

Monday, April 8th, 2018

Greetings in Christ!

I was reminded this last week how challenging this time of year can be. The weather is changing and it won't be long before Summer break is upon us and the students seem to sense that. Getting through the last two months of school is a true community effort!

This month we are conducting our MAPS testing. It is always a balancing act to communicate the importance of this test in the school setting, while not over stressing the children. That being said, we look forward to seeing the growth that the children have made this school year.

Seminarian Sam will be hosting adoration in the church this Friday, April 13th from 2:30-3:15 pm. Please feel free to join us for this prayer opportunity.

Finally, congratulations to all of our 2nd graders who are in the final steps of their First Holy Communion preparations. This coming weekend many of our students will be making their sacrament here at St. Bernard at a variety of Mass times. Please pray for them and their teachers as they prepare.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Blahnik, Principal

CALENDAR

April 9th- May 4th: MAPS WINDOW

April 12th - PAID NUT CARD DAY

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

Class List

SAME ANNOUNCEMENT AS LAST WEEK

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

SBS - Looking for Chess Club Interest

SAME ANNOUNCEMENT AS LAST WEEK

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 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!



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>

Summer School Options - Same Announcement as Last Week



Summer School Offerings from GBAPS

https://www.gbaps.org/our_district/summer_school_2018/

Summer School Offerings from GRACE

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

Health-Talks (Human Growth and Development) Overview and Reminder - Dates and Times Added

The times and dates for 4th -6th grade presentations are located on the school's master calendar. Letters were sent home via email and hardcopy last week.



TUESDAY, APRIL 17th

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)

Girls - 11:00 - 11:45 am

Lunch 11:50 -12:40 pm

Boys - 12:45 -1:30 pm

Students must be back on campus by 12:40 PM if heading off campus for lunch.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18th

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)

Girls - 11:00 - 11:45 am

Lunch 11:50 -12:40 pm

Boys - 12:45 -1:30 pm

Students must be back on campus by 12:40 PM if heading off campus for lunch.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19th

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)

Girls - 11:35 am - 12:20 pm

Lunch - 12:20 - 1:05

Boys - 1:10 pm - 1:55 pm

Students must be back on campus by 1:05 PM if heading off campus for lunch.

Wisconsin Parent Choice Voucher Program

DEADLINE APPROACHING - APRIL 20th, 2018

WAITING LISTS - ENROLLMENT for 18/19 is at 473

- Kindergarten
 - 4th grade
 - 6th grade
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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

Faith for Families

The Three Minute Retreat can help with mindfulness (calming oneself and reducing anxiety).

<https://www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer>

English and Spanish are provided. This is a great exercise for children and adults.

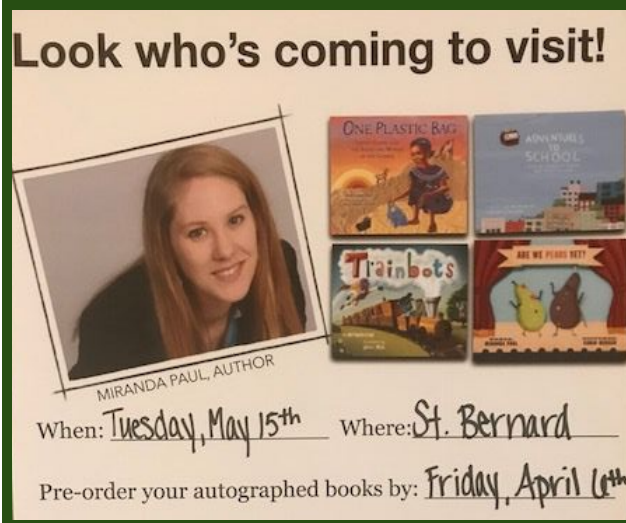
Sting Cancer -

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

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



Look who's coming to visit!

MIRANDA PAUL, AUTHOR

When: Tuesday, May 15th Where: St. Bernard

Pre-order your autographed books by: Friday, April 6th

The image contains a photo of Miranda Paul, a portrait of her, and four book covers: 'One Plastic Bag', 'Adventure School', 'Trainbots', and 'Are We Picked Yet?'. The text is written in a mix of bold fonts and handwritten notes on a light background.

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*. Pre-ordered books will be autographed and distributed at the end of Mrs. Paul's visit.

Have a wonderful week!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Blahnik, Principal