

TAKE-HOME TUESDAY 4/12/2022

UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 12: Parish Council Meeting @ 7pm in Clairvaux

April 13: Full School Adoration at 2:30. Guests welcome!

April 13: Home and School Meeting: We need you there! 7 pm in cafeteria

April 15: No School-Good Friday

April 17: Easter Sunday-Holy Day of Obligation

April 18: No School-Easter Monday

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UPDATES AND REMINDERS

Teacher of the Year! Congratulations to Mrs. Jackie Adams from our Catholic school! She is one of the educators of the year at the Archbishop's Dinner for Education on September 22. The Dinner is an Archdiocese of Omaha tradition that celebrates outstanding Catholic school educators and administrators, as well as raises scholarship dollars for Catholic education tuition assistance.

Event proceeds provide needs-based scholarships to nearly 300 families each year to enable them to continue to send their child to a Catholic school. Help us celebrate Mrs. Adams by attending this event. You can find more details at: <https://archomaha.org/dinnerforeducation>.

We are Hiring!

We have quite a few open teaching positions at St. Bernard this year due to relocation and retirement. I first want to thank the teachers who are leaving for their hard work and dedication to our school over the years, and I would happily have each of them back if I could!

If you or someone you know might be interested in any of the following positions, please send them my way.

- PE/Health (PK-8)
- Middle School Math and Science
- 5th Grade Teacher
- 4th Grade Teacher
- 3rd Grade Teacher

Send resume, cover letter, and letters of recommendation to Emily Finley at efinley@stbernardomaha.org. For more information click the following link:

stbernardomaschool.org/about-us/staff/jobs



THANK YOU! I know it has been quite some time since a Take Home Tuesday due to Spring Break, my absence from school two weeks ago, and last week's need for me to catch up. I cannot express enough how grateful I am for our community that allowed me the space to spend time with my family as we laid to eternal rest my grandmother and the true head of our family. Because of your graciousness and the support of our staff who took on extra responsibilities during my absence, I was able to be fully present at my grandma's rosary, funeral, and burial while celebrating her life with family and reconnecting with them. Again, thank you.

Calendar: The 2022-2023 Calendar is finalized and can be found here. There may be changes/edits as we publish this. School Board and Home and School Committee (another reason to joining Home and School!) relayed to me that many families were unhappy with the number of noon dismissals, so we have cut those down significantly. You will, however, see more full days of for staff PD. Our staff must have a specific number of professional development hours each year to be in compliance, which is why you are seeing these days off.

Find the calendar here, and I hope to have it up on the website soon: [2022-2023 STB School Calendar](#)

Parish Families–Journey of Faith: Many of you know about the Archdiocesan’s Journey of Faith. I want to take some space here to explain what this means for us. Here is an excerpt taken from an interview with Archbishop Lucas from [this article in the Catholic Voice](#):

We’ve announced this Journey of Faith in the Archdiocese of Omaha, seeing it as the next segment of our journey together over the next several years. It’s going to give us the opportunity to look at the way that our parishes are structured and governed. The need to do this comes from several different things that are converging right now. One is the changing demographics of our archdiocese over many decades. In particular, we see the decline in the percentage of people who identify as Catholics really being engaged in parish life, even in a very minimal way. We know that the number of priests who are available to serve in our parishes has also been declining slowly and will continue to do so over at least the next few years. And then finally, we’ve articulated a pastoral vision that calls us all to be missionary disciples of Jesus Christ.

What this means is that the archdiocese is restructuring how our parishes relate to each other considering the lack of priests and low Mass attendance. Churches will be working together to become missional which will mean we may utilize some common resources. These have been coined, thus far, as Parish Families. Each Catholic Church in Omaha will be working closely with at least one other church to share resources, specifically priests’ time. Many people have been misinformed about what that means for our school. As of right now, it means very little. Many people have come to the conclusion that this means the school will consolidate. We will be fully open, on our own campus, next school year. We even project an increase in students and a possibility of opening a second kindergarten! For more information check out the [archdiocese website dedicated to Journey of Faith](#).

