

March 30, 2023

Small school. Big heart.



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[Parish Website](#)



A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I have a confession to make: In working to catch up on big projects (safety review, accreditation, casting the musical), I neglected to launch a Lenten collection. Let's fix that...

FROM next Monday through next Thursday, we will collect personal care and cleaning items for our St. Vincent DePaul Pantry. Items can be brought to homerooms for student points and sorted into Houses for house points. Items

needed: Body soap, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, combs and brushes, dishwashing soap, detergent, wipes, etc. I know it's only a four-day drive, but I have faith in this community! Please be generous.

FUNDRAISER FOR HONK! JR.

The **Duck Gram fundraiser is going swimmingly!** Orders are being taken until Monday, April 3. These darn ducks are so cute, a couple of students bought some for themselves! We've even had grandparents and cousins get in on the action to surprise students from outside our classroom walls. There is an order form on this newsletter in the windows below. Just click on the image to see the pdf version. Order early! Order often!

Second Posting:

SPRING CONCERT AND ART FAIR

Our Spring Concert and Art Fair will be Wednesday, May 17. The art fair will be open from 5 p.m. until 6:20, and the artwork will be displayed throughout the main building in our halls. Students need to check into their homeroom for the concert no later than 6:15, and the concert will begin at 6:30 in the gym.

SPRING CONCERT ATTIRE

All students: Leave the dark wintry colors at home (dark green, navy, brown, etc.). No white or black...it's all about color!

Boys: Collared shirt in a single (solid) summer or spring color (no white or black); necktie (long preferred) and uniform pants. School shoes or dress shoes - no flip flops.

Girls: Dress or skirt with coordinating modest top. Bright colors, pastels or florals, please. Hems must be at a modest length (about 4" above the knee or longer). Sandals may be worn if they have a heel strap (safety concern on stage). Dress slacks may also be worn, if in the spirit of bright or pastel colors.

CELEBRATE MRS. ELL!

Mrs. Joyce Ell, after *many* years of dedication to our school community is retiring at the end of this school year. Mrs. Kristine Seitz will be working in the main office next year, and has been learning the ropes for the past several weeks. Mrs. Ell says she'll "be around as needed" and we know she won't go far with several grandchildren in the building, but it will still be a change for all of us (me, especially!). Joyce is the one who keeps track of all of us, fills all the gaps when something is forgotten, or someone needs something, or a sub is needed, and she knows where **everything** is! No one deserves this respite more than Joyce. We'll be figuring out some ways to celebrate her and thank her. I'll keep you posted.

Last, I have heard from a couple of people about the sadness, worry, or despair that comes with news of yet another school shooting. Believe me, the safety of the children is always first in my mind, and every single one of us worries about this possibility. I haven't said a lot about this topic for some time, but please keep these ideas in mind:

- School shootings are usually carried out by people familiar with the school, and there seems to be someone who knew the perpetrator as a troubled person. The enemy is almost always from within.
- In order to carry out an act like this, a person must have access to firearms. Using a gun to harm someone else because of one's own despair will not be on the list of possibilities unless the person can get to a gun.
- What helps the most is to know each other better, to be aware of children who withdraw from others or who are tormented socially and do everything

you can to help that situation. Keep building up our community.

- The next best thing to do is to know your child's friends' parents. I think people would be offended if the school surveyed our households for the presence of firearms, but YOU can certainly find out - not even in a judgmental way, just as information or prevention. Remember that children are fascinated by guns and many gun deaths are accidental when a gun was not properly secured. Before your child visits someone else's home, find out if there are firearms on the property, and how they are secured. Better yet, if you are a gun owner, make other parents aware of the steps you take to be a responsible one.
- It's better to be prepared than scared, and there's a limit to how much and how often we should remind our children of these dangers, but we're still going to give your child the routines and procedures he or she needs to feel as safe as possible.

We are scheduling an ALICE refresher for teachers and a schoolwide drill with Pierce Township Police for sometime after the Easter Break, and I'll send you details. We will also be undergoing a "Stop the Bleed" training before the beginning of next school year.

