

TAKE-HOME TUESDAY 3/1/2022

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- March 2nd: Ash Wednesday
 - March 2nd: Athletic Club meeting-7:00 pm Cafeteria
 - March 9th: Home and School meeting-7:00 pm Cafeteria
 - March 10th: Noon Dismissal K-8: **PT Conferences 1:00-6:00 pm**
 - March 10th: NO AM OR PM PREK- PK Conferences start at 8:00 am.
 - March 10th: End of 3rd Quarter
 - March 11th: No School
 - March 12th: Irish Hooley 6:00-11:00 pm Gym
 - March 13th: Daylight Savings-Students may wear shorts!
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QUICK LINKS:

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UPDATES AND REMINDERS

Lent: We are doing many activities over Lent all focused around the theme "Follow Jesus Together in Love" For our service project we will be again collecting goods for the St. Vincent de Paul pantry, however, this time they are in need of some specific items. They will never turn away good products, but here is what they are in need of specifically:

- March 7-11: **Canned Fruit**
- March 13-18: **Soap (hand or bath)**
- March 28-April 1: **Canned Corn**
- April 4-8: **Cereal**
- April 11-15: **Your Choice!**

Other Lent Activities:

- School assembly next Thursday where a speaker will be talking about how to be Secret Kindness Agents.
- Stations of the Cross each Thursday
- Blessing each class each morning
- Ten minutes of silence at lunch once per week. Pray a decade of the rosary each time.
- April 5th: Penance service for all students (parents also welcome! Time TBD)
- Holy Thursday: Living Stations of the Cross

8th grade graduation fundraisers: Many of you might not know, but 7th graders and their families are responsible for fundraising in order to help pay for all the fun things that 8th graders get to do for graduation. That would include a gift, their skip day, and most of all, their graduation dinner. One of those fundraisers will be the **PINCH PROTECTORS** for St. Patrick's Day. St. Patrick's Day will be a full uniform day. Students can wear necklaces, stickers, rings, etc. to add some green. However, For \$1.00 students can also buy a green pinch protector! See the attached flier for more details. ("Pinch Protectors" is merely a fun name. No one should be pinching anyone for any reason).

Another fundraiser will be a bake sale at the Fish Fry. The Fish Fry is March 25th. Please consider either coming to the Fish Fry and buying a baked good, donating baked goods, or volunteering at the table. All of the proceeds go directly to the 8th graders graduation. Please keep in mind that one day, your child will be graduating and you will want to make sure they have a positive experience and memory!

Shorts/Skirts with no Leggings/tights: For the rest of this week, I am fine with students wearing shorts. Next week temperatures are lower, and although the highs for next week look pretty good, the morning lows are what concerns me. We will go back to our normal tights/leggings/pants for next week, but good news is the rule goes away on March 13th due to Daylight Savings. There will, however, probably be some cold days after that, so please dress your child appropriately despite the rule or lack of rule.

Home and School: We need your help!! Right now our Home and School numbers are low and we have officer positions opening. If these positions aren't filled and we don't have much attendance, then the Home and School Committee will be dissolved. The events and fundraisers that they put on as well as the funds they can provide to the students and school will be no more. For example, Home and School pays for one bus per year per grade for a field trip. This will no longer happen which means that those classes won't be going on field trips. Home and School funds help provide services to families and teachers. For example, we have a speaker coming into school to speak about kindness. Home and School paid for this as it is not an expense that we have budgeted for in the school budget. Opportunities like this

will no longer happen. Most importantly though, Home and School is where your voice as a parent or guardian can be heard. If you have ideas about how to improve our school and would like to be an agent of positive change, Home and School is the best committee to volunteer for. However, if there is no Home and School committee, ideas about new events, fundraisers, or anything that Home and School currently takes on, will not be taken on by the school. See the flier below for details about Home and School and how to become an officer or when and where we hold meetings. Don't forget that you get volunteer hours for just attending the meeting, and each family this year is required 10 volunteer hours.

Volunteers Needed: UPDATE: all opportunities are now posted on Sycamore for the Irish Hooley and Fish Fry. There are 50 opportunities to volunteer on that day. Please remember that each family is responsible for ten volunteer hours per year. Volunteers are needed for the St. Bernard Irish Hooley on Saturday, March 12th. Please sign up via Sycamore and contact Rose at the rectory if you have any questions.

Children's Scholarship Fund: Applications are now open. If you are in need of tuition assistance, you must complete the application for Children's Scholarship Fund. If you are already receiving Children's Scholarship Fund you must reapply to continue getting tuition assistance.



Scholarship applications for the 2022-23 school year are now open. New and requalifying families please visit our [website](#) to complete the application.

NOTE: Requalifying families will NOT have their scholarship automatically renewed. They must fill out the application every year AND continue to qualify.

Families MUST submit 2021 financial documentation or else THEIR SCHOLARSHIP WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

Call and make an appointment if you have any questions about the application. CSF does NOT accept any drop-by appointments.

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!

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.

The image shows a dark-themed user interface for the St. Bernard Catholic Community enrollment system. At the top, the text "St. Bernard Catholic Community" is centered. Below this, there are two main options presented in a side-by-side layout. The left option is titled "I already have an account" and includes the text "You already have an account if you have students enrolled at this school." Below this text is a red button labeled "LOGIN". The right option is titled "I need a new account." and includes the text "You need a new account if you do not have students enrolled and have never applied for admissions." Below this text is a red button labeled "REGISTER".



We Need You!



Who: Home and School Officers for next school year

When: Wed.
March 9, 2022
7:00 p.m.

Where: St.
Bernard Cafeteria

Why: To be involved, ask questions, vote on decisions, and help make our school the best it can be!



Officer Positions Needed for 2022-23

President and President-Elect

Treasurer

Secretary

St. Patrick's Day

Pinch Protectors

(stay safe from those leprechaun pinches while supporting your school)

Help raise money for the 8th grade graduation dinner

Buy your **green** bling to wear Thursday
March 17th

**Shamrock rings, Shamrock tattoos
(can only go on hands), green
necklaces, green bracelets \$1.00**

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**All money raised goes directly to the
8th grade graduation dinner**



DISCOVER YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS THIS LENT!

This Lent, St. Bernard Church is offering two morning workshops for Parishioners, family, and friends to explore God's call.

Called by the Spirit workshops focus on questions such as:

- What are spiritual gifts? Does everybody have them?
- What does the Bible say about these gifts? Are Patron Saints involved?
- Has God gifted me personally? If so, what are my spiritual gifts? Do I have a Patron Saint for my gifts?
- How can I use such gifts in my daily life? Are there opportunities for my gifts right here at St. Bernard Church?

Both small groups will meet for 3 consecutive weeks during Lent. Coffee and danish will be served. Each workshop will include short videos, followed by small group breakout sessions. The Parish will cover all costs to participate in the workshop.

The two sessions are:

- Tuesday mornings, March 8 through 22, 10:00 am through 11:15 am, in the Clairvaux Center.
- Thursday mornings, March 31 through April 14, 10:00 am through 11:15, also in the Clairvaux Center.

For questions or to sign up, contact Lindsey Ridley at lr Ridley@stbernardomaha.org or (402) 551 - 0269

