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St. Bede Catholic School

Family Newsletter

Principals' Message

"We like to think of our champions and idols as superheroes who were born different from us. We don't like to think of them as relatively ordinary people who made themselves extraordinary."

*~ Mindset: The New Psychology of Success
Carol S. Dweck*

Hopefully, you have been hearing your children talking about growth mindsets or open mindsets. Before school began, the teachers attended a workshop presented by Kathleen Kryza that offered very useful information about growth mindsets and metacognition. The teachers used the first days of school to introduce these concepts to the students. The reason for doing this is to give the students ownership and understanding of their learning. Metacognition is simply thinking about how you think. In order to have a growth mindset, one recognizes we can always grow and learn. Intelligence can be developed, and brains and talent are just the starting point. Ms. Kryza's presentation was based on many studies of the brain. The conclusions from these studies are that the brain grows with effort and hard work. You've probably heard that we learn from our mistakes. That is why one of the focuses for this year is that mistake-making is necessary for true learning to occur. At home, allow your children to make mistakes. If your children complain that they don't understand a new concept, you can help them by reminding them that they don't understand it YET. We are looking forward to experiencing your children's excitement about learning as their brains grow this year.



Calendar Updates

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| Sun, 9/18 | Catechetical Sunday
(9:00 AM) |
| Fri, 9/30 | Hornet of the Month
& SLE Awards (8:15AM) |
| Tues, 10/4 | Feast of St. Francis Mass
& Blessing of the Animals
(9:30 AM) |
| Wed, 10/12 | Emergency Preparedness
Drill(12:00 PM Dismissal)
No PM Extended Care |

Hornet's Nest Activities

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| Wed, 9/14 | Fruit on a Stick |
| Thurs, 9/15 | Dodgeball |
| Fri, 9/16 | <i>Freaky Friday</i> |
| Mon, 9/19 | Basketball |
| Tues, 9/20 | Spanish Game |
| Wed, 9/21 | Quesadillas |
| Thurs, 9/22 | Spanish Game |

School Mission

*We are a multicultural
K-8 school.*

Sharing Our Gratitude

It was so wonderful to see so many of you ice cream lovers and sports enthusiasts at our Ice Cream Social last Friday. Everybody seemed to savor the root beer floats, orange cream floats, and hot dogs. We were blessed with pleasant weather so we were able to socialize and play outdoors. We want to thank everybody who helped make the Ice Cream Social a success, from the ice cream scoopers to the set-up and clean-up squads. Through your generous support all the funds raised will go towards our PTG events for the year. A special thanks goes out to the PTG Board for the time and energy that they put into coordinating this fun-filled event.



Spending Time with Family

Enjoy a night out with your family and friends, and help raise money for our school. Please check your family envelope for the information about this new fundraising opportunity. Five restaurant nights have already been scheduled! The first is one is **Saturday, September 24th from 2:00pm to 7:00pm at Panda Express in Hayward.** We're looking forward to gathering together and enjoying delicious meals with family and friends.



Harvesting Abundant Fruit

Our 1st and 4th grade students will be harvesting the fruits of our labor, including cucumbers, eggplant, green peppers, radishes, squash, and tomatoes. Produce from our Stations of the Cross Garden will be sold after school on **Friday, September 23rd.** *You can fill up a sandwich bag for \$5.* Money earned from our first harvest will go towards gardening supplies for the year.



Honoring Our Hornet Students

Our first monthly prayer service (lead by 8th grade) and awards assembly will take place on **Friday, September 30th at 8:15 AM in the Parish Center.** All families are invited to attend and celebrate our faith and our students' accomplishments. Students who receive the Hornet of the Month award are being recognized because they are demonstrating exceptional achievement or growth. Students who receive a Student Learning Expectation (SLE) award are being recognized because they exemplify the SLE of the month.

Serving as Valuable Volunteers

Our school community could not survive without the countless hours that our families give throughout the school year. Before you volunteer it is necessary for you to complete the following Diocesan requirements:

1. Safe Environment Training
 - a. <http://www.virtusonline.org>
 - b. Submit the Certificate of Completion to the school.

2. Be fingerprinted by a Live Scan agent
 - a. Pick up forms at the school office.
 - b. Fingerprint Services of America
225 W. Winton Ave. Suite 124, Hayward, CA 94544
Monday - Friday 9am-5pm (510) 293-9140
Call for Appointments/Walk-Ins Welcome
 - c. Submit your receipt to the school.

3. If you are planning on driving on a field trip:
 - a. Submit a copy of your driver's license and insurance policy (not insurance card).
 - i. You must carry \$150,000/\$300,000 insurance.
 - ii. Please be sure that a current driver's license and insurance policy are on file in the office.

Thank you for taking the time to complete these requirements. Without you, our students wouldn't

Socializing with Hornet Family and Friends



Keeping Our School Community Safe

We have many new students this year, so it is important that everybody is reminded of the drop-off and pick-up procedures at St. Bede School. The safety of our children is of the utmost importance, so all drivers and pedestrians are expected to comply with the following procedures. Please inform everyone who drives your children of these procedures. Our traffic rules are for the safety of all members of our school community rather than the convenience of the drivers.

BEFORE SCHOOL DROP OFF PROCEDURES

All students must go to extended care if they arrive at school before 7:45. Please do NOT drop off your child if there is no staff member present in the parking lot.

- Follow the established traffic pattern in the school parking lot. There is only ONE line in which cars may drop off or proceed toward parking.
- When your student has morning mass scheduled, it is recommended that he/she is dropped off by the side door of the church (school parking lot side),
- Drivers-avoid the No Car zones – Cones mark this area. If you are parking in the spaces on the other side of the church (near St. Bede Lane), please do NOT drive or park next to the baseball field because that creates unsafe traffic congestion.
- Pull into a parking place before letting children into or out of the car.
- Avoid blocking traffic or causing traffic to back up behind you.
- Observe parking lot speed limits. (5 mph when students are present)
- Pedestrians should follow the marked paths as much as possible and cross at designated crosswalks.
- Avoid running in the parking lot.
- Be patient and drive slowly through the parking lot.
- Refrain from using cell phone when walking or driving through the parking lot.

AFTER SCHOOL PICK UP PROCEDURES

- After school procedures are to park your vehicle. Pick up your child(ren) at the gate in the designated areas.
- We encourage families to park in spaces on the other side of the church (near St. Bede Lane). We have observed many cars drive next to the baseball field which is creating unsafe traffic congestion.
- Students that are under 13 years of age must not sit in the front seat of a vehicle equipped with airbags.
- Students that are 8 years old or younger, must be seated in a booster seat at all times.
- AT ALL TIMES PLEASE FOLLOW THE CROSSING GUARD DIRECTIONS. They are there to keep us safe. Be sure to cross at designated crosswalk areas.
- PLEASE drive slowly and carefully through the parking lot. Check behind you when backing out of a parking space.
- PLEASE hold your child(ren)'s hand(s) when walking through the parking lot and be sure your child(ren) is(are) with you at all times. They cannot be seen by other drivers.
- PLEASE be courteous at all times!
- PLEASE Refrain from using cell phone when walking or driving through the parking lot.
- *If you are picking up your child from extended care, please use the small gate and walk through the playground to the extended care room to check out your child.*

Thank you for your care, attention and courtesy while dropping off and picking up your children. They are precious to us, and we want to keep them safe.