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# St. Bede Catholic School

## Family Newsletter



### Principals' Message

We were happy to host our 3rd Annual Taste of Kinder Night last Tues, January 24th for 13 families. Thank you so much to **Katie Glace, Francis Jacinto, Andrea Luna, Naomi Mayer, and Gerald Mulingtapang**, for presenting during this event. We are thankful for the assistance of **Sylvia Feliciano** and **Wanda Toscano** in helping to make the evening a success. Lastly, we thank our current school families who referred families to this event or attended the event since they have incoming kinders on the way!

One of our 8th grade students, **Gerald Mulingtapang**, shared a heartfelt reflection during our Taste of Kinder Night. As we celebrate National Catholic Schools Week, we hope you enjoy reading about his valuable experiences attending our parish school from kinder to 8th grade.

*I am very proud to say that I have been a part of this community for almost 9 years from kinder! This school has helped me out through all the hardships and it taught me so much about life! The wonderful teachers and staff have disciplined my fellow students and I here to become the best we can be. They know how to be positive and have fun too! Throughout my years, I thought the teachers' main purpose here was education, but I learned that they also have cared for every single one of us here at St. Bede. Every year, new students always find friendships that won't be forgotten. Five months from now, I will leave this community to go on to high school. I know I'll be scared, for this is a milestone for me. But with this great education I received, I know I will be okay. The staff and the parish have prepared the students for the next steps of their lives. I'll probably cry at graduation, but I will remember all the long-lasting friendships that will still continue on, the great education that will give us hope for the future, the caring teachers and staff who have worked super hard, and lastly, whether it's at the Masses or just learning about God, my Catholic faith that has been brightened so much because of St. Bede! In the morning before school, no matter how early it is, I'm excited to see the amazing family I am happy to be a part of. I will miss this communal environment, also known as my home, that I will never forget.*



### Calendar Updates

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| Wed, 2/1   | 6:30 PM-Financial Aid Mtg   |
| Fri, 2/3   | Staff Appreciation Day<br>12:00 PM Dismissal<br>NO PM EXTENDED CARE |
| Wed, 2/8   | 6:30 PM-Mandatory PTG Meeting on Technology                         |
| Fri, 2/10  | Kinder Application Due<br>6:00-9:00 PM Movie Night                  |
| Sat, 2/11  | 8:30 AM-Kinder Testing<br>10:00 AM-1st Reconciliation               |
| Sun, 2/12  | 10:30 AM Mass-3rd & 4th Grades                                      |
| Tues, 2/14 | Valentine's Day<br>Red & Pink Free Dress                            |
| Wed, 2/15  | 2:30 PM-New Student Testing   |
| Thurs, 2/2 | Teacher Appreciation Card   |
| Fri, 2/3   | NO PM EXTENDED CARE   |
| Mon, 2/6   | Dodge Ball  |

### Hornet's Nest Activities

#### School Mission

We are committed to  
handing on the Catholic faith.

## Applying for Financial Assistance

Would you like to learn about ways to receive financial assistance? Please join us for our *Financial Aid Information Meeting on Wed, Feb. 1st at 6:30 PM in the Tech Lab*. We will explain the process for receiving BASIC, FACE and school assistance. *Any family receiving financial assistance must apply every year.* Please be sure to turn in a *printed application with your 2016 income taxes to Linda Tikkanen by Mon, 3/6* so she can thoroughly review your application before turning them in altogether.



WELLNESS FOR ALL

FINANCIAL  
ASSISTANCE  
OPPORTUNITIES



## Learning the Impact of Technology

We are hosting a *Mandatory PTG Meeting on Wed, Feb. 8th at 6:30 PM in the Small Gym*. During our meeting we will have a special screening of *Screenagers*, a documentary that focuses on the challenges of social media, video games and internet addiction and the impact it has on children's development. The movie will be shown to all 4th-8th grade students on the same day with dialogue and discussion afterwards. For more information, please see the enclosed flyer and visit the website at <http://www.screenagersmovie.com/>. It's a powerful film for all of us to see and learn from.

## Sharing Input for Our Crab Feed

Thank you to the 13 families that have completed the Crab Feed Survey. *We still want feedback from our remaining 175 families.* Your input is essential for our Crab Feed Committee to determine our plans for next year and beyond. *Please complete the survey below so we can make some decisions for next year.* <https://goo.gl/forms/h4XRrcyi08FUZwAU2>

*We appreciate your valuable feedback.*

## Sending in Your Family Intent to Return by Fri, Feb. 10th

Last week the Family Intent to Return forms were given to all current school families in the family envelope, along with the information from Bishop Barber and the Diocese. During our Open House on Sunday several families from some of the schools that will be closing attended and turned in their applications. Since our New Student Testing is scheduled for Wed, Feb. 15th, *all school families that are planning to return must turn in their Family Intent to Return Form and their \$50 per student non-refundable registration payment by Fri, Feb. 10th.* *We are unable to hold spots for families that are uncertain about returning or do not turn in their form and payment by Fri, Feb. 10th in order to help meet the needs of the students that are coming from the local Catholic schools that are closing.* Thank you for your timeliness and cooperation with this important matter.





## Sharing about Our Sensational Scientists

Our teachers worked very hard with all of our students to introduce them to the Next Generation Science Standards and prepare them for an insightful, creative, collaborative and hand-ons Science Fair. We are grateful to *Janine Durana, Veronica Jarata, David Wolf* for planning and organizing an exciting family event of learning and discovery. We also thank *Ryan Fitzpatrick and Paula Ibarra* for their help with hospitality, *Jenn Silva* for being our photographer, and our *volunteer judges* who spent time interviewing our junior high scientists.