- In this season of Lent, when we are repenting, or working toward better connection with Our Lord, we would do well to remember that we are an Easter people - a people of hope. Let us do what is reasonable, let us love one another in a way that seeks out the broken-hearted and helps them find peace, let us be aware of safety procedures and contingency plans, let us keep our children first...and then let us trust in the mercy of God.

Have a blessed evening,
Mrs. I

[Buy Festival Raffle Tickets Here!](#)



Sunday, April 2 - Palm Sunday
Friday, April 7 - Good Friday (No School)
Sunday, April 9 - Easter
April 7-16 - Spring Break
April 17-21 - Eighth Graders in Washington, DC!

ATTENTION PARENTS

Parent Education Evening: Internet Safety for Teens

All parents of teenagers and preteens are invited to an education program on internet safety on

Tuesday, April 4 at 7 p.m. in the McNicholas High School café. This 90-minute program will be presented by Steve Smith of A Wired Family. It will include updates about apps newly popular among adolescents as well as information about online bullying and the effects of social media use on adolescents. There will also be an opportunity for Q&A. Thank you to the McNicholas Parents Club for sponsoring the event.



DUCK GRAMS

FUNDRAISER

all proceeds to

SUPPORT HONK JR.

MONDAY MARCH 27 - MONDAY APRIL 3

SEND A DUCK GRAM TO YOUR FRIENDS IN ANY GRADE!

1 DUCK
FOR \$1

6 DUCKS
FOR \$5

Ducks will be
delivered
before
Spring Break

Order forms will come home tomorrow - Friday, March 24th

DUCK GRAMS

SURPRISE A FRIEND WITH A UNIQUE RUBBER DUCK FROM MARCH 27 - APRIL 3

WRITE THE QUANTITY YOU ARE PURCHASING ON THE LINES BELOW!

SINGLE DUCKS \$1 GROUP(S) OF 6 DUCKS \$5

TOTAL MONEY ENCLOSED

PLEASE CUT OUT ALL TAGS!
PLACE MONEY AND TAGS IN AN ENVELOPE WITH STUDENTS NAME ON THE OUTSIDE

Thank you for supporting HONK JR.

WRITE FIRST AND LAST NAME! QUACK QUACK! TO: _____ HR: _____ FROM: _____	WRITE FIRST AND LAST NAME! QUACK QUACK! TO: _____ HR: _____ FROM: _____
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EXTRA NAME TAGS CAN BE PRINTED FROM NEWSLETTER OR PICKED UP OUTSIDE MRS. INGRAM'S OFFICE!



McNicholas HIGH SCHOOL

6536 Beechmont Avenue
www.mcnichs.org

Love the EARTH Day

April 24 | 6-8 p.m.

CELEBRATE THE EARTH & THE WONDER OF GOD'S CREATION!


Parents and children of all ages are invited to explore this hands-on learning adventure, designed by McNicholas Environmental Science students. Event is FREE!

EXPLORE
the ecosystems of our Biosphere 3
(sponsored by McNicholas students using recycled materials)

CONNECT
with our sustainability partners

PLAY & LEARN
in our exhibit hall

- ✦ Dig for fossils in the desert
- ✦ Pan for minerals in the mountains
- ✦ Dive deep for an under-the-sea glow event
- ✦ Tackle our reusable/recyclable materials obstacle course
- ✦ Make your own recycled paper
- ✦ Learn about conservation efforts from Hamilton County Soil and Water, the Public Library of Cincinnati, and more!



2023 Kids' Marathon & Cincinnati Children's 26th Mile Event

- The Kids' Marathon program is designed (but not limited to) children ages 6-12 years old, along with their fitness buddies.
- IT IS NOT A RACE! Using the Hog Log, you can begin now and walk, jog, or wheelchair the distance of a marathon (26.2 miles) in small increments, at your own pace.
- You will also have the exciting opportunity to be a part of the real Flying Pig Marathon by finishing your 26th mile on Saturday, May 6, 2023 @11:00am during the Cincinnati Children's 26th Mile event in downtown Cincinnati on our actual course and cross the "Finish Swine".
- Registration includes a shirt, finisher medal and goodie bag at the Finish Swine. (\$15 through April 20, 2023, \$20 after April 21, 2023).
- For students running the 5K (\$25 with promo code **25FPM5KYOUTH** through April 20th) on Saturday, May 6, 2023 @9:00am. (The discount is taken off the final screen before you submit and pay)
- To register see instructions below.

