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St. Bede Catholic School

Family Newsletter



Principals' Message

Last Wednesday our school community had the unique opportunity to bring our 4th-8th grade students, teachers, and families to a greater awareness of the impact that technology on each one of us. The documentary provided a powerful learning experience that allowed us to understand how technology affects brain development and learning in children, exposed us to the various addictions with technology that may develop and provided us with suggestions for ways to create clear family rules, expectations, and boundaries for various devices. Photos were taken of all the class responses and sent to our school community via Google Drive.

Several parents requested information about the future screening locations so that they could attend or recommend other people to watch the film. The link below lists all the places nationwide that will host a screening.

<http://www.screenagersmovie.com/find-a-screening/>

The following local Catholic schools will be showing the documentary soon:

- Tues, 2/21 at 7:00 PM-All Saints School in Hayward
- Thurs, 4/27 at 7:00 PM-Assumption School in San Leandro

Thank You for Your Prompt Response

We are grateful that **98% of our school families turned in their Family Letters of Intent form within the timeline given.** This prompt response allows us to plan accordingly for next year and accommodate as many students who are interested in coming to our school, as possible, especially those whose Catholic schools are closing in June. Thank you so much for your continued partnership with our school community.

Calendar Updates

Wed, 2/15	2:30 PM-New Student Testing
Fri, 2/17	Read-a-Thon Kick-Off
Mon, 2/20	Presidents' Day Holiday (No School)
Tues, 2/21	Panoramic Picture (Green Polo w/ Logo)
Fri, 2/24	8:15 AM-Prayer Service Student of the Month & SLE Awards
Wed, 3/1	11:00 AM-Ash Wednesday Mass
Hornet's Nest Activities	
Thurs, 2/16	Heart Shaped Worm Card
Fri, 2/17	Popcorn & Pictionary
Mon, 2/20	Presidents' Day Holiday (No School)
Tues, 2/21	Presidents' Name Game
Wed, 2/22	Hot Chocolate & S'mores

School Philosophy

We believe that parents are the primary educators of their children.

Addressing Our Phone Problems

We apologize for all the difficulties we are experiencing with our phone lines. AT & T is aware of this problem with underground phone lines that have been damaged either due to weather or rodents. We are switching over from AT & T to a new carrier soon. You can communicate with us via email or continue to call until you are able to reach us. We are so sorry for this inconvenience, and we really appreciate your patience.



Keeping Sick Children at Home

Please be sure to keep your children at home when they are sick. *This is the peak time for flu season, and we notice that students are coming to school coughing, sneezing and vomiting. Children must be free from fever and vomiting for 24 hours before they can return to school.* Thank you for your cooperation in keeping members of our school community healthy.

Striving to Achieve Our School Mission

With joy we celebrate the tremendous growth and development our students experienced this past week as we strive to achieve our mission to, *"...educate each child to become a disciple of Jesus Christ, by challenging and encouraging the student to develop to his or her fullest potential: spiritually, academically, socially, and physically."*



Receiving God's Forgiveness

We are proud of our 2nd graders who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation last Saturday. We are grateful for our school families and second grade teacher, *Tina Cruz*, for preparing our students for this special sacramental experience.

Playing with Hornet Pride

Congratulations to our 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th Grade CYO American League Boys Basketball Teams who played their best in the league playoffs. We are delighted that our 4th Grade team has advanced to the Diocesan Playoffs. You're invited to cheer on our *4th Grade National Team this Sat at 9:00 AM* and our *7th Grade National Team at 4:30 PM* as they compete in their playoff games in our Parish Center. Thank you so much to our CYO Athletic Director, *Tony Valteau*, the coaches and their parents who have supported our Hornet basketball athletes this season.



Competing in Exciting GAP Events

Our 8th Grade Lady Hornets played with much spirit and enthusiasm during the volleyball playoffs at Moreau. The game went to a third set with Holy Spirit claiming the victory. In addition, our Hornet Cheer Squad competed for the first time in St. John's Spirit Exhibition in two categories: Cheer and Show Cheer. Three girls were recognized as All-Stars for their spirit and leadership: **Chloe Mowry, Lana Mowry and Karina Perez**. We extend our gratitude to our GAP Athletic Director, **Becky Marino**, and all our GAP volleyball and cheer coaches and their families for showing their support of our GAP volleyball athletes and cheerleaders.



Participating in the Diocesan Science Fair

Congratulations to our Hornet scientists who participate in the Diocesan Science Fair at St. Joseph High School in Alameda. There were 32 schools that joined the fair and a total of 209 students who participated. **We had four entries from St. Bede and all of our students placed!** We thank **David Wolf** for his commitment to our junior high students and their work on their science fair projects.

- **Jason Tesfa-Stronger! Better! Faster! Wi-Fi!**-1st Place Finalist who has been invited to advance to the Alameda County or Contra Costa County Science and Engineering Fair
- **Marie Anne Navarro & Katelyn Silva-Color Today, Gone Tomorrow**-2nd Place
- **Gerald Mulingtapang & Martin Nguyen-Airborne Heroes**-2nd Place
- **Clark Meregillano & Andrei Viray-Pick Your Volume**-2nd Place

