

TAKE-HOME TUESDAY 5/10/2022

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 11: Athletic Club Banquet-6:30 pm in the cafeteria

May 13: Noon dismissal-No PM PreK

May 16: Parent meeting for 5-8 grade boys summer camp Virtus et Veritas- 6:00 pm in the library (not mandatory)

May 16-19: Shaving cream and water pistol sales

May 17: Home and School meeting-7 pm cafeteria

May 18: School Board meeting-6:30 pm library

May 18: Dine-out Night 3 pm-8 pm @ Freddy's on 72nd and Military

May 20: Field Day/8th graders' last day.

May 21: 8th grade graduation at 5:00 pm

QUICK LINKS:

[School Calendar](#)

UPDATES AND REMINDERS

Field Day:

As of right now, we only have 4 out of 20 needed people signed up to volunteer for Field Day. **If we do not get enough volunteers, we may have to cancel Field Day.** I know we have been using Sycamore this year for volunteer sign-up, but since I had Field Day sign-up from last year I figured we could reuse it. Please sign up to help us on May 20th from 8:00-12:00. You must be Safe Environment certified to sign up. <https://bit.ly/STBFieldDay22>. **Volunteers will need to be here from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm** at the latest. Activities will be done around 11:05, we will tear down the activities, and you will receive a free lunch.

In case your student did not bring home an information sheet, you can find it attached toward the end of the newsletter.

Mini water pistols and shaving cream: On Field Day, students will have the opportunity to "attack" the principal with water guns and shaving cream! We will be selling these items after school only starting on Monday, May 16th. Each item is \$1. Students may only use these items on Field Day, outside, and towards Ms. Finley. Students using these items before or after field day, inside the building, or towards anyone that is not Ms. Finley will earn a consequence.

Tuition Statements: Tuition statements were sent in the mail over the last few days. Please make sure you either pay off your remaining balance for the year, or if you are unable to do that, call Rose Flores at 402-551-0269 to work out a plan. Failure to do one or both of these options regarding remaining tuition balances could result in your child not being able to attend St. Bernard next school year.

Summer workbooks: We have quite a lot of free resources donated to us from Title 1 for summer. We have PK & K workbooks. We have 3 & 4th-grade workbooks. We have 6th-grade workbooks. We also have a summer reading bag full of 7 books your 4th or 5th-grade student can read over the summer and keep or pass along! Some of these are in limited supply. Please let me know if you would like any of these for your student, and I can set them aside for you. If none of these suit your needs over the summer, there is the option of Summer Simple Solutions. Each book is \$16.99 and you can buy them here: <https://www.summersolutions.net/subjects>. If you believe your child is in need of summer school you can register them for OPS Summer School that we partner with to help our parochial students. The last day to register is May 13th. Teachers should have reached out to those of you whose children are being recommended to take summer school. See the flyer below for more details.

Virtus et Veritas Catholic Camp for Boys: V2 has been conducting a summer boys camp since 2015. The ministry cultivates authentic encounters with God & fellow man through adventure experiences and formation in virtue & truth to develop Christ-like leaders.

The camp is open for boys entering 6th grade in the fall of 2022 through 9th grade. If you would like to learn more about V2, please visit our website www.v2ministries.org.

See flyer below for further details.

We will also be hosting a parent meeting in the library for parents of 5-8 grade boys for the V2 camp on Monday, May, 16th at 5:30 pm where counselors and workers of the camp will give a presentation about this camp and answer any questions you may have. **The 5th-8th grade boys will have a presentation about the camp on Thursday, May 12th by parishioner Joe Nieymeyer who also works at the camp and whose younger sons attend and whose older sons are counselors.**

Dine Out Night: One last community dine night out for this school year!

Wednesday, May 18th at Freddy's on 72nd and Military from 3 to 8 pm. You must mention St. Bernard's for us to receive credit. Hope to see everyone there!

Summer Library Programs: Attached you will find the Summer Reading Program from the Omaha Public Libraries. Also, the libraries have a ton of free events over the summer like arts and crafts, wildlife encounters, author visits, entertainment, education/life skills, read to a dog, escape rooms, character storytimes, and regular storytimes. I encourage you to stop into your area library to grab a packet of summer activities. I plan on typing up these activities into a digital document. OPL doesn't have these published online and are not able to print us lots of copies.

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.

- Middle School Math and Science
- 5th 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: stbernardomahaschool.org/about-us/staff/jobs

EPS Bottles in Classrooms: Starting this week, classrooms will have an oversized baby bottle that we want to fill with coins, cash, or checks to help support Emergency Pregnancy Services. Emergency Pregnancy Services is an organization that provides free and life-affirming services to women facing unplanned and/or undersupported pregnancies. Help support this cause by having your children donate a few extra coins or dollars! We will collect all the bottles on May 19th.

