

SAINT BERNADETTE SCHOOL



— WELCOME —
BACK TO SCHOOL

Small school. Big heart.

**School
Website**

**Parish
Website**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

WOW! The students did a great job yesterday and today and I am really looking forward to a full school next week. Pictured above, Thursday's group in Grade 2.



Tomorrow we will be learning from home, and your teacher has communicated with you and your student about the expectations for that experience. If you are not certain what to expect, please email your child's teacher for clarification.

After our two first (half) days, our teachers have a couple of requests for Monday.

- 1) Be sure your student has a **refillable water bottle**. Drinking fountains are disabled, and it's hot outside!
- 2) **Pack a snack** for your child in grades K-2 for their morning recess.
- 3) If you have **extra supplies** (second pack of paper, packages of pens, etc.)

please **keep those at home** in a safe spot. We have very little room in our classrooms to store extras.

See the **BLUE** box below regarding some distance learning updates.

*Blessings on your evening,
Lizanne Ingram*



Preschool Aide

Duties include preparing materials, disinfecting student areas, supervising students, preparing snacks, record-keeping, and assisting the lead teacher as needed. Interested candidates should email [Mrs. Ingram](#) a resume of related experience and two references by Sept. 1. Hours: 11:30-3:15 M-F.

Virtus required.



ZOOM, PRERECORDED, AND LIVE-STREAMING TOMORROW

Some families will be viewing prerecorded lessons, some will be live-streaming via Zoom, and some will do both.

What are the advantages?

- Prerecorded lessons are helpful when teachers of younger students want to segment instruction and alternate videos with student activity in between. This is useful when parents are assisting and can guide the student more. Prerecorded sessions are also useful for more independent students when the teacher needs to use a document camera for demonstrating concepts, or needs the session to be "on demand" and viewable (and re-viewable) any time.
- Zoom sessions are a way to "live-stream" with the added benefit of the student **interacting** with the teacher and classmates. In a Zoom (or Google Meets) session, the teacher can see the student, ask questions, share their screen, etc. Some teachers use the break-out room feature on Zoom when they want students to work in small groups in real time during the session. Zoom and Google Meets sessions can be recorded so that students who need parental guidance in the evening have access to the lesson that was taught.
- Live-streaming - in its usual form - is the most passive way of delivering instruction because it is normally interpreted as broadcasting the instruction without allowing the student to interact with the teacher in real time. This is our least satisfying educational experience for both the student and the teacher, but may be best in some situations. We will usually be Zooming or using Google Meets for live instruction.

LENGTH OF INSTRUCTION

Your student's time online tomorrow will vary by grade and teacher. Our objective tomorrow is to practice some of the distance learning skills and tools that were taught yesterday or today. We expect some glitches, and will learn from them.

IF WE HAVE TO PIVOT TO HOME INSTRUCTION LATER THIS YEAR...

...it may be similar to the your experience in the spring, only better.

- Student, teacher and parent preparation now means more success later
- Better equipment (some of which has not yet arrived) will provide a better experience
- Rehearsing the use of online resources in class and at home will reduce student and parent frustration
- Student participation will be closely monitored
- Students will be expected to attend their sessions at specific times, in uniform (from the waist up!), and will have narrower timelines for assignments
- Students who are reluctant to be on camera or who are intimidated by the online platform can be coached now for better success later
- Teachers will meet with students in real time, even if prerecorded lessons are used at other times.

Quality online instruction is not an all-day experience. It is not healthy for students to be viewing a screen, especially passively, for six hours a day. When students are in school, we are able to provide a wide variety of activities, movement within the classroom or the school, social time with classmates, and some "down time" periodically. No matter how prepared and equipped we are, there will still be times during the 8:00-3:00 period when your student is NOT online, and this is in your child's best interest. Desk work, reading, and practicing skills can be done offline. Please understand that online learning is neither designed to, nor is it likely to, captivate your student's attention for the entire length of a typical school day.



The SEASON is UNDERWAY!

Please wish our athletes well as they compete this weekend. Spectators are limited to two adults per player (no sibs, and no one else), so they'll appreciate your "good luck" messages from a distance. Watch this space for featured teams!

6/7th grade
8-29 11:15 @St. B
8-30 5:00 @St. Mary

8th Grade
8-29 10:00 @St. B
8-30 6:15 @ St. John

For a complete view of COVID-19 guidelines for athletics this year, visit <http://gccys.com>



LATCHKEY UPDATE

Because of limited space and COVID-19 guidelines, we are unable to offer latchkey to families looking for coverage before or after practices or activities.

Latchkey has been offered to families who applied because of employment hours.

If your work situation changes and you find yourself in need of latchkey coverage, please contact Mrs. Ingram for availability. If we reach capacity, a wait list will be established. Priority will be given to those with essential worker status and highest need.

Latchkey charges for 2020-2021:
\$25 registration fee per family
\$8 for the first hour (3:00-4:00) per child
\$1.75 per 15 minutes per child after 4:00 p.m.



Transportation Information

CORRECTED INFORMATION

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 FIRST 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



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.ezschoolapps.com>

2) Menus will be posted on the EZ School 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 School 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.



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)



- **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.
- **Fri, Sept 18** Picture Day!

Quick Links

School Calendar 2020-2021	Gradelink
<u>COVID-19 Handbook</u>	Newsletters/Handouts
FACTS Login	Parent/Student Handbook
Parish Website	Virtues in Practice (at home materials -
PTO	Year I, Year of Faith)
Virtus Login	Kroger Rewards
Schoolbelles (code S1952)	Box Tops Bonus App

