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St. Bernard, St. Mary and St. Joseph: Pray For Those In Need of God's Grace, especially those affected by natural disasters.

IMPORTANT!!! HILLSIDE LN. EXIT ONLY

Hillside Ln. is an EXIT ONLY. Thank you to everyone who is following this new traffic plan. **PLEASE** encourage others around you to be courteous and follow this new plan. It will take a little getting use to, but the traffic flow and the safety is much better when we all work together!

BROWN ENVELOPE COMMUNICATION HOME-SCHOOL- No Longer Brown, and it can also be found online!

<http://www.saintbernardgb.com/brown-envelope-archive/>

NEW HIRE ANNOUNCEMENT: HOME-SCHOOL LIAISON

I am very pleased to announce the hire of our very first, **Home-School Liaison**. Mr. Edgar Zaragoza is now a part-time member of the St. Bernard Catholic School Staff. Mr. Zaragoza has an extensive background in service to the community through his work with the Boys and Girls Club and Curative Connections. Edgar and his wife Ana are parents to three students at St. Bernard School. His understanding of the school community, his work experience and his bilingual skills all make him a perfect fit for this position.

The Home-School Liaison is in place to support the connection between home and school for families who need support communicating with school. Mr. Zaragoza will first reach out to our new, Spanish-speaking families to ensure a smooth transition into the school community.

Secondarily, he will reach out to families who may need support due to family trauma, truancy, language, transportation, student academics, and more. He will work directly with the principal and other school personnel to prioritize the needs of his time each week. When a regular time is established for him to be on campus each week, we will share those hours with the school community. Welcome Mr. Zaragoza!

STUDENT TO STUDENT - HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF

This is a fundraiser for Catholic School Students to help Catholic Schools and their families in the Houston Area. We realize that there will be people to help in the coming month in other areas such as Central America, Florida, the Caribbean and even the West Coast of California. However, this month, we are working together as a school to support those who are trying to rebuild from the devastation of Hurricane Harvey. **Our goal is to have each student bring in \$1 during the month of September. Please bring your dollar to your homeroom teacher by Friday, September 29th.** All proceeds will be brought forward at our 9/29/17 School Mass.

We will not have a special dressdown to raise these funds. We hope our students can simply give \$1 with the knowledge that they are helping someone in need in our larger Catholic School Community. Thank you for your support of this effort!

T-Shirt Tuesdays

Each Tuesday, students may wear any SBS t-shirt/spiritwear or official T-Shirt Tuesday Shirt with uniform bottoms. [Order forms](#) are due September 13th.

Uniforms

THANK YOU for helping us enforce the uniform code! Your support is much appreciated. Notes are being sent home with students who need to make an adjustment to skirt/short/jumper length, shirt/bottom color, etc.

[This Thursday, Sept. 14th is the first SAC Paid Dress Down Day for students.](#) Students are expected to remain in closed-toe shoes, appropriate length skirts/dresses/shorts. Pants/Jeans may not have tears, rips or holes. Shirts should have sleeves and should be free from any anti-Catholic or inappropriate language/messaging (promotion of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, etc.). Thank you!

Back to School Night

Thursday, September 21st, 2017 5:45 pm - 7:30 pm. *Babysitting is Available to those **attending** this event.*

This event has been modified from past years. Based on prior year feedback from parents and teachers, this night **will not include classroom visits**. There is a lot of redundancy between BEAR Facts, Meet the Teacher Night and Back to School Night. Therefore, in an effort to make this night worthy of the time that our parents and teachers are putting aside, this event will be as follows:

5:45 pm - Teaching Staff available in the commons

6:00 pm - General Assembly

- Introduction of Teaching Staff
- State of the School Address - Mrs. Blahnik
- Layout of the **SAFER Intruder Response Program** (the program and philosophy, the plan for instructing the children in an age appropriate way, materials) - Ms. VanDyke

7:25 pm - Closing Prayer

Diesiseis de Septiembre

THIS Saturday, September 16th. 5:30 -7:30 pm. SBS GYM.

St. Bernard Catholic School invites you to celebrate the beginning of Hispanic Heritage Month with a “¡Dieciséis!” Celebration. **We will be having many different activities including**, crafts, salsa contest, music, ~~food for purchase~~ and handmade woven bracelets (\$5) for the seven Hispanic countries celebrating their independence days this week: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua - 15th, Mexico - 16th, Chile - 18th. All family members are welcome! This event is sponsored by the St. Bernard School Spanish Department.

:::Admission, crafts and food sampling is FREE:::

MAPS TESTING

Two times per year students in the GRACE system participate in MAPS Standardized testing. The test results have several educational purposes:

1. Scores benchmark student progress in order to measure student growth over time.
2. Scores are used to identify students in need of additional support (not on grade level) or additional enrichment (above grade level).
3. MAPS Scores, student performance, teacher/parent/student input are all used to ensure that a student is placed in the proper middle school math class.
4. Mid-Winter testing is no longer given to all students. This additional testing is provided to students who are in intervention Sept. - Dec. so that educators in the building can ensure that intervention is on track and growth is being made.

Students will receive the MAPS tests sometime over the course of the next three weeks. On your student's testing days, please help make sure they come to school ready to do their best. They should eat a well balanced breakfast and get a solid night sleep the night before.

ENGLISH - [Parent Information](#)

Please help your student "Rock the Test!"

Calendar Events for September

September 11th - **Hearing & Vision Screenings**

September 12th - **SAC, Site Advisory Council**, 6:00 pm Library / RRM Meeting, 5:00 pm

September 13th - **MAPS Testing** Window Begins

September 14th - **SAC Paid Dress Down Day**

September 15th - **All School Mass 8:45 am**, Sponsored by Ms. Dudzik's 7th grade Homeroom, all families welcome

September 16th- **Diesiseis de Septiembre Celebration**, SBS Gym at 5:30 pm, Free Family Event

September 20th - **Picture Day!** *Students may wear a nice outfit to school this day. No Jeans please. No graphic t-shirts. Please wear shorts under skirts and dresses.*

September 21st - **Back to School Night, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm**

September 22nd - **All School Mass 8:45 am**, Sponsored by Mrs. Kramer's 8th grade Homeroom, all are welcome.

September 23rd - **VIRTUS SESSION - ESPAÑOL**, 8:30 am -12:30 pm, St. Bernard School, Bishop Hall. You must take this session in order to volunteer at school.

September 24th - **Packer Seat Rental**, Volunteer Opportunity

September 27th and 28th - **6th Grade to Camp Tekawitha (Overnight)**

September 28th - **All School Mass 8:45 am**, Sponsored by Mrs. MacDonald's 8th grade Homeroom, all are welcome.

VIRTUS SESSION - ESPAÑOL, a ESQUELA de SAN BERNARDO

Saturday, September 23rd at 8:30 am -12:30 pm, St. Bernard School, Bishop Hall. You must take this session in order to volunteer at school. [Register Here](#)
Please call the main office if you need assistance. Or, you can just attend the session on Sept. 23rd and we will get you registered there.

Reminder - Messages for Teachers

Please remember to send messages to the school office or to your classroom teacher BEFORE 8:00 am if possible. You can also, always call the school office any time of day or night and leave a voicemail message. We will deliver your message as soon as we can. Please save mid-day messages for emergencies rather than everyday reminders as we cannot always ensure that your message will be delivered due to the volume of communication in our main office. Thank you for helping and understanding!

St. Bernard Catholic School is rooted in the life and works of Jesus Christ and our patron saint, providing a peaceful, prayerful community while inspiring each student to become a lifelong learner