Life is Messy: We have about 20 copies of Matthew Kelly's *Life is Messy* books at the school for any parent that might want one. Matthew Kelly is a New York Times Bestselling Author. This book is about "putting our lives back together, and allowing ourselves to be put back together when life doesn't turn out as we expected it to." The only thing we ask of you is that when you finish the book you pay it forward to someone else. It is a quick less than 200-page read. Thanks go out to Father and the parish for allowing us to give these away at school. There are also all the Matthew Kelly books available in the church foyer for free. Stop by the office to pick up *Life is Messy*.

Registration Fee + Renroll on Sycamore = Ready to go for Next Year: You must have both of these things done before your child is considered enrolled for next year. Many people have reenrolled but have not paid their registration fee and likewise, many people have paid their registration fee but have not reenrolled on Sycamore. The registration fee is now \$350 and you can reenroll here: bit.ly/STBenroll

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 at 402-553-4993.

Calendar: The 2022-2023 Calendar is finalized. 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 off

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](#)

Field Day Information Sheet

Dear Families,

We are currently planning our Field Day which will be held on **Friday, May 20th**. Here is what you need to know about Field Day:

- **Middle School** students will be participating in Junior High Olympics that our middle school teachers are planning.
- May 20th is 8th graders' LAST DAY OF SCHOOL! 8th graders do not need to bring anything but themselves and a bottle of water. They will clear their desks out and bring all their school items home with them on Thursday. Their graduation will be the following day at 5:00 pm with dinner to follow. 8th grade parents please return the RSVPs for dinner as soon as possible.
- **Students PreK-5** will be participating in outdoor activities from 8:40 to approximately 12. This means that Pre-K PM would miss out. **For those of you with Pre-K PM students**, those students are invited to come to school in the morning for Field Day. Please let Mrs. Sweetman know if you plan on having your PM Pre-K student attend the morning session, so she knows who to expect. PM students can then stay in the afternoon, but AM students will need to be picked up or go to childcare for the afternoon.
- **PK-5 Tiger Trek:** Along with this letter you will find a sheet of instructions and five mailing labels. We are bringing back Tiger Trek! Fill out the labels of family, friends, coworkers, and professionals that may sponsor your child during the time of Field Day they will be running around the building for Tiger Trek to raise money for school. Fill these labels out and send them back still attached to the backing by this **Friday, May 6th**. Put your child's name on the back of the labels. See the attached sheet for more specific instructions. Middle school will not be doing the Tiger Trek since they already have activities planned for Junior High Olympics.
- Students PreK-5 should bring the following items to school that day: A small bag (something similar to a drawstring or swag bag), a water bottle, sunscreen, and a sweatshirt or jacket. Students are not required to bring their backpack that day unless they plan to use their backpack as the bag they bring.
- At 8:00 there will be no parking in the rectory parking lot (north side of Church) until about 12:00. You may still drop off from the parking lot between 7:30 and 7:55. You can still pick up from the rectory parking lot at 3:15. Pre-K parents will not be able to pick up from the rectory parking lot.
- Lunch will be provided by the Knights of Columbus and will consist of grilled hot dogs and chips. If your child would prefer a cold lunch, please plan accordingly. Pre-K students will be included in the lunch on Field Day.
- Field Day is a full and free dress-down day. Students should wear sneakers/tennis shoes. Please also prepare for the possibility of chilly weather. All clothes must still follow school guidelines for dress-down days.
- We will have an in-person all-school Mass on Thursday, May 19th to present 8th-grade scholarship winners. There will be no Mass on Friday, May 20th.

- Unfortunately, silly string is one of the items that has been quite affected by inflation, so we will not be selling silly string this year. However, we will still be selling shaving cream and we will also now sell mini-water guns. Students can use these during Field Day to tag the principal! Students will have a specific time of day where they can “attack” me with shaving cream and water guns. Each item will be sold for \$1.00 and we will sell them starting the Monday before Field Day.
- In the event of rain in the morning, we will flip the schedule to have the outside activities in the afternoon. If it is raining all day, we will move everything indoors. We will not reschedule Field Day due to the weather.

Volunteers:

If you would like to volunteer please sign up using the Volunteer SignUp Genius that can be found by going to this link: bit.ly/STBFieldDay22 or you can give the office a call at 402-553-4993.