Secret Kindness Agents: Our school recently started a new program called “Secret Kindness Agents.” I encourage you to ask your student(s) about it! Each child has a secret agent name and goes around doing secret kind things for people each week. For example, Secret Agent Bear left a sweet note on my office door this morning that instantly brightened my day!

Registration Fee: If you have not yet re-enrolled your child on Sycamore, the registration fee for next school year is now \$350 since the deadline to re-enroll has passed. We are currently in hiring season for some teaching positions at St. Bernard. The finance committee is also working hard on putting together a budget for next school year. Having an idea of exactly how many students we plan to welcome into next school year drives our hiring choices as well as the cost of operations.

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. For those that may not know, Home and School is the equivalent to a PTA. 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, Home and School paid for our presentation and workshop to implement our Secret Kindness Agents. Home and School paid for this as it is not an expense that we have budgeted for in the school budget.
- Home and School paid for all of our 7th and 8th-grade students’ poster boards for the science fair project to help families with the cost that it takes for students to research their experiments

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. Come to our meeting next Wednesday, April 13th to make sure your voice is heard! Don’t forget that you get volunteer hours for just attending the meeting, and each family this year is required 10 volunteer hours.

35th Annual Athletic Banquet

Honoring all 6th, 7th and 8th grade athletes playing either volleyball or basketball for St Bernards School. 4th and 5th grade athletes will be recognized and are encouraged to attend as an end of the year banquet. If you are planning to attend please fill out the form and turn it into school office with your payment no later than May 3rd. See the attached flyer for more details.

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.

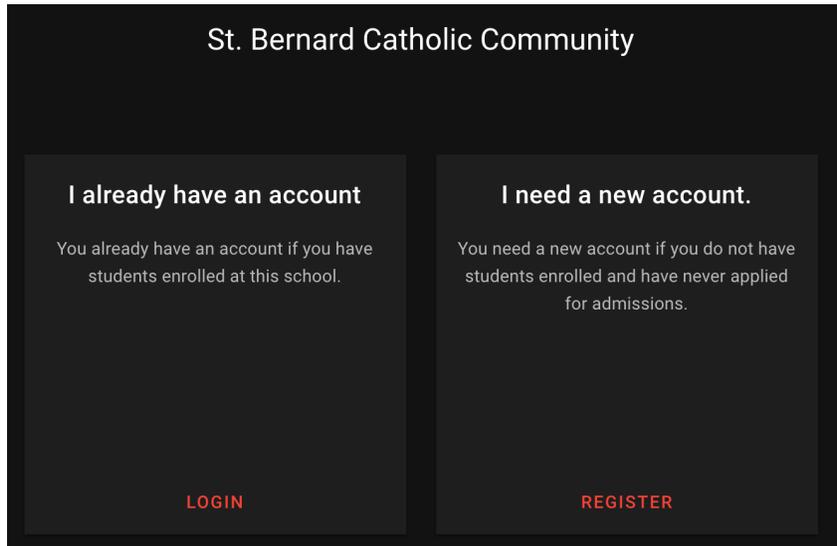
Call and make an appointment if you have any questions about the application. CSF does NOT accept any drop-by appointments.

Registration Process: 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"

School Code is 1700

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.



2022 Athletic Club Banquet

Basketball • Soccer • Volleyball • Wrestling • Track



Honoring all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Athletes and Coaches

(4th and 5th grade athletes will be recognized)

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Dinner & Program (St Bernard cafeteria)

6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M

(Dress is casual)

Hall of Fame Inductee: Michele Kennedy

Guest Speaker: Korie Tetzlaff, Iowa Western Head Volleyball Coach

Hall of Fame Inductees and their guests, 8th Grade athletes, and 8th grade Head Coaches are *paid guests* of the Athletic Club.

All other attendees are \$10.00

Please complete the form below and send it to school in c/o Kristen Svehla by May 3rd.
Please call, text, or email: Kristen at 402-659-5888 or Kristen.lebedasvehla@plcschools.org with any questions.

2022 Athletic Banquet Guest Order Form

Name(s) of all people attending _____

of Guests _____ at \$10 = \$ _____ Amount Enclosed

of Free Guests _____

8th grade athletes are free. 8th grade head coaches are free.

Hall of Fame Inductees and his/her guests are free. **All other attendees are \$10 each.**