Online Registration Instructions for the 2023 Flying Pig Youth Events:

- To register, copy and paste this link to your browser to be part of the St. Bernadette Team: <https://raceroster.com/registration/157ba883-bccb-4d47-891e-a9d3b1d496c/entry?team=468063>

This takes you to Race Roster, who handles registration for all Pig Works events. If you do not have a Race Roster account, you will need to create one.

- Select In-Person and then make sure your respective event is selected (Kids' Marathon 26th Mile or 5K. (Note: You can register multiple registrants for different events in one transaction).

For The Cincinnati Children's 26th Mile:

- Once the Kids' Marathon 26th Mile, presented by Cincinnati Children's event is selected, scroll down to complete the online registration form
- IMPORTANT:** Under the team section, select "Yes, add this registrant to a school or youth group team" and then select St. Bernadette from the drop-down menu
- Enter promo code **25FPM5KYOUTH** (children only) before confirming registration (The discount is taken off the final screen before you submit and pay).
- Be sure to select shirt size (youth and adult sizes available)

For the Fly Up to 5K (Flying Pig 5K Event):

- Select Flying Pig 5K, and complete the form
- IMPORTANT:** Under the team section, select "Yes, add this registrant to a school or youth group team" and then select St. Bernadette from the drop-down menu
- Enter promo code **25FPM5KYOUTH** (children only) before confirming registration (The discount is taken off the final screen before you submit and pay).
- Be sure to select shirt size (youth and adult sizes available)



MOTHER & SON EVENT

MOVIE

THE SUPER MARIO BROS. MOVIE
@R.J. CINEMA
SATURDAY | APRIL 22
2:00-4:30

\$6.00 per person
1 FREE popcorn per family
RSVP by sending \$ in an envelope marked "Mother/Son Event" by Apr 14

\$6.00

ATTENTION MOMS!

Mark your calendars for April 22. Come and enjoy some time with



SWEATSHIRTS AND FLEECE!

St. Bernadette School expanded our partnership with All Star Sportswear to include uniform polos, sweatshirts, and fleece. [Click here](#) to see what is on our page so far. All Star Sportswear has been our vendor for class shirts, house

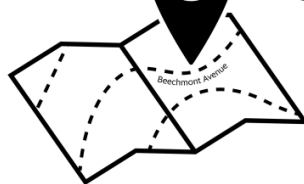
your son(s) watching a movie. Only \$6.00 per person and it includes popcorn! RSVP by April 14th by sending in your money in an envelope marked Mother/Son Event.

shirts, and athletic gear and will be giving us the same great service for uniform items, too. All Star Sportswear is located at 787 Ohio Pike, right across from Thomas More School. Orders can be placed online and picked up at the store. Questions? Call Brian at 753-1400.

Find your way to McNicholas High School this summer for fun, exploration, and creativity through our athletic, academic, and just-for-fun camps. Preregistration is required by the Wednesday prior to the start of camp. Register at www.mcnihs.org/camps. We can't wait to see you at McNicholas this summer!

SUMMER CAMPS

Destination McNicholas



JUST A SLIGHT DETOUR! We are in the midst of many exciting campus facilities improvements at McNicholas. When you are here this summer, please follow on-campus signage to navigate to parking and drop off locations and to avoid construction areas. Thank you for your patience!

QUESTIONS?
Please contact Jenni Turner at jturner@mcnihs.org or 513.231.3500 x5820.

GRADES 2-8

BOYS BASKETBALL

DATE: June 5-8
TIME: 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
COST: \$110

This camp provides fun, excitement, and energy to help your athlete improve his skills and learn to love the game of basketball. Campers will be placed in divisions based on their grade level and compete in shooting drills and other contests within their division. Sign up early! This popular camp sells out quickly. Minimum 20 / Maximum 200.

