



*Monday, April 2nd, 2018*

EASTER

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Happy Easter!

May God Bless you and your family. We have a busy ten weeks of school left. Please continue to read your classroom teacher's weekly newsletters and you can always read this weekly update for the bigger picture and whole-school items. Thank you for your ongoing support. I am very excited to see that our enrollment is 470 for 18/19 so early in the school year. We are on track to exceed current year enrollment which is exciting for Catholic education in general. Mid-summer, I look at class sizes in relation to the needs of the student group and support that may be needed in a particular class or grade. The faculty and I are committed to continuing to provide the same, high-quality student support that our school has been historically known for. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about the coming school year.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Blahnik, Principal

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**Class List**

**CLASS LISTS 18/19 School Year:**

April is typically the month that our teachers begin working together on creating class lists for the 18-19 school year. Lists are created by the classroom teachers. We strive to balance the needs of the student body across the classrooms in each grade level. The following is taken into consideration:

- \*girl/boy balance across the rooms of the grade level(s)
- \*student needs (add/adhd, learning challenges, EL/ESL, social & interpersonal relationships)
- \*student/teacher rapport
- \*number of students all together

**Regarding a multi-age placement:** students are not guaranteed from one year to the next that their 1st grade and 3rd grade placement in a straight age or multi-age will carry up to the next grade. We like to keep multi-age rooms together for two years, however, striking a balance among all of the classrooms, and providing the highest quality educational experience for each student is the priority.

While classroom placement is at the discretion of the classroom teachers and ultimately the principal, parent preference is always taken into consideration if it is shared. There are never any guarantees as to placement, but we do value parental input. It would be impossible to place every student in the room of his/her choice. It is just not practical nor beneficial to the children as a whole.

Please email Mrs. Blahnik by April 15th if you have any input regarding your child's 18/19 school year placement in K-5. [cblahnik@gracesystem.org](mailto:cblahnik@gracesystem.org)

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#### SBS - Looking for Chess Club Interest

We have a few families interested in starting up a Chess Club at SBS. If you or your child would like to be added to our list of "interested participants" please email Mrs. Blahnik at [cblahnik@gracesystem.org](mailto:cblahnik@gracesystem.org) and we will send you more information as it develops. Right now we are just gathering interested names, once we have more information we will provide it!



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### Link to Auction for Education Survey

As the auction committee continues to work to collect final invoices and calculate totals, please take a moment to fill out the short survey at the link below. Your feedback is always appreciated and valuable to making next years auction the best it can be! The survey will be collected for the next two weeks. Thank you!

<https://goo.gl/forms/IYVCUFctrnBROvET2>

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### **Summer School Options**



Summer School Offerings from GBAPS

[https://www.gbaps.org/our\\_district/summer\\_school\\_2018/](https://www.gbaps.org/our_district/summer_school_2018/)

Summer School Offerings from GRACE

<https://gracesystem.org/about-grace/grace-gold-summer-camp/>

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### **Health-Talks (Human Growth and Development) Overview and Reminder**

*The times and dates for 4th -6th grade presentations are located on the school's master calendar, however, letters are coming home this Tuesday via email and brown envelope to these grade levels.*



**4th Grade -Parent/Student Meeting. SPRING** -Personal Hygiene, boys and girls separately, daily personal care - teeth, hair, body. (Mrs. Ann Kauffman, RN and Mrs. Crystal Blahnik)

**5th Grade - Parent/Student Meeting. SPRING** - Respect for each other. Changing bodies and the emotions that accompany them. How bodies develop and individual differences. How new life is created, menstruation, nocturnal emission and continued hygiene. [Purely You, Growing God's Way](#) (Based on *Theology of the Body*) (Mrs. Chris Guyette, RN, and Ms. Jennifer Erickson, MD)

**6th Grade - Parent/Student Meeting. SPRING** - Presentation from 5th grade - opposite gender information. [Purely You, Growing God's Way](#) (Based on *Theology of the Body*) (Mrs. Chris Guyette, RN, and Ms. Jennifer Erickson, MD)

**7th Grade - Parent/Student Meeting. FALL**- Overview of *Theology of the Body* (first four chapters) and [YouCat](#) (the Catechism for Youth). Gift of sexuality. Discovering true identity. Appreciate the role that human relationships play in each person's life - how we are made for relationships. Understand good friendships. Cultivate trust. What's the purpose of friendship. (Adam Horn, DRE; Callie Kowalski, YM; Fr. Mark VanderSteege, Pastor)

**8th Grade - Parent/Student Meeting - FALL**- Overview of *Theology of the Body* (chapters 5-8) and [YouCat](#) (the Catechism for Youth). Gift of sexuality. Discovering true identity. Appreciate the role that human relationships play in each person's life - how we are made for relationships. Understand good friendships. Cultivate trust. What's the purpose of friendship. (Adam Horn, DRE; Callie Kowalski, YM; Fr. Mark VanderSteege, Pastor)

