

From the Principal's Desk


January 18, 2012

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope that this finds you well. The unpredictable weather that we are having reminds me of our typical school day. We never know what each day will bring. We need to be ready for anything. I do believe that God wants us to always be ready. He has a plan for us that we can't alter or try to change. He is here for us every minute of every day. As we make plans for *Catholic Schools Week*, (the annual event that spotlights catholic education across the nation,) let's keep the future of catholic education in our prayers. With God's guidance and support our future will be bright and filled with "sunshine" and blessings.

You are in my thoughts and prayers as we continue our mission together.

God Bless You,


Jacqueline B. Easley
Principal

For Your Consideration:

Catholic Schools Week: (January 29 to February 4) The theme for *Catholic Schools Week* this year focuses on three priorities that all Catholic Schools establish. We stand out from other educational institutions because of our focus on these priorities. *Faith, Academics, and Service:* Children in our schools are not just taught the basics of Christianity but they live their *faith*. They are taught how to have a relationship with God. Catholic Schools hold *academics* to a higher standard. Each child in our schools is recognized as having different abilities as we strive to help them to reach their full potential. Lastly, *service*--the giving of one's time and efforts to help others is taught both as an expression of our faith and good citizenship.

Won't you help us to "spotlight" our school as we celebrate *Catholic Schools Week*? Our calendar of events is enclosed. I would like to request that you invite your friends, neighbors and prospective students to our "Open House" on January 29 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Our guests can see firsthand what we are all about. For your information, flyers are attached to the calendar explaining the week's service projects. You will note on our CSW calendar that we are having a "dress down" day for a school family who is in need. Donations of a \$1.00 or more to dress down on Tuesday, January 31 will be sent directly to this family. The family's name is being kept confidential to respect their privacy. Thank you for your continued generosity.

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Clerical Day: There are no classes for students in Preschool to Grade 8, Monday, January 23 due to a clerical day for the faculty and staff.

First Reconciliation: Please keep all of our First Communicants and their families in your thoughts and prayers as these students receive the *Sacrament of Reconciliation* for the first time on Saturday, February 4 in our church. God Bless our children as they find the Lord's peace within their hearts.

Registration for 2012-2013 School Year: THANK YOU to those families who have already replied to my letter of January 11 regarding your enrollment intentions for next school year. As a friendly reminder all forms are due back to my attention by this Friday, January 20. Let me reiterate the importance of knowing the number of students who are returning so that this information can be used to finalize our plans for the new school year. While I realize that our families have many factors to consider before continuing with a catholic education for your child/children, it is very important that we know your intentions. Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.



Sunday: January 29

“OPEN HOUSE”

“Pasta Dinner” (sponsored by 8th grade)

1:30 to 2:30 p.m. (School)

3:30 to 5:30 p.m. (Newmeyer Hall) *Proceeds benefit Leukemia and Lymphoma Society*

Monday: January 30

“Opening” All School Mass

Sock Hop (Uniforms and Crazy Socks)

8:45 a.m. (Red or White Uniform shirt with uniform)

1:10 to 2:35 p.m. (8th and 9th periods)

Tuesday: January 31

“Reading with your Bobcat Buddy”

Lunch with your Bobcat Buddy

Family Bingo

Dress Down Day

(Times TBA)

Cafeteria (regular lunch periods)

Newmeyer Hall (6:30 to 8:30 pm)

Donations to benefit a “school family” in need

Wednesday: February 1

Junior Achievement of Western PA

(Grades K to 8)

Thursday: February 2

“Game Day”

(Times TBA)

Friday: February 3

“Show Love for Others: Young and Old”

Bobcat Buddy Activity for our shut-ins

Baby food item donations (optional)

(Times TBA)

Saturday: February 4

“First Reconciliation”---School and Parish Second Graders

Students will attend “weekly” class masses. (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) After their masses our students will pray the rosary together offering these prayers for the intentions of our parishioners.



Catholic Schools Week begins on Sunday, January 29th. We are very thankful for every family for making the choice to send your child to our Catholic School! The logo above states **faith, academics, and service** as important parts of our school. The 3rd and 4th grades are sponsoring a project that will incorporate service as a part of our Catholic School Week celebration.

On Monday, January 30th our school will be having its second annual Sock Hop. All students will be wearing their uniforms, but are encouraged to wear CRAZY socks that day. Admittance to the Sock Hop will be one package of socks. We are asking that students in **Preschool-3rd** bring in socks for children, and students in **4th-8th** bring in a package of socks for women. All of the socks are going to be donated to Sister's Place, which is housing for single mothers and their children. Thank you so much for your continued support and generous donations. We hope the kids have a wonderful time "sock hopping" with their Bobcat Buddies on Monday, January 30th and feel the spirit of joy from giving to others in need.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Anglum, Mrs. Bernot, Mrs. Kirk, Miss Pehrer

B I N G O

WHAT: Family Night Bingo for Catholic Schools Week

WHEN: Tuesday, February 1, 2012

TIME: BINGO is from 6:30-8:30

Doors open at 6:00. Pizza and pop will be sold for \$1 per item from 6:00-6:30. Food and drink will be available throughout the evening until it is sold out.

