

TAKE-HOME TUESDAY 2/1/2022

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 30th-Feb. 5th: Catholic Schools Week

February 3rd-Family Night (Open House, Pre-K/K Round-Up, Science Fair, Wax Museum) 5-7 pm

QUICK LINKS:

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UPDATES AND REMINDERS

Super Star Catholic Schools Contest: If we win the school gets free promotional banners, free advertisements on Spirit Catholic Radio, a free marketing stipend, a trophy, and of course bragging rights!

Help us win SuperStar Catholic School for the 4th year in a row! Vote for your favorite Catholic School, St. Bernard, in Spirit Catholic Radio's Superstar Contest! For 10 years, Spirit Catholic Radio has been shining a spotlight on Catholic high schools and elementary schools in their listening area with the Superstar Contest. Let's get our community talking about the importance of Catholic education by encouraging others in our community to vote! Superstar voting competition begins January 31 and lasts through February 11th. Visit <https://spiritcatholicradio.com/> to vote! Can we Fourpeat?!

Substitute Teachers: St. Bernard, like many area schools, is having a hard time finding subs the past couple of years. Please consider helping out St. Bernard by subbing for us on days you are able. Not only would you be doing us a huge favor, but you would also get a great insight as to what your children do day to day while getting paid! The Nebraska Department of Education has responded to the sub shortage by granting local sub licenses quickly and with fewer requirements as listed below.

A local substitute permit can be issued for teaching 90 full-time days per school year for those who apply and meet the requirements listed below. Once issued, a local substitute permit expires August 31st in the third year following the year of issuance.

The requirements for a local substitute permit include the following:

- 1. An application and fee in the [TEACH](#) system (Please note that registration for TEACH is required first then an application can be submitted.)*
- 2. Fingerprints (Only required if someone has lived outside of Nebraska in the past five years)*
- 3. A transcript showing at least 60 credit hours*
- 4. [Human Relations Training](#)*
- 5. Once you have the application process complete, you will need to obtain a letter from our superintendent. Simply call Katie Alitz, administrative secretary for the Catholic School's Office and she will get the letter sent to NDE on your behalf. You can reach her at 402-557-5600. Once that is done, you can sub right away--you don't have to wait for your certificate online--they have given some flexibility to us this year, which is helpful!*

Note: The 60 credit hours are not specified, which means they don't have to be 60 credit hours in education. Please consider subbing for us if you have the time! If you do end up applying to be a sub, please let me know, so we can get you on our list of subs!

Noon Dismissal on Friday: Students need to be picked up no later than 12:15 on Friday. Lately, many students are not getting picked up for up to an hour after school is out. It is not sustainable nor required for our staff to be staying well after contracted hours to watch students. Please be respectful of the staff's time.

Volunteers Needed: Volunteers are needed for the St. Bernard Irish Hooley on March 12th. Please sign up via Sycamore and contact Rose at the rectory if you have any questions.

TRACK IS BACK! As your resident track and field nerd, I am really excited to announce that Saint Margaret Mary is putting their track team back together for this year, and our 7th and 8th-grade students are invited to participate in track

and field with them. Registration is live on the smmomaha.org website. And I have attached a paper form as well. Register by Friday, February 25th!

UPDATE: Registration Now Open for Next School Year:

If you have not made any tuition payments for this year, your registration will not be approved until payment has been made and a plan has been established for the remainder of your tuition balance. Call Rose Flores at 402-551-0269 to work out a plan for paying tuition.

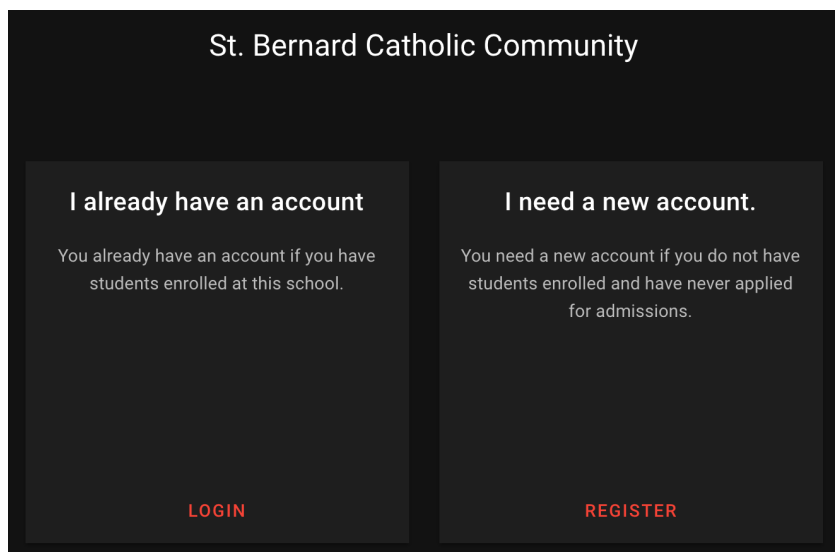
Registration is now open for the next school year. The Sycamore enrollment portal will look different this year. Sycamore is switching over to a more updated system bit by bit and enrollment is one of the more recent features to move to the new system called Sycamore 3.0. April 1st is the deadline to re-enroll your child for next year. To be considered “ready to enroll” all paperwork must be submitted and the registration fee must be paid. The registration fee guarantees your child a spot in their class next year. All students are considered wait-listed until paperwork and registration fees are submitted.

