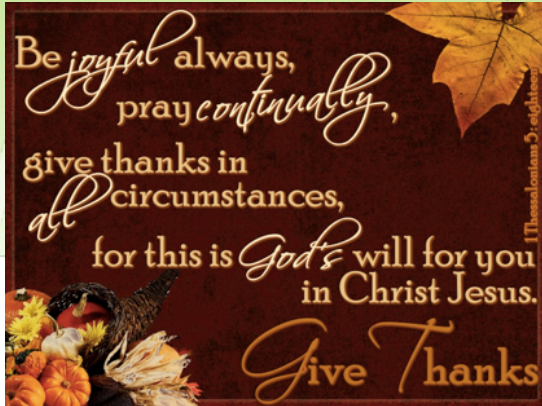


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St. Bede Catholic School

Family Newsletter



Principals' Message

In everything give thanks.

-1 Thessalonians 5:18

Last night, our parish community gathered together in prayer and thanksgiving to God for our abundant blessings. This Thanksgiving tradition encourages the young people of our parish-Confirmation candidates, CYO and GAP athletes, Faith Formation and parish school students, along with their teachers, coaches and families, to celebrate all the gifts that God has given to us. In addition, they were invited to share of themselves through the canned foods they donated to serve the needs of the poor in our local community. Thank you so much for your holy presence and participation in our Parish Thanksgiving Prayer Service.

We thank all of our TK-5th grade families that attended our mandatory Standards-Based Grading Presentation last week. Our new Diocesan system of grading was shared and parents asked great questions. The Power Point presentation and grading rubric are included as an attachment to this week's Family Newsletter.

Our Hornets are invited to donate any new or used, clean, dry shoes. They can be any type of shoes. The shoes will be given to a village in North Africa where, "*people have NO shoes so what we consider trash is golden to them...the people duct tape together shoes and glue together used bike tubes for irrigation.*" We live in such abundance so this outreach opportunity is a powerful way for us to be global citizens who show compassion towards our sisters and brothers in Africa. Please go through your closets with your children to find shoes you can donate for this worthy cause. ***Our shoe drive will take place until Wed, Nov. 30th.*** Thank you for your generosity.



**Need for shoes in Africa is great.
Please help in anyway you can.**

Calendar Updates

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| Wed, 11/16 | 6:30-8:00 PM 6th-8th Grade Study Skills Meeting |
| Fri, 11/18 | First Trimester Ends SOM & SLE Awards (8:15 AM) |
| Wed, 11/23 | 12:00 PM Dismissal
NO PM Extended Care |
| Thurs, 11/24 | Happy Thanksgiving!
(No School) |
| Fri, 11/25 | Thanksgiving Holiday
(No School) |
| Sun, 11/27 | First Sunday of Advent |

Hornet's Nest Activities

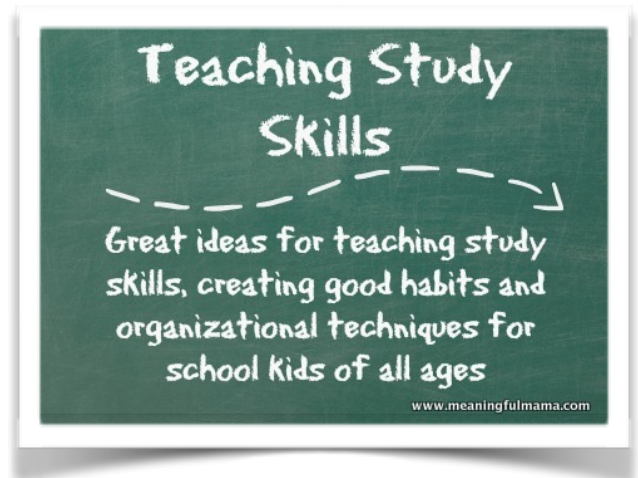
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| Wed, 11/16 | Cross Art |
| Thurs, 11/17 | Thanksgiving Art |
| Fri, 11/18 | Movie & Nachos |
| Mon, 11/20 | Thanksgiving Card |
| Tues, 11/21 | Thanksgiving Feast |

School Mission

*We are committed to handing
on the Catholic faith,
particularly social justice.*

Supporting 6th-8th Grade Parents

Would you like to help your junior high student develop stronger study skills? Mrs. Barton will be leading a workshop for parents and their children on **Wed, Nov. 16th from 6:30 to 8:00p.m.** The workshop will focus on time management and strategies for studying for tests. All junior high parents and their children are invited to attend Parents must accompany their children. Any junior high students who participates will be excused from homework on Wed. We hope you take advantage of this learning opportunity.



Preparing for Thanksgiving Break

Please remember that on **Wed, Nov. 23rd** the students will be **dismissed at 12:00 PM**. There will be **no PM Extended Care** so that all staff members can enjoy their Thanksgiving vacation with their families. Thank you so much for your cooperation.

Labeling Uniform Jackets & Sweaters

As the weather becomes chilly, we are asking students to wear long pants, jackets, sweaters, mittens and scarves. Several sweaters and jackets end up in our Lost and Found because these pieces of clothing are not labeled. Please be sure to write your child's name and grade on their jackets and sweaters so they are returned to the proper owner.



Keeping Sick Children at Home

It's that time of the year when students are susceptible to being sick. If your child has a fever, is throwing up, coughing or sneezing often or feels quite ill, please be sure to keep your child at home. **Please notify our school office the morning of your child's absence; otherwise it will be recorded as an unexcused absence. They must be fever-free for at least 24 hours before returning to school.** We are experiencing high absence rates due to illnesses that are present in our community. At school we will be sure to remind students to wash their hands, use hand sanitizer, avoid sharing food and cover their mouths when coughing or sneezing.