Bogenschutz & Auxiliary Gyms

GRADE 9

BOYS FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

DATE: June 6-8
TIME: 1 - 3:00 p.m.
COST: \$110

Campers will focus on skills & drills, teamwork, defense, and ball handling. This camp provides fun, excitement, and energy to help your athlete improve his skills and learn to love the game of basketball. Campers will compete in shooting drills and other contests throughout the week. Minimum 15 / Maximum 100.

Bogenschutz & Auxiliary Gyms

GRADES 7-9

STUDY SKILLS

DATE: June 5-8
TIME: 1 - 3:30 p.m.
COST: \$140

As students prepare for junior high and high school, they will gain tools to help navigate this academic transition. Campers will focus on active reading and listening skills, note taking strategies, time management, and test preparation, along with skills specific to core subjects. Minimum 5 / Maximum 15.

McNicholas Classroom



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, April 6th 2023.

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.



SVTM Football & Cheer OPEN HOUSE!



Stop in anytime on
Monday, May 1 from 5:30pm- 7:30pm

at the St. Veronica Parish Ministry Center

Meet the Coaches and learn more about the programs.

Grades K-8 register at:

<https://mysports.io/stm-svtm>

Cheerleaders will be sized for uniforms and get information about cheer camp this summer.

Questions about the event:

Football: gsvtm@gmail.com

Cheer: meredith_strickland1@yahoo.com



March 13, 2022

St. Bernadette School Families,

Plans are under way for this year's festival. The dates are Friday Aug 18th and Saturday the 19th. Please mark your calendar and come join in the fun. To help make it as successful as we can, we are asking for your help with donations for Bid N Buy and the Basket Raffle.

The list below gives each grade a few suggested items which you should be familiar with since your children were that age the year earlier. Feel free to be creative! Additionally we are planning a kitchen and a laundry basket. You may pick or choose from the suggestions below. If you have other items to donate, or if you would like to create your own basket, that would be greatly appreciated.

Boxes will be in your teacher's room and we will collect items between March 13th and March 24th.

Preschool	infant to 4 years	rattles, teethingers, books, bibs, etc.
Kindergarten	preschool items	flash cards, books, toys
1st Grade	Kindergarten	crayons, coloring books
2nd Grade	1st grade	toy trucks
3rd Grade	2nd grade	books, games, puzzles
4th grade	3rd grade	cards and card games
5th grade	4th grade	paint by number, colored pencils
6th grade	5th grade	crafts, jewelry,
7th grade	6th grade	
8th grade	7th grade	

Kitchen : towels, dish rags, dishwasher soap, sponges, soss, etc. Laundry : spray and wash, tide, bounce, fabric softener, color catchers, etc.

Thanks for participating!

2023 Booth Chairpersons,

Kathy Kraus
513-553-0092

Michelle Kraus
970-470-9499

Linda Friedrich
513-753-8440





SUMMER CAMPS!

Registration Now Open!

www.mercymcauley.org/camps



Jumpstart Night

April 18
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

For 5th-7th
Grade Girls &
Parents

Get a jumpstart in seeing all
Mercy McAuley has to offer!



www.mercymcauley.org/jumpstart



All Volunteers and Staff must register with SafeParish™

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!



A special message from Mrs. Lana

Music is VERY analytical, greatly enhances critical thinking, and improves math scores and self- confidence! Kickoff the new year with Piano Lessons with Mrs. Lana. Special discount for our St. Bernadette students ONLY! Contact Mrs. Lana for details about

registration, screening, learning materials, and scheduling before space runs out!

llana@stbernadetteamelia.org



Set up your Titan Account for school lunches.



You May Be Eligible

Even families who don't receive government subsidies can be eligible

Lunches are provided through West Clermont School District and are made on our premises. **Lunches are \$3.00 this year.**

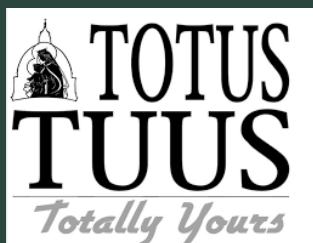
To set up your account, you will need your child's school ID number. This is the same ID number seen on your child's Gradedlink page.