**THE FIRST CLASS TO HAVE 90% RE-ENROLLED WILL EARN A MOVIE AND PIZZA PARTY,
ALL CLASSES THAT GET 90% RE-ENROLLED BEFORE APRIL 1ST WILL EARN CANDY!**

Three places to find the new registration system:

1. Right here: bit.ly/STBenroll
2. Sycamore > My School > Enrollment > Online Portal
3. School website: stbernardmahaschool.org, scroll down on the home page to “Returning Family Registration”

You will then see the screen below. Click on **“Login”** even if you have never signed into Sycamore. If you have a student that attends St. Bernard, you already have an account. If you are re-enrolling a current student but need to add a new student there will be an option to “Add New Student” once you are logged in. The process after logging in is pretty straightforward, but call me if you have any questions, 402-553-4993.



Catholic Schools Week: I have attached the daily schedule and dress-down day themes for Catholic Schools Week below. As of right now, we will have our in-person Family Night on February 3rd (5-7pm) which includes:

1. All classes open house
2. 4th-grade wax museum
3. 7th and 8th-grade science fair
4. Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten round-up
 - a. Current PreK and K families can head to their classes’ open houses after round-up at 6 pm
 - b. PreK families can head to K round-up from 5-6 pm
5. Book Fair in the Library
 - a. Online here: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/stbernardschool1>

2022 SMM TRACK REGISTRATION
7th and 8th Grade

TRACK FEE IS \$70 PER PARTICIPANT and includes a Track hoodie and a dry-fit t-shirt for the uniform. Checks are payable to SMM. REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2022**, in order to make the shirt order deadline. **Please don't miss this deadline.**

PARTICIPANT FULL NAME: _____ GRADE: _____ SHIRT SIZE (Youth or Adult S, M, L, XL): _____

1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____
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PARENT NAME: _____

PARENT CELL PHONE 1 #: _____

PARENT CELL PHONE 2 #: _____
(if desired)

PARENT E-MAIL ADDRESS
(Please write legibly): _____

NOTES:

--Track and Field is a co-ed team for junior high. Your athlete may do track and another SMM Sport. We are a flexible team and we strive to have a lot of fun.

--The first practice will be Monday March 14 from 4:00-5:15 at SMM. We will practice Sunday, Monday, and Thursday this year. The Sunday practices will be held at Norris Middle School from 4:00-5:15. The Monday and Thursday practices will be 4-5:15 at SMM. A few additional track practices may be added if we are able to get additional track time, etc.

--Exact/final practice times will be determined by coaches. A full track calendar will be distributed to all track participants.

-- Any practice cancellations will be communicated to the kids via school announcement by 3 p.m.

--Track meets are held every Saturday, March 26 through May 7 (no meet on Holy Saturday). Track meet details will be shared later.

--Parents are required to volunteer at track meets and will be contacted prior to meets. Thank you in advance for your help and support of this. It is much less than in years past because we use electronic timing for all our meets.

Return registration form and payment to school office or mail to:

STEPH GUY
5605 JONES STREET
OMAHA, NE 68106

Registration is also available on the SMM web-page! Please feel free to register on-line!!

Checks payable to SMM. Questions? e-mail Steph Guy at: smmtrackcoach@yahoo.com

or call 402.957.5896

****YEARBOOK ANNOUNCEMENT****

TO ALL ST. BERNARD FAMILIES - I am in need for A LOT of pictures for this year's school yearbook. Thank you to those that have already shared pictures but I am encouraging everyone to share more! I need pictures turned in by the end of February to have everything completed by my turn-in date. Thank you all for your support!!

*Here are some pictures I would love, but don't stop there...anything and everything is appreciated!!

