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# St. Bede Catholic School

## Family Newsletter



### Principals' Message

This year we are focusing on prayer as part of our Catholic Identity. The month of October is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. In her honor, our school will pray a ***Living Rosary on Wed, Oct. 26th at 1:30-2:00 PM*** where students will lead the prayers, share about the Glorious Mysteries and represent each bead of the rosary. In coordination with Red Ribbon Day, our prayers will be offered so that children will be safe, healthy, and drug free. Weather permitting, this special deviation will take place on the field. Otherwise we will pray the rosary in the Parish Center. We invite you to join us as we celebrate our Catholic faith by praying our Living Rosary.

Thank you so much for your patience and cooperation during our Emergency Evacuation Drill last week. We believe that it is important that all members of our school community know the procedures in case of an emergency. The safety of our children is of the utmost importance. We appreciate your support in ensuring our school community is safe and prepared for an emergency. Special thanks to ***Ninfa Galindo, Linnea Friden, and Maj Paguio*** for all the time and energy they put into preparing for this event and ***Karl Sales*** for providing valuable observations and input on our procedures.

### Calendar Updates

Thurs, 10/20	12:00 PM Dismissal Parent-Teacher Conferences
Fri, 10/21	<b>No School</b> Parent-Teacher Conferences
Mon, 10/24	First Sacramental Talk (7:00 PM)
Wed, 10/26	Red Ribbon Day
Thurs, 10/27	6th Grade Science Camp Meeting (6:30 PM)
Fri, 10/28	Prayer Service, SLE & Student of the Month, Awards (8:15 AM) Jog-a-Thon (10:00 AM-12:00 PM)

### Hornet's Nest Activities

Thurs, 10/20	Fresh Fruits, Board Games
Fri, 10/21	<b>No Extended Care</b>
Mon, 10/24	Halloween Art
Tues, 10/25	Halloween Art & Soccer
Wed, 10/26	Halloween Art

### School Mission

*We are committed to handing  
on the Catholic faith,  
particularly the  
value of worship.*

## Dining at Mountain Mike's Pizza

Enjoy some delicious pizza with your family and friends, and help raise money for our school. Our next dining opportunity will take place this *Fri, Oct. 21st* from *11 AM-9 PM* at *Mountain Mike's Pizza in Hayward* on Mission Blvd. We hope to see you there!



## Celebrating Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week is a national campaign that focuses on drug, alcohol and violence prevention. This year we will celebrate this important week from Oct. 23rd to Oct. 31st with the theme, "You Only Live Once-Be Drug Free." Our school will participate in this campaign by wearing red ribbons and discussing ways to be drug, alcohol and bully free. According to the *National Family Partnership*, "Children of parents who talk to their teens regularly about drugs are 42% less likely to use drugs than those who don't, yet only a quarter of teens report having these conversations." Red Ribbon Week is a good time to talk to your child(ren) about being drug, alcohol and bully free. Here is a link to the campaign's resources: <http://redribbon.org/>

## Standards-Based Report Cards

Our Diocese has adopted a standards-based reporting system for our Catholic schools. Since our reports cards in grades TK-5 will be focused on students' progress towards mastery of a specific set of standards, the report card format will no longer have letter grades. *There will be a mandatory meeting for TK-5th grade families on Wed, Nov. 9th in the Small Gym to discuss the new standard-based report cards.* During this meeting we will take the time to explain all aspects of the new standards-based reports so that you have a clear understanding of this new Diocesan system when you receive your child's first trimester report card on Wed, Nov. 30th.



## Just a Few Important Reminders



### Preparing for Our Jog-a-Thon

We are so happy that our annual Jog-a-Thon is quickly approaching. *Please be sure to turn in the permission slips by Tues, Oct. 25th* so that your child can participate in this exciting community event that promotes healthy living and school pride. *If you are interested in donating items or volunteering for this fun-filled event, please do so on Sign-Up Genius by Fri, Oct. 21st.* Information about the volunteer opportunities and items to donate were sent via email as an attachment. We hope you can join us for this wonderful Hornet event!

### Celebrating Halloween Together

As we prepare for one of our most festive holidays, please remember the importance of dressing your children in modest costumes that are appropriate for school. *Please refrain from bloody, violent, scary, or clown costumes and leave any "weapon" accessories at home. Please be sure that girls' costumes are in good taste.* We will have our school parade in the Parish Center following morning prayer. Class birthday parties will be held outdoors (weather permitting) from 11:15-11:45 AM.



### Having a Blast at Our Crab

Back by popular demand, it's our annual Crab Feed hosted by CYO, GAP and our parish school on *Sat, Jan 7th at 5:30 PM.* Tickets can be purchased for \$50 using our school order form. This meal includes all-you-can-eat bread, salad, pasta, and crab. There is also a 20 oz. steak option if you are interested. In addition, we will have raffle prizes, dessert auction, a variety of beverages, photo area and plenty of dancing. This is an adult only event since alcohol will be served. Please remember that our Enrollment Contract states, *"Each family is required to purchase or sell one Crab Feed ticket for Sat, Jan. 7th."* Families that do not purchase or sell one \$50 ticket by *Mon, Oct. 31st* will be invoiced in *November for this mandatory commitment.* Last year 400 people attended this sold out event so purchase your tickets today!