



Weekly Principal Update

Faith at SBS With
Fr. Mark



[VIDEO LINK HERE](#) - Fr. Mark leading the 5th grade retreat to St. Nazianz, The Abbey and The Shrine, in September

School-Parish Partnership Strengthened with Fr. Mark: Fr. Mark has been enjoying time with the school children in a variety of ways through the years. This year, he has committed himself to more frequent involvement on campus, and the fruits of his efforts are tangible. While Fr. Mark makes school Mass and religious celebrations a priority in his schedule, he has also been known to eat lunch with the students, play with them on the playground, and provide faculty and staff with ongoing faith formation at faculty meetings. Fr. Mark's ongoing presence and involvement in the school is a key factor in the faith formation of the children in our school. Added to his involvement this year, Fr. Mark has

implemented a series of field trips directed at our 5th-8th grade students. These trips are varied in purpose and destination, however, each engages the students in their faith on a deeper, more experiential level. The video clip, put together by parent, Larry Schneider, is of the most recent trip with Fr. Mark took the 5th graders to St. Nazianz, the St. Norbert Abbey, and the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help. Coming up this month, the 8th graders will be headed to Oshkosh to work at Fr. Carr's Place 2b, while the 7th graders attended a steeple chase in Milwaukee to view religious art and artifacts. The 6th graders will also be attending their trip later this month. In addition to these hands on faith opportunities, Fr. Mark has also worked closely with Adam Horn (DRE) and Callie Kowalski (Youth Minister) and Crystal Blahnik to plan and implement the Theology of the Body content to the 7th and 8th graders, and to review the faith curriculum at the school. Faith in our school is the compelling reason for Catholic Education. We are blessed to have such a passionate and involved pastor.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Thank you for attending and participating in the recent Parent Teacher Conferences. Your feedback on the organization of this event is extremely valuable. While we have received very positive feedback via word-of-mouth, please let us know what you thought of the process for signing up and the event itself. Please note that dates/times are preset by GRACE and are consistent GRACE-wide.

[CLICK HERE FOR SURVEY](#)

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Student to Student

A Catholic School Response for Hurricane Relief 2017

COLLECTED: \$316 in September for Hurricane Harvey Relief!

Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 28th 1:00-3:00 PM at St. Bernard School Lower Lot - Free Event for School Families. [Click Here For Flyer.](#)



Socktober!

This month we are collecting socks for the St. John's Homeless Shelter. Our collection in January of trial-sized toiletries will allow us to stuff our socks full of much needed supplies for people coming into the shelter during the winter months. **Let's see if we can collect one pair of NEW socks per child by Friday, October 27th, 2017.**

Sign Up for Robotics

Students/Parents in 5th-7th grades who are interested in the [VEXIQ Robotics](#) Team please contact Mrs. Herman aherman@gracesystem.org or Ms. Howlett at khowlett@gracesystem.org for meeting and registration information. The season runs from October - February.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. John 14:27

October - Calendar Items

- Oct. 16th/17th - PK to Hillside Orchard
- Oct. 19th - 8th Grade Retreat w/Fr. Mark
- Oct. 24th - **NO SCHOOL** - Diocesan InService
- Oct. 26th- Picture ReTake Day
6th Grade Retreat w/Fr. Mark
- Oct. 28th - Trunk or Treat, 1:00-3:00 pm
- Oct. 30th - PK/K Trick-or-Treat
- Oct. 31st - PK/K Trick-or-Treat
- Nov. 1st - All Saints Day Mass, 10:15 am
- Nov. 2nd - All Souls Day Memorial Table



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