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# St. Bede Catholic School

## Family Newsletter



### Principals' Message

#### *Our Tree of Kindness Blossoms*

Our Tree of Kindness is blossoming. At the beginning of the school year, there was a leafless tree waiting for some leaves. As the students of St. Bede's have been displaying acts of kindness, the tree is filling out. More and more students are being nominated for the Tree of Kindness. Many of the children voluntarily use their recess and lunch times to pick up trash throughout the playground area. Others have helped their classmates and schoolmates when they are hurt or feeling sad. All of the students, from TK through 8th grade, demonstrate their willingness to help out whenever there is a need. For example, 1st grader, **Juliana Ponce**, offered to stay back with Mrs. Miranda-Small on their walk to Parkview. She said, "You help me, so I want to help you." Eighth grader, **Naomi Mayer** noticed that another student was very sad and asked if she could try to console her. As Faith Filled Individuals who treat others with compassion and Global Citizens who serve the local and global communities, our students are living examples of our Student Learning Expectations.

#### *Works of Mercy Come From the Heart*

As Lent began, the students continued to display their desire to make good choices to become closer to God. In Faith Families, the 8th grade leaders led discussions about the Spiritual Works of Mercy. After that, each student created a prayer incorporating the Spiritual Works of Mercy. As you enter the school lobby, you can view the prayers that they wrote. Whether it's a TK or an 8th grader, you will notice that their prayers are quite heartfelt. One student wrote, "Dear God and Jesus, help me to stop talking in class so that I can help people who don't understand the question." A younger student prayed, "Dear Lord, help me to stop playing on the phone so I can help. By performing these Works of Mercy, the students want to be prepared to celebrate Jesus' Resurrection on Easter Sunday.



### Calendar Updates

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| Wed, 4/5    | 6:30 PM Mandatory State of the School Report Mtg                  |
| Fri, 4/7    | 2:00 PM Stations  |
| Thurs, 4/13 | <b>Holy Thursday</b><br>12:00 PM Dismissal<br>No PM Extended Care |
| Fri, 4/14   | <b>Good Friday-No School</b><br>Easter Vacation until 4/24        |
| Mon, 4/24   | School Resumes<br>6:00 PM 1st Communion Rehearsal                 |
| Thurs, 4/27 | 6:30 PM Spring Concert  |
| Fri, 4/28   | Mid-Trimester Ends  |
| Sat, 4/29   | 10:00 AM First Holy Communion                                     |

### Hornet's Nest Activities

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| Wed, 4/5    | Color Easter Eggs                |
| Thurs, 4/6  | Color Easter Eggs                |
| Fri, 4/7    | Movie: <i>Zootopia</i> & Popcorn |
| Mon, 4/10   | Kickball                         |
| Tues, 4/11  | Holy Week Word Search            |
| Wed, 4/12   | Easter Egg Hunt                  |
| Thurs, 4/13 | <b>No PM Extended Care</b>       |

## Learning about the State of Our School

Today is our mandatory State of the School Report Meeting that will be held in the Small Gym starting at 6:30 PM.

During our meeting, we will share how we have progressed, the areas where improvements can be made, and plan our vision for the future in areas such as **Catholic Identity, Curriculum, Staffing, Technology, PTG, GAP, Marketing & Development, Finance and so much more.** In addition, we will share results from the family, students and staff surveys. Parents will earn one service hour and a free dress pass for each child. We appreciate your continued support and commitment to our school community.

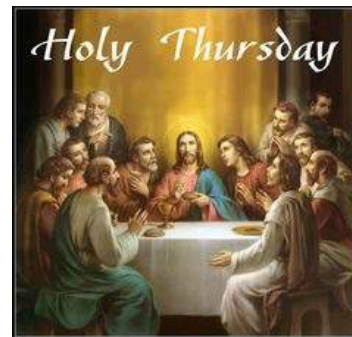


## Praying the Stations of the Cross

We invite you to join us for the Stations of the Cross this Friday at 2:00 PM in the church. In Religion class, our 8th graders spent time learning about the fourteen stations and writing prayers for each station in pairs, reflecting on the suffering and needs of our world. The 8th graders will lead us in prayer and a re-enactment of Christ's suffering and death on the cross.

## Celebrating Holy Thursday

On **Thurs, April 13th** we will have AM extended care and be dismissed at 12:00 PM. **We will not have PM extended care so that everyone can attend Holy Thursday Mass and enjoy the start of their Easter vacation.** Thank you so much for your cooperation.



## Enjoying the Beauty of Spring

Get ready for an evening of entertainment on **Thurs, April 27th at 6:30 PM.** Ms. Paguio, our classroom teachers and Hornet singers and musicians are preparing for an unforgettable Spring Concert. Students are asked to wear Spring colors, being sure to abide by the free dress policy in the Family Handbook. **Please remember that all students must be accompanied by an adult.**