WHERE: Newmeyer Hall

COST: \$3.00 per student

\$5.00 per adult

OR

\$10 per family

You will have the opportunity to play 10 games of Bingo. There will be 2 specials for an additional 50 cents per card and a final "cover-all" for \$1.00 per card. The payout for the specials and coverall will be done as a 50-50 and the proceeds will benefit the Student Council fund.

Please bring a bingo dobber, marker, or crayon to mark your bingo cards.

Prizes will be based on ticket sales. If sending a check, please make payable to St. Bonaventure.

TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE DOOR. Please return the form below to the attention of Mrs. Kirk by Tuesday, January 24th so that tickets can be sent home in the Wed., Jan. 25th envelope. Please e-mail Mrs. Kirk at stbkirk@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

Family name _____

Send tickets home with _____ Room _____

Family ticket _____ @ \$10 _____

Student ticket _____ @ \$3 _____

Adult ticket _____ @ \$5 _____

TOTAL _____

Please indicate # of people attending so that adequate seating can be arranged. _____

Estimated number of pieces of pizza our family would like to purchase. This is only an estimate to help us know how much pizza to pre-order. _____



Sharing Our Love with the Young and the Old



During Catholic Schools Week, we will join as a school to serve others. On Friday, February 3, 2012, our service theme is to share our love with all people; young and old. In addition to a Bobcat Buddy activity for the parish shut-ins, we will also collect baby food to be donated to single mothers in need. If you would like to, please send in 1 (one) baby food item to school on Friday during Catholic Schools Week. Thank you in advance for helping us serve and help others.

Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Vasil, Mrs. Wadsworth, and Mrs. Wasielewski

Pizza Hut Fundraiser

Thursday, January 19



The PTG is sponsoring a Pizza Hut Fundraiser tomorrow, **Thursday, January 19**. Proceeds enable the PTG to provide programs for the students, including a second general assembly for the entire school.

In order for the school to get credit for your purchase, please make sure to tell your server that your sale should be applied to the St. Bonaventure fundraiser. **IF YOU DON'T MENTION THE SCHOOL, WE WILL NOT GET CREDIT FOR YOUR PURCHASE.**

- ✓ McKnight Road Pizza Hut Restaurant only.
- ✓ Includes both dine-in and take-out sales.
- ✓ The fundraiser is effective all day.
- ✓ Every family that participates earns a jeans & tennies day.





WHAT: HOAGIE ORDERS & MONIES

DUE: WEDNESDAY JANUARY 25TH

CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

"ST BONAVENTURE PTG"

ANY QUESTIONS ? ? ?

PLEASE CALL TAMMY (412-487-7332)

OR JEN (412-486-0968)





Donations Needed for Cash Bash “Wagon of Cheer”

We plan to raffle a “Wagon of Cheer” at the Luck of the Irish Cash Bash on Saturday March 10th, and are looking for donations to help fill the wagon. **Contributions of Beer, Wine, Vodka, etc. would be greatly appreciated.** Your help is needed to make this fundraiser a success.

- *Did you receive a bottle of cheer this holiday season that just isn't your taste?*
- *Do you have a new/unopened bottle in your liquor cabinet that you'd like to donate?*
- *Are you willing to purchase and donate an item for the wagon?*
- *Do you know a business establishment that might be willing to donate?*

All proceeds from the Cash Bash benefit St. Bonaventure Parish School. Fundraisers like these help keep tuition low while providing a quality Catholic education for your child.

Please contact Melissa Junker at melissa.junker@yahoo.com / 412 916-7789, if you would like to donate. We will make arrangements to meet you for the pick-up.



Please note NO alcohol can be sent to school with your child.



Jeans and Tennies Day Feb. 10th For students donating to the Cash Bash

The St. Bonaventure Luck of the Irish Cash Bash is quickly approaching on March 10th. **To help with the event, we are asking each student to donate \$1 and a 2-liter bottle of pop.** The \$1 donation will be used to purchase lottery tickets that will be raffled off at the Cash Bash. The pop will be used not only for the Cash Bash but also the upcoming Lenten Fish Fry.

Please bring your donation in to your homeroom teachers on Friday, Feb. 10th. Students donating both items will be permitted to wear Jeans and Tennis that day.

Please place the money in an envelope marked "CASH BASH" marked with your child's name and homeroom number.

Your contribution will help make the Cash Bash a success and will help keep tuition costs low.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

