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St. Bede Catholic School

Family Newsletter



Principals' Message

On Sunday, we gathered together to celebrate Father Seamus' 50th anniversary of his ordination as a priest. The Mass was a multi-lingual celebration, representing the many cultures of our parish community. Many of Father Seamus' fellow priests and Bishop John Cummins joined him to celebrate this special occasion. At the reception that followed, food was prepared and served from the diverse cultures of our parishioners. Our St. Bede students sang "Thank You" to Father Seamus in appreciation for all that he has done, and continues to do, for us. We thank Father Seamus for his devotion to the priesthood for 50 years and his service to the St. Bede community for 30 years. We offer our prayers for him as he continues in his ministry of priesthood. Thank you to all of our parish school families and students who helped in any way to make this jubilee celebration such a spirit-filled event.



Calendar Updates

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| Fri, 3/24 | 8:15 AM Prayer Service
Student of the Month, SLE,
Trimester Awards
2:00 PM Stations |
| Thurs, 3/30 | 6:30 PM Presentation on
Human Trafficking |
| Fri, 3/31 | 2:00 PM Stations |
| Wed, 4/5 | 6:30 PM Mandatory State
of the School Report Mtg |
| Fri, 4/7 | 2:00 PM Stations |
| Thurs, 4/13 | Holy Thursday
12:00 PM Dismissal
No PM Extended Care |
| Fri, 4/14 | Good Friday-No School
Easter Vacation until 4/24 |
| Mon, 4/24 | School Resumes |

Hornet's Nest Activities

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| Wed, 3/22 | Banana Split |
| Thurs, 3/23 | Free Play |
| Fri, 3/24 | Table Tennis |
| Mon, 3/27 | Knock Out |
| Tues, 3/28 | Board Games |
| Wed, 3/29 | Tacos |

Asking for Your Valuable Feedback

On Monday you were sent the following link <https://goo.gl/forms/6uoH8Q7rBqjlCyiP2> for our yearly parent survey which will help us gather your honest input about the strengths of our school programs and the areas where improvements can be made. **Your valuable and confidential feedback will be shared at our MANDATORY STATE OF THE SCHOOL REPORT on Wed, April 5th at 6:30 PM.** We need 170 of our 188 (90% of our) school families to complete the survey by **Mon, Mar. 27th in order for all of our students to earn a FULL WEEK of FREE DRESS immediately following Easter vacation from April 24th-28th.** Thank you so much for your support and cooperation.



Learning about Human Trafficking

Are you aware that Alameda County is a hot spot for predators of human trafficking? This serious problem is happening where we live, and it's crucial that we learn about this important matter so that we can protect our families, school and local community. St. Bede Parish is hosting a workshop given by Shared Hope International. You will learn about how these criminal networks operate and how Catholic Charities of the East Bay is working to help the victims of human trafficking, What a better time than during Lent to reach out to help God's most vulnerable. **Please join us on Thurs, Mar. 30th at 6:30 PM in the Small Gym** to learn more about what you can do to help end this horrible situation. You will earn 1.5 parent service hours and a free dress pass for your child(ren) for attending.



Applying to St. Bede School

Do you know anyone who is interested in coming to our school? We are currently **accepting applications for TK-5th grade for the 2017-2018 school year.** Applications are available on our website and school office. Testing for TK-5th grade will be arranged based on need when applications are turned in. **If a referred family attends our school for one year and registers for the following year, you will receive \$350 off your Registration Fee for the next school year.** Thank you so much for spreading the good news about our school.