You should be able to create your [Titan account](#), load the [PaySchool account](#) and [apply for free or reduced priced lunches](#).

for Free or Reduced Priced lunches. Go to your Titan account and click on "Meal Application." Click through the form until you are able to note your income or other qualifying circumstances. Although families receiving SNAP benefits are automatically eligible, they still have to apply every year. Make sure you've taken advantage of this service, if you are able.

[Apply for free or reduced priced lunches.](#)

Church News



TOTUS TUUS 2023

Seems incredible, but we are preparing for Totus Tuus 2023. Teens meet Sunday June 11 – Thursday June 15, 2023, 7:00pm-9:00pm. Click for the [Teen Registration forms](#). Children in Grades 1 – 6 meet Monday June 12 – Friday June 16, 2023 from 8:40am-2:30pm. [See Children's Registration Forms](#). Full SE6 Parish Family Pot Luck is Wednesday June 14, 2023, 5:15-6:15pm in the St Bernadette Gym. This is a full SE6 Parish event, so we will have room for 150 children and 80 Teens. **We will need over 100 volunteer adults and four host families from the 4 churches of our SE6 Parish to make this work for all.** [Click HERE to volunteer!](#)



SUMMER FESTIVAL

Thank you to those of you who have already signed up to help with the 2023 festival. We are currently looking for booth chairs, as well as help with set-up and clean-up. [Please use this sign-up link for more information](#). If you have any questions about volunteering for the festival, please contact Jennifer Harris (513-604-6851) or Jennifer.harris411@yahoo.com. Let's work together to help make the festival this year a success!!

The Grand Raffle this year will be online only. Please share the link below with your family and friends.

[Celebrate Life! St Bernadette 2023 Festival Grand Raffle by St Bernadette Parish Festival | BetterUnite](#)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Help PTO with School and Parent Events!

This button will take you to a sign up form...All kinds of help is needed...everything from helping to set up a concert to organizing an event. A few of these may require SafeParish registration. [Click here to sign up](#)

Supervise Students During Lunch Periods

Lunch supervision is a big help to the teacher in the cafeteria! Requires SafeParish registration.

Cafeteria Assistance

Recess Volunteers

This service requires SafeParish registration. Get your steps in and spend a half hour from 10:00-10:30 for morning recess, or about an hour during lunch recess. Your presence will increase playground safety by giving the teacher on duty another pair of eyes, and the kids will love seeing you there!

Playground Patrol

Quick Links

[Lunchroom volunteer sign-up](#)

[Recess volunteer sign-up](#)

[St. Bernadette volunteer sign-up](#)

[Newsletters/Handouts](#)

[2022-2023 School Calender](#)

[Parent/Student Handbook](#) *under revision*

[Parish Website](#)

[To set up Lunch Instructions](#)

[Free and Reduced online application](#)

[PTO](#)

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

[Gradelink](#)

[FACTS Login](#)

[Remind Sign-up](#)

[Virtues in Practice \(at home materials - Year 3, Year of Charity\)](#)

[Kroger Rewards](#)

[Box Tops Bonus App](#)

[1n5 Foundation](#) (great mental health information)

[Mind-Peace \(to find mental health providers - click on "Search for Providers"\)](#)

[Beacons of Light - Pastoral Planning and Parish Families](#)

[SafeParish instructions](#)

COVID-19 LINKS

[**Ohio COVID Vaccine Program**](#)
[**Get the Shot Ohio**](#)

[**Search Available Vaccine Sites**](#)

[**Myths and Facts: COVID Vaccine**](#)

[**Cincinnati Children's COVID site**](#)

[**Clermont County Public Health**](#)

If you or your child is exposed to someone with COVID, wear a mask for 10 days. If symptoms develop, assume you are positive for COVID and start the isolation period. If you remain symptom free, test on Day 5. If the test is negative, finish out the remaining 5 days wearing a mask. If you test positive, begin your isolation period.

If a parent is positive, it is important to isolate away from your child(ren) at home, otherwise you continue to expose the child to COVID and the mask wearing will continue 10 days past your last date of infection. (yikes) Children who are close contacts should absolutely stay in school and stay masked for

10 days. Teachers will also be masked whenever they are a close contact.
We have a modest supply of rapid tests. Call the office if you need one.



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