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# St. Bede Catholic School

## Family Newsletter



### Principals' Message

This month of November provides us with an opportunity to reflect on what we are most grateful for. We are truly thankful to all of you for choosing to entrust your children to our care. We give thanks to the many families, teachers, staff, parishioners, alumni and friends who continue to support our parish school through their prayers, service and financial assistance. Our school continues to grow in new and exciting ways through the generosity of so many caring hands and loving hearts. Let us continue to give thanks to God for the many blessings we have experienced in our lives, families and school community.

November is the perfect month to practice ways to demonstrate gratitude for all that we have. The students will be participating in classroom activities in which they will be able to express their gratitude. There have been numerous studies documenting the benefits of gratitude. One benefit of gratitude is it makes us "pay it forward." That is just what our students are being asked to do during this season of thanksgiving. ***We kicked off a Shoe Drive on Friday and our outreach ends on Wed, Nov. 30th.*** 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.



### Calendar Updates

- Wed, 11/9 **Mandatory TK-5 Mtg (6:30 PM)**
- Fri, 11/11 **Veterans Day (No School)**
- Tues, 11/15 Thanksgiving Prayer Service (7:00 PM)
- 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)**

### Hornet's Nest Activities

- Wed, 11/9 Brownies
- Thurs, 11/10 Thank You Cross
- Fri, 11/11 **Veterans Day (No School)**

### School Philosophy

*We help our students grow into responsible Christian leaders.*

## 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. Parents must accompany their children. Please turn in the RSVP form if you plan to attend.



## Sharing Goodness at Our School

*Our school mission statement says, “..we educate each child to become a disciple of Jesus Christ.”* This year our Hornet students who share goodness as true disciples of Jesus will be recognized through our **Tree of Kindness** which will be displayed in our school hallway for the entire year. We are happy to honor faith-filled Hornets in this special way.



## Following PE Guidelines

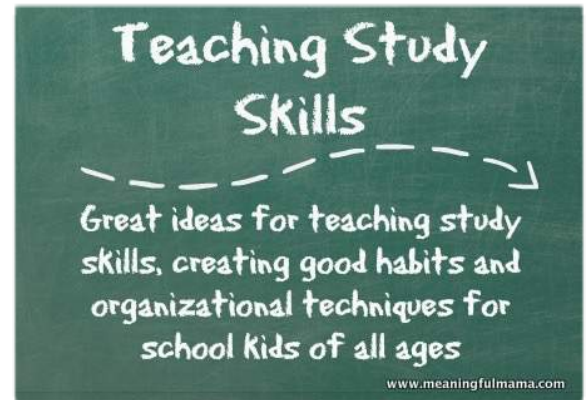
Children are asked to follow the PE rules below to ensure their safety:

- 1) Wear tennis shoes
- 2) Wear shorts underneath jumpers and skirts
- 3) Remove any necklaces, bracelets and hoop earrings during PE class
- 4) Refrain from wearing metal hair clips or barrettes
- 5) Bring a water bottle
- 6) Keep hands to yourself
- 7) Listen to directions
- 8) Respect self, others and teacher



## Giving Thanks for Our Blessings

Please join our parish community in giving thanks to God for our abundant grace and blessings. Our **Thanksgiving Prayer Service** will take place on **Tues, Nov. 15th at 7:00p.m. in our Church.** **ALL GAP and CYO athletes** are asked to wear their sports uniforms and bring a canned food item.





## Celebrating the Joy of Halloween



## Voting Results from Our Global Citizens

Through the *leadership of Ms. Jarata and our Social Studies Weekly Program*, our St. Bede students participated in a mock election. Last Nov. 1st, polling stations were set-up in the hallways, and students from each grade voted for the president of their choice. Students throughout the United States took part in this election process. It was promising to watch our future voters thoughtfully make their choices as Global Citizens. We are blessed to live in a country in which we have a voice in selecting our government leaders. Here are the results from our Hornet community:

**Hillary Clinton-150   Donald Trump-24   Jill Stein-21   Gary Johnson-11**

