [Sign Up](#)

### IF YOU'RE ON CAMPUS...

- Sign up for Scouts
- Drop off Used Uniforms (in a separate, sealed bag, please)
- Buy used uniforms
- See old friends, or meet new families (socially distanced, of course)
- Pick Up School Kits (in homeroom)
- Drop off extra COVID supplies or other items
- Drop off **any** paperwork/forms you owe us:
  - [Acceptable Use of Technology Form](#)
  - [Title I Family Income Form 2020-2021](#)
  - [COVID-19 Acknowledgement of Risks](#)
  - [Parent-Student Handbook acknowledgement](#)
  - Any emergency, volunteer, or bus [forms sent home in January!](#)

SEE YOU THERE! (MASKS REQUIRED)



### TITLE I - FAMILY INCOME INFORMATION

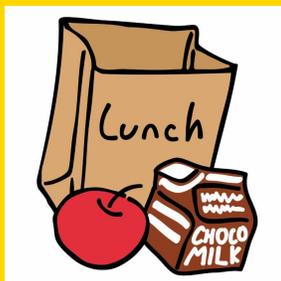
REQUIRED for ALL FAMILIES

Did you know that many of the Corona virus relief dollars assigned to schools are based on a school's "Title I Count?" The federal government uses this information to help level the economic playing field when it comes to resources and support dollars. It is VITAL that we receive a form from every family, even if your income does not qualify for Title I designation. We want to make sure that our count is accurate. Your name is not shared with the government.

Internally, Mrs. Ingram uses this information to provide lunch assistance to families who qualify. Our parish - not the government - pays a portion of a child's lunch costs, or all of the costs, depending on the parent's income. If a family qualifies according to the form, the family's income will also need to be verified through their FACTS information, their EdChoice application, or some other documentation that qualifies their child for free or reduced lunches before parish resources are used.

**The form is due Wednesday, September 2.**

**Title I Family Income Form  
(Required)**



**Kaldi's will be sending us their packet of information for our September 8 lunch launch shortly.** We will email those to you as soon as possible, but in the meantime, please know the following:

1) All lunch orders must be pre-paid. No negative balances will be permitted, and any delinquent accounts must be cleared. To set up and load your child's account,

go to <https://www.ezparentcenter.com>

- 2) Menus will be posted on the EZ Parent App page two weeks at a time. Parents will access the menu and order directly on that site.
- 3) Lunch orders must be placed no later than 8:00 a.m. This includes changes to the order, or cancellations due to illness.
- 4) Because of COVID guidelines, checks and cash will no longer be accepted in the office as payment on the student account.
- 5) Families must pay using the EZ Parent App, which is available 24/7 and immediately credits the account.
- 6) Families may also use Venmo to add money to the account, but it takes two business days for the money to be available in the account.

We are grateful that Kaldi's is finding ways to provide lunches to our students. The menu will be limited at first to minimize food preparation challenges.



## Transportation Information

As of now, local school districts are able to transport to St. Bernadette.

If you live in **West Clermont School District**, you can check your route information **HERE**. The link takes you to Tyler's Versatrans e-Link site.

The User Name is the first two letters of the child's last name, followed by the first four letters of the child's last name. The Password is the child's 8-digit birth date with no dashes or slashes. For example, John Doe, with a birth date of April 1, 1999 would have a User Name of dojohn. The Password would be 04011999.

Once you have logged into the e-Link site, click on the "student" tab for information.

To get information for a child living in Batavia or New Richmond school districts, please call the numbers below.

Batavia: 513-732-0935

New Richmond: 513-553-0266



- **UPCOMING... Mon, August 24** Classroom Walk-throughs from 5-8. Sign-ups required.
- **Wed, August 26** 8:00-11:30 Half day for designated students
- **Thur, August 27** 8:00-11:30 Half day for remaining students
- **Fri, August 28** Distance Learning/Live Stream instruction

### LOOKING AHEAD...

- **Mon, Aug 31 - Fri, Sept 4** *NO LUNCH SERVICE* 1st full week of school
- **Mon, Sept 7** LABOR DAY (No School)
- **Tue, Sept 8** Lunch Service begins.



### MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

Mind-Peace is an organization that helps families find a mental health provider based on your zip code and other defining considerations. The 1N5 Foundation provides information about individual disorders online, including valuable information about the prevalence of particular challenges

families face, and what to look for in your child or a loved one.

#### HOTLINKS:

- [1n5 Foundation](#) (for great information)
- [Mind-Peace](#) (click on Search for Providers)

## Quick Links

[School Calendar 2020-2021](#)

[COVID-19 Handbook](#)

[FACTS Login](#)

[Parish Website](#)

[PTO](#)

[Virtus Login](#)

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

[Gradelink](#)

[Newsletters/Handouts](#)

[Parent/Student Handbook](#)

[Virtues in Practice \(at home materials -](#)

[Year I, Year of Faith\)](#)

[Kroger Rewards](#)

[Box Tops Bonus App](#)

