

TAKE-HOME TUESDAY 1/18/2022

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 30th-Feb. 5th: Catholic Schools Week
February 3rd-Family Night (Open House, Pre-K/K Round-Up, Science Fair, Wax Museum)

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UPDATES AND REMINDERS

Current Absences: Today our absences percentage was 2%! I am hoping we are through the worst of it, but time will tell. With these fairly consistent absence rates over the past week, if it remains this way for the rest of the week, we will have masked all-school Mass on Friday.

Live Lent Together: I know it might seem early to be thinking about Lent, but it's time to start planning! The Archdiocese has put together a program for Lent that brings people together to discover and grow in Christ through small groups.

I thought I would share part of my personal faith journey that started with one Lenten season. Ash Wednesday Mass marks the beginning of Lent and is the most attended Mass of the entire year for the Catholic Church even above Easter and Christmas. The start of Lent is when many non-active Catholics tend to decide that for Lent they want to get back to their faith.

A few years ago, I was in that very spot. This is something I have not shared with all of you, but Father, Rose, and most of our staff know. In college, I walked away from the Catholic Church. I had one poor experience at a Mass and decided to throw the whole thing away. I thought I was just fine without the Church. I thought I could keep up my relationship with Christ just as it had been. For a long time, I thought I felt the same as I did when I was active, so what would be the point in going back? Until I didn't feel fine anymore. That feeling progressed slowly, but eventually, after years of this, I felt few positive emotions and was a negative person in general. I no longer felt a strong sense of conviction nor a sense of self nor a sense of faith in anything, and I was lost. I decided that year I would go back to my faith as my Lenten resolution, so I went to Ash Wednesday Mass. The first reading began: "Even now says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart with fasting and weeping and mourning." Joel 2:12. It broke me in two, and I cried right there in the pew and couldn't stop. Because at that moment, I felt Jesus in my heart for the first time in years and I realized he wasn't there before because I was keeping him out. It was overwhelming. That Ash Wednesday Mass changed my life.

It was difficult adding Jesus back into my daily routine, but I had support. I went to Mass with my neighbors and then we would sit around chatting informally about our faith maybe once a week or once every other week. I tell you this part of my past because it's time I give back what was given to me, which was my relationship with God. I want to invite you to have a beautiful experience within your faith. This is what Live Lent Together can do. Each week you will meet with your small group and just chat about faith. There is no strict curriculum. You focus on whatever your group decides. You can meet wherever and whenever you like once per week.

If this sounds like something you would be interested in there are two options for you:

1. Join a small group.
 - a. I will be hosting a small group and so will Deacon Chuck.
 - b. Email either of us if you would like to join one of our groups.
2. Become a small group leader and invite others to join your group
 - a. Your group focus can be anything you want just as long as you are involving Christ.
 - b. There are two trainings you can attend to become a small group leader, one in Omaha on January 27th and one on Zoom on February 9th.

Reach out to me with any questions you might have or visit archomaha.org/lent to learn more or to register for a training session.

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>

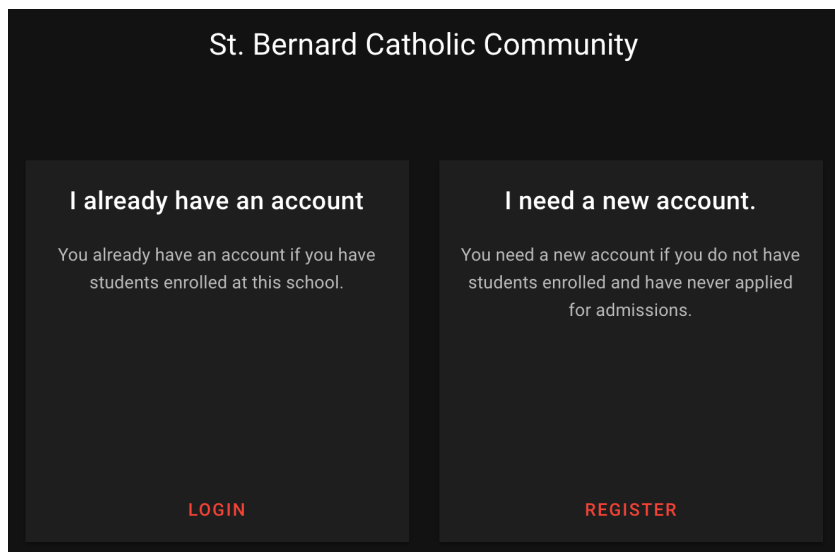
Registration Now Open for Next School Year: Registration is now open for the next school year. The Sycamore enrollment portal will look different this year. Sycamore is switching over to a more updated system bit by bit and enrollment is one of the more recent features to move to the new system called 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: stbernardomahaschool.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: (Scroll to next page)



Catholic Schools Week 2022 January 30–February 5

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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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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

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Masks Required