- First day of school
- Special Events/Recognition (if you are sending in recognitions such as an award or scholarship, please email me with details so I can include it)
 - Holidays/Class Parties
 - Birthdays
 - 1st reconciliation
 - Awards
 - Girl and Boy Scouts
 - Field trips
 - Etc.
- Sports - games and team pics, including Mini Tigers sports
- Family and pets
- Vacations

Please go to the Google Drive folder link I have created to organize on this year's pictures (https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/16bR0bMI_hfiFJ8_t8qBK4O-bfHCB28Cg) and upload any photos you would like to share into it's corresponding folder. If you have any issues, feel free to email me at stephaniej1026@gmail.com however you will need to send only one or two photos at a time so the quality doesn't go down too much.

8TH GRADE PARENTS - If you would like to do a dedication page for your 8th grade graduate please send pictures to the Google Drive folder above or email them along with what you would like to say no later than February 28th please. Dedications are \$25 for a half page and \$50 for full pages. For examples, follow the Google Drive link - click on "8th grade Dedications" - then click "Examples" to see how these have looked the last couple of years. Money can be turned in to the school office, make checks payable to St Bernards.

Lastly, would your 8th grader be interested in writing a short article for this year's yearbook?! I am looking for an 8th grader (or a couple if they would like to work together) to write an article reflecting on what they will miss, favorite memories, interviewing their fellow classmates, etc. Please let me know by Wednesday, February 9th so we can get it going right away!

Stephanie Jackson

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/16bR0bMI_hfiFJ8_t8qBK4O-bfHCB28Cg
stephaniej1026@gmail.com



Catholic Schools Week 2022 January 30–February 5

www.NCEA.org/csw
#CSW22

St. Bernard Catholic School CSW Schedule

Monday, January 31

Theme: Celebrating Community-Reflecting on our roots
Dress Theme: Farmer/Cowboy (beginnings of Nebraska)
Activities: “Why I Love My Catholic Community” Corn Picture Display
Grandparent ‘Back in My Day’ Questionnaire to be completed by Thursday
-Ag Poster Contest for Grades 1-6 if time allows
Book Fair

Tuesday, February 1

Theme: Celebrating Students--QuaranTimes X 2
Dress Theme: Quarantine Clothes aka Pajama Day is back! Wear whatever you were lounging in during this continued quarantine!
Activities: Board Gameday. Bring your favorite board game from home to play with your classmates.
Work on grandparent questionnaire
Ag Poster Contest for Grades 1-6 if time allows
Book Fair

Wednesday, February 2 (2/2/22!!!!)

Theme: Celebrating the Nation-USA!
Dress Theme: Red, white, and blue! Wear your patriotic colors to school OR since it is 2/2/22 wear a tutu! If you want to get really creative, you can do both!
Activities: Door Decoration Contest - each class will select a decade to showcase on their door. They will be judged Friday with winning classes from Primary, Intermediate and Middle
Work on grandparent questionnaire
Ag Poster Contest for Grades 1-6 if time allows
Book Fair
7th & 8th Grade: Bring Uniforms for Science Fair Judging

Thursday, February 3

Theme: Celebrating Vocations-Hats off to ALL vocations and our Grandparents!
Dress Theme: Wear any type of worker hat like fireman, doctor, athlete, you name it!
Activities: Visit the Wax Museum and Science Fair/ Open House 5-7 pm
Write Thank-You cards to Father Dan and our Grandparents
Back in My Day Bulletin Board for our Grandparents Questionnaire by StudCo.
Ag Poster Contest for Grades 1-6 if time allows
8th-grade Cathedral Mass–REMOTE

Friday, February 4-Noon Dismissal

Theme: Celebrating Faculty/Staff/Volunteers-Take a Break
Dress Theme: Spirit wear
Activities: School Mass-Angel of Service Award Announcement
Movie Day: give your teachers a break and pick a movie to watch as a class!



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#CSW22

Dress Down Theme Days

Monday- Farmer/Cowboy

Full out of uniform

Going back to our original 'roots' as Nebraskans, dress up as farmers of the early days!

Tuesday-Pajama Day

Full out of uniform

Wear whatever you wore lounging around the house during quarantine

Wednesday-Red, white, and blue OR tutu 2/2/22

Full out of uniform

Wear the colors red, white, and/or blue

AND/OR wear a tutu!

7th and 8th grade must bring their uniform to change into for science fair judging

Thursday-Hats off to all workers

Full uniform with the exception of a hat

Hats should be ones worn for any type of profession or work

The hats can be anything from a baseball cap to a fireman helmet

Friday-Spirit Wear

Uniform bottoms, St. Bernard top

Normal spirit day

February 3, 2022: 5-7 pm



ST. BERNARD FAMILY NIGHT

Pre-K and Kindergarten Round-Up

Science Fair

Wax Museum

Open House

Book Fair

St. Bernard Catholic School

3604 N. 65th St.

Omaha, NE. 68104

402-553-4993

Masks Required