Please let me know if you have any questions not yet addressed,
God Bless and Go Tigers,
Ms. Emily Finley

Summer Programs, Camps, and Opportunities!

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Summer Camps at Mercy High School for girls in 3rd through 8th grades will be offered in June and July of this summer. We will be offering camps in Athletics, Show Choir, Fine Arts & Creative Writing. Go to <https://www.mercyhigh.org/happenings/> for further information about each camp!


Summer Camps at Marian: Now is the time to try something new! We have sessions dedicated to art and creativity, science, music, and athletics. Build a schedule that works for you. Take a course or two, or fill-up your day. Camps are girls only, grades 4-6 and grades 7-8. Choose your grade level, your interest and let's go! Sessions are **July 11-15** and **July 18-22**. Click [here](#) to sign up.

Free summer workbooks for grades PK, K, 3, 4, and 6: We have limited availability of summer workbooks that were donated through our Title 1 program to PK, K, 3, 4, and 6 grades. Let me know if you would like one of these for your student and I can set it aside for them.

Seven free books for 4th and 5th graders: We were gifted some leftover OPS summer reading books for 4th and 5th graders. With each bag, the student receives seven free books as well as a reading journal. These will be handed out to 4th and 5th graders during their library time.


Omaha Public Library summer program and events: Not only does the public library have their summer reading program, but they also have a ton of other activities for kids and teens to do in the summer. The best part is, all the events are free! Check out the extent of activities here:

<https://omahalibrary.org/summer-reading-program/>. Click on “Events” to see the calendar. Stop into your local branch today to ask about the program and all the activities.



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ALL
AGES

SUMMER
READING
PROGRAM

JUNE 1-JULY 31, 2022

KIDS' & TEENS' PROGRAM

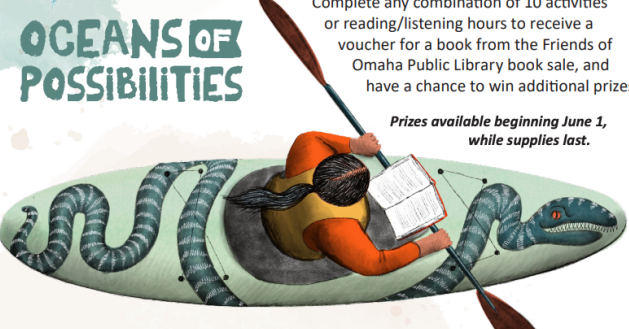
Receive a free book when you register!
Complete any combination of 10 activities
or reading/listening hours to receive a(n):

- Book
- Voucher for a book from the Friends
of Omaha Public Library book sale
- Omaha Storm Chasers ticket voucher
(for an 8/3 or 8/7 game)
- Chance to win additional prizes

ADULTS' PROGRAM

Complete any combination of 10 activities
or reading/listening hours to receive a
voucher for a book from the Friends of
Omaha Public Library book sale, and
have a chance to win additional prizes.

Prizes available beginning June 1,
while supplies last.



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4808 Cass St. | 402.444.5274

BENSON BRANCH

6015 Binney St. | 402.444.4846

BESS JOHNSON ELKHORN BRANCH

2100 Reading Plz. | 402.289.4367

CHARLES B. WASHINGTON BRANCH

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2920 Bondesson St. | 402.444.5299

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14850 Laurel Ave. | 402.444.5780

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"Virtue Through Adventure"
JOIN THE ADVENTURE

2022 Summer Boys Camp

Young Men entering 6th to 9th grades

REGISTER NOW!

Join us for a week: July 17th-23rd OR July 24th-30th

Full of Fun, Leadership, and Catholic Faith!

Join the adventure at 2022 V2 Camp presented by
Virtus et Veritas Ministries.

Scholarships available!

Leadership opportunities for young men 10th to 12th grades.

Volunteer opportunities for adults.

Visit www.v2ministries.org

To register & for more information.



Next Level Learning for Summer 2022

Registration: May 2, 2022 – May 13, 2022

**K-8 private school students working
below grade level are invited to attend!**

**Theme and
Project Based
Learning**

**Fun and
Engaging**

**Literacy and
Math Focus**

Important Information

- **Dates: June 8- July 1
& July 6-22**
- **No transportation is
provided**
- **Breakfast and Lunch
are available each
day**

**To register please
contact Ryan
Morrissey at (531)
299-9897
ryan.morrissey@ops.org**



SUMMER CAMP

**JUNE 7-8
9AM-NOON
GRADES 3-8**

MARIAN YOUTH SOFTBALL CAMP

SIGN UP AT: https://omahamarian.formstack.com/forms/summer_softball_camps