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# St. Bede Catholic School

## Family Newsletter



### Principals' Message

### Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!

On Thursday, March 2nd, the students participated in our annual Read-in to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday. The excitement was infectious as the children arrived wearing their pajamas and carrying blankets, pillows, and stuffed animals. Of course, they also brought their favorite books to read. Once they got into their classrooms, they set up their comfy reading areas and started reading.

After lunch, we sang "Happy Birthday" to Dr. Seuss and ate some birthday cake. Then the students proceeded to the gym to listen to our guest readers and storytellers. We were fortunate to have two Hayward city council members celebrate with us. Mr. Francisco Zermeño told entertaining stories to the children about his experiences in Mexico. Mr. Zermeño's own children attended St. Bede's. Mrs. Sara Lamnin read *Fox in Socks* to the students. What a tongue twister that was!

It was a great way to celebrate the joy of reading as we joined other schools throughout nation by participating in the *Read Across America* program.

The Read-a-thon officially ended on March 3rd. Now it is time to collect your pledge money. The money raised will go towards books for each classroom and our resource program. All reading logs and pledge money collected are due on **Wed, Mar. 15th**. **With 100% school participation we will have a field trip to Weekes Park where students will be able to compete against teachers in various games.**



### Calendar Updates

Wed, 3/8	6:30 PM-Lenten Mini-Retreat for Parents
Fri, 3/10	<b>Diocesan Inservice (No School)</b>
Mon, 3/13	<b>Spring Holiday (No School)</b>
Wed, 3/15	<b>Read-a-Thon Logs and Money Due Report Cards Go Home</b>
Fri, 3/17	Happy St. Patrick's Day (Green Free Dress)
Sun, 3/19	<b>2:00 PM 50th Anniversary Mass &amp; Celebration for Fr. Seamus</b>
Fri, 3/24	8:15 AM Prayer Service Student of the Month, SLE, Trimester Awards

### Hornet's Nest Activities

Wed, 3/8	Rice Krispies Cross
Thurs, 3/9	Lent Cross Project
Fri, 3/10	NO SCHOOL
Mon, 3/13	NO SCHOOL
Tues, 3/14	St. Patrick Rainbow Art
Wed, 3/15	St. Patrick's Day Greenwrap

## Slowing Down During Lent

Do you feel overworked and overwhelmed? Is it difficult for you to find time to slow down, rest and feel rejuvenated? Come join us for our **Lenten Spiritual Renewal for Parents on Wed, Mar. 8th from 6:30-7:30 PM in the Tech Lab.** Jesus said, "Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Allow yourself time to be strengthened by God's love and grace this Lenten season.



## Collaborating with Colleagues

There will be **No School on Fri, Mar. 10th** due to a Diocesan Inservice that will allow our teachers to collaborate with colleagues from other Catholic schools to discuss Science and Math curriculum and address ways to support students with academic struggles and special needs. We are fortunate that our teachers have opportunities to continue developing in their profession as educators.

## Honoring Father Seamus

Please join us in honoring our dedicated pastor, Fr. Seamus Farrell, as he celebrates his 50th Anniversary of priesthood. **The celebration will take place on Sun, Mar. 19th with Mass at 2:00 PM followed by a reception in the Parish Center. Please be sure to bring a dish that can be served for 8-10 people.** Our students will be making class gifts and preparing a song to sing if they plan to attend this exciting and festive event.



## Applying to St. Bede School

Do you know anyone who is interested in coming to our school? We are currently **accepting applications for grades TK-5 for the 2017-2018 school year.** Applications are available on our website and school office. Our **second round of kinder testing will take place on Sat, Mar. 25th at 8:30 AM.** Testing for grades 1-5 will be arranged based on need when applications are turned in.



## Celebrating the Joy of Reading and Learning Together



Thank you so much to  
***Mrs. Barton*** for continuing this  
annual Read-a-thon  
for over 20 years!

Thank you, ***Ms. Galindo***, for  
inviting City Council Members,  
***Sara Lamnin***  
and  
***Francisco Zermeno***  
as guest presenters for our event.