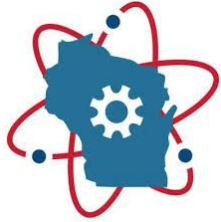
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**Featured Article Regarding SBS's Participation in the Latino Enrollment Program**  
<https://mailchi.mp/nd/csa-newsletter-spring-2018?e=46ae4d625d>



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**Project Lead the Way - Relationships with Local Manufactures and Engineers** are being sought in order to make real-world connections for students K-5 in their lab based science curriculum. Please send your name and/or company information to Mrs. Pethan or Mrs. Blahnik if you are interested in being partnered with a particular grade level and/or curricular focus. [cblahnik@gracesystem.org](mailto:cblahnik@gracesystem.org), [spethan@gracesystem.org](mailto:spethan@gracesystem.org)  
Click here for a detailed description of the units that are provided for each grade K-5.  
<https://www.pltw.org/our-programs/pltw-launch-curriculum#aligned-to-fourth-grade-standards-curriculum-2>



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## **Wisconsin Parent Choice Voucher Program**

**DEADLINE APPROACHING - APRIL 20th, 2018**

### **WAITING LISTS - ENROLLMENT for 18/19 is at 470**

- Kindergarten
- 4th grade
- 6th grade

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## **CALENDAR**

**April 2nd- Easter Monday, No School**

**April 9th- May 4th: MAPS WINDOW**

**April 11th & 12th - 5th Grade Science Fair**

**April 14th - First Holy Communion (4:00 pm)**

**April 15th - First Holy Communion (8:00 am/10:00 am/6:30 pm Masses)**

**April 17 - Health Talks 4th Grade**

**April 18 - Health Talks 5th Grade**

**April 19 - Health Talks 6th Grade**

**April 20th - Mid Tri Ends**

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## **MAPS Testing Window**

Please help us promote a positive testing experience with the students. We use the test results to ensure that our students are growing and that they are getting the supports and enrichment that they need as individuals.

**MAPS Testing Window - April 12th - May 2nd**

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## **Faith for Families**

Brother Francis resources for children ages 3-7. These are used in the preschool classrooms.

**<https://www.brotherfrancisonline.com/video-episodes/>**



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**Sting Cancer - ORDER FORMS DUE, Wednesday, APRIL 4th, 2018**

We will observe [Wear Yellow Day](#) on **Friday, May 4th, 2018**.

This is a Mass Day, but we all wear yellow to Mass to support those who have and are battling cancer.

## STINGCANCER

If you would like to place an order for a Yellow T-Shirt or pullover, please go to this link. Our campus is an official participant of Sting Cancer, so orders can be placed and will be delivered to our site.

[KTForms.com](http://KTForms.com)

**Access Code:** StingCancer18

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### Author Visit - Miranda Paul - Graduate of St. Bernard School

Look who's coming to visit!

MIRANDA PAUL, AUTHOR

When: Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> Where: St. Bernard

Pre-order your autographed books by: Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>

The image shows a promotional poster for an author visit. It features a photo of Miranda Paul, a portrait of her, and four book covers: 'One Plastic Bag', 'Avery's School', 'Trainbots', and 'Are We There Yet?'. The text on the poster includes the author's name, the date and location of the visit, and the pre-order deadline.

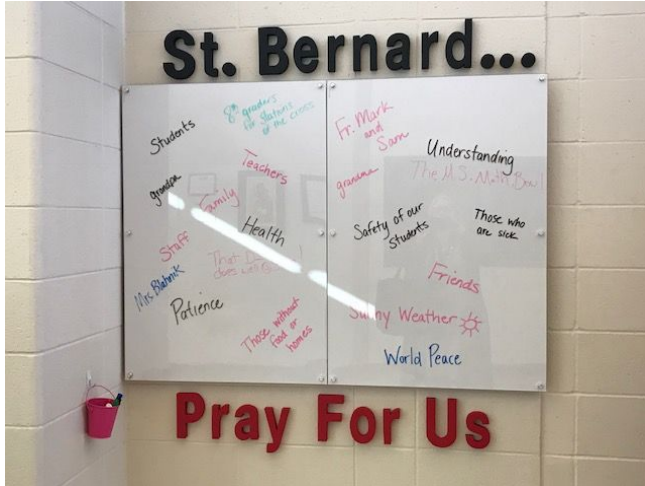
Renowned Children's Author, Miranda Paul, and graduate of St. Bernard School, will be spending the day at **SBS on Tuesday, May 15**. Mrs. Paul is the author of such books as *10 Little Ninjas*, *Trainbots* and *One Plastic Bag*. We are pre-selling her autographed books.

**Pre sale orders are due by Friday, April 6th. Order forms came home in [last week's Brown Envelope](#).** Each grade level will have a chance to meet with her and hear her read and speak about her books.

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### A Gift from the Class of 2017

Well, it took us a while to get it ordered and installed, but the prayer board that our 2017 8th grade class gifted to the school has now been put up and is ready for prayers!



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Have a wonderful week! Hopefully we won't have to dig out of too much snow.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Blahnik, Principal