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Weekly Principal Updates
For the Week of September 25th, 2017

The Holy Rosary

As the the month of September comes to an end, we readjust our sights on the month of October. This month is typically known as the month of the Holy Rosary. This is a great time as a family, to reevaluate the ways in which the Holy Rosary can be brought into the home. Children are so drawn to the prayers of the Rosary, beautiful images and stories of Mary, and the opportunity to deepen their friendship with Jesus through Mary in this way. Sign up as a catechist here and received free [Rosary craft activities](#).

Each week in October, I will share out resources for praying the rosary that can be used at home with your children. To begin, here is a simply but straightforward site that depicts the four mysteries. Fr. Mark did a beautiful job several weeks ago in Mass, teaching the children about Mary and the Sorrowful Mysteries. <http://www.catholic-kids.com/rosary.htm>

Service in our Community

We will continue our goal to focus on service oriented activities. In this way we have the following service related activities in progress:

1. **September** - Collection for Hurricane Harvey - Student to Student Fundraiser
2. **October** - Socktober - We will be collecting socks for the homeless during the month of October. Let's see how many socks we can collect for our homeless brothers and sisters. (In January we will have a drive to collect trial-sized/sample-sized toiletries. These toiletries will be stuffed inside of the socks that we collect in October, and all will be brought to the St. John's Homeless Shelter.)
3. Fr. Mark is working with the 8th grade class to take them on a service trip to spend time at Fr. Carr's Place 2B in Oshkosh during the month of October. <http://fathercarrs.org/>

These are just a few of the efforts that we have in place to teach our children about the [Corporal Works of Mercy](#).

Back to School Night

Thank you to those of you who made it a priority to attend our Back to School Night Program. Our faculty and staff was all present and introduced to those in attendance. A brief presentation was given regarding the state of the school, the changing demographics and how those needs

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are being met. Most importantly, Ms. VanDyke presented the plan for implementing the SAFER Intruder Response Protocols and how those will be taught to the children.

Please find the presentations from Mrs. Blahnik linked here, but do note that this is very abbreviated the information that was expressed at the presentation. The SAFER presentation (created by the GBAPD and modeled on ALICE) needs to be annotated before sharing with the community members who did not attend. Communication will be sent home prior to any discussions with the students regarding intruder protocols. Students will NOT be asked to “practice” an intruder response, rather, they will be taught what to do and where to go should an intruder come into the building. They will practice walking to rally points and even discuss how to react in the classroom, but the school will not “drill” or “pretend” to have an intruder. All presentations will be age appropriate. Ms. VanDyke was sent to the training for ALICE and is taking the lead on intruder preparedness in the building.

There were approximately 50 families in attendance. This is a representative showing of approximately 1/8 of our school families.

Packer Dress Down Day

This Thursday, Sept. 28th will be a Packer Dress Down Day at St. Bernard Catholic School. Students may wear jeans and a packer top (jersey, t-shirt, just green, just gold, or anything that shows Packer Spirit that is appropriate for school). Students who do not want to participate are welcome to wear their regular school uniform. This day is to show solidarity with the city of Green Bay and to support our home team. Go Pack Go!

6th Grade - Camp Tekawitha Trip

The 6th grade will be on their annual trip to Camp Tek for team building and faith formation. Please keep them in your prayers, along with Ms. VanDyke and our 6th grade homeroom teachers as they embark on this trip on Wednesday and Thursday of this coming week.

7th Grade - Theology of the Body, Parent Meeting (Following Student Retreat)

Thursday, September 28th at 3:00 PM in Bishop Hall. As indicated in the email dated Saturday, Sept. 23rd, 7th Grade Parents are invited to a 3:00 pm parent meeting that follows the two day, Theology of the Body Retreat that 7th graders will be participating in. Please check in at the main office and head to Bishop Hall for this informational meeting. Parent resources for further student-parent discussion will be provided.

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Packer Seat Rentals

Date: Thursday, September 28th

Time: 4:30pm - 7:30pm

THIS GAME ONLY

\$60 per person credit towards 3rd Source Funding Goal of \$285

Easy way to meet your funding goal without spending a dime - we just need your time!

Contact Julie Wergin at jwergin@live.com if interested

Trunk or Treat Event - Save the Date

Save the date for this fun, Trunk or Treat event. Decorate the trunk of your car, dress up in your best Halloween costume and come to the **St. Bernard Parking** Lot for safe, fun, family trick or treating. Save the date for **Saturday, October 28th from 1:00-3:00 pm**. This is a St. Bernard School Family Event.

MAPS Testing - Update

Due to a system-wide technical challenge through NWEA, the testing window has been extended through October 8th. We will keep you updated as to when score reports will be released and sent home. Finally, GRACE is working to great a go-to site for parents looking for more information about their child's MAPS scores. This initiative is in progress.

Calendar Reminders

Wednesday, Sept. 27th and Thursday, Sept. 28th - 6th grade to Camp Tek....7th grade *Theology of the Body Retreat (at SBS).*

Thursday, Sept. 28th - Packer Dress Down Day and 7th Grade Parent Meeting 3:00 pm in Bishop Hall for TOTB. Packer Seat Rental Opportunity

Friday, Sept. 29th - Final Collection - Hurricane Harvey Relief. Mass sponsored by Mrs. MacDonald's homeroom in 8th grade.

Wednesday, Oct. 4th - **Blessing of the Pets.** *If the weather is nice, students gather in the upper parking lot at drop off (8:30 am) with families and their pets (any family-friendly pet is welcome). Students will remain outside with their pets and parents through this prayer service and blessing. At the end, parents will escort pets home. Thank you to Mrs. Rider, SBS parent*

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and Veterinarian, from Mishicot Animal Hospital for sponsoring this event. Families are encouraged to bring donations for the pet hospital (pet food, toys, blankets, etc.). Mrs. Balza's homeroom will be sponsoring this prayer service and Deacon Larry will be our celebrant.

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