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# St. Bede Catholic School

## Family Newsletter



### Principals' Message

*"Whoever welcomes these children welcomes me.  
Whoever welcomes me, welcomes the One who sent me."*

*Mark 9:37*

With joy and enthusiasm, we welcome our TK and Kinders to our school as they now attend full days with the rest of our community. We were delighted that our Student Council lead us in a special cheer and tunnel for the newest members of our school. The TK and Kinders shared some of the things that they like about school so far:

*We are learning about the letter "o." ~ Jasmine  
Lunch, we get to eat ~ Makayla, Tristan, Gerred  
Playing ~ Vincent  
We get to color. ~ Kaitlyn  
Basketball ~ Ethan  
We could learn new stuff. ~ Chloe  
I like doing buddy activities. ~ Joseph  
Doing homework ~ Julissa, Redgy, Sofia*

The harvest from our Stations of the Cross garden was a bountiful one. Those who visited our Farmers Market on Friday had the opportunity to view and purchase everything from tiny cherry tomatoes to huge eggplants. The 1st and 4th grade "farmers" enjoyed participating in the harvest and Farmers Market. When asked about their favorite part of the experience, this is what they shared:

*Wearing the gloves ~ Yasmin  
Helping sell the vegetables with my friend ~ Litzi  
Helping my friends ~ Alek, Sebastian, Seazr  
It was my first time picking vegetables by myself. ~ Haylene, Melissa  
I liked pulling the eggplants out because there were so many; they were really, really big. ~ Angela, Pablo  
I got to be like my dad. ~ Karina  
I liked how it was set up like an actual market. ~ Prashant*



### Calendar Updates

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| 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)        |
| Mon, 10/10 | Columbus Day Holiday (No School)                                     |
| Wed, 10/12 | Emergency Preparedness Drill(12:00 PM Dismissal) No PM Extended Care |
| Wed, 10/19 | Picture Retakes  |

### Hornet's Nest Activities

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| Wed, 9/28   | Cooking Bear Car          |
| Thurs, 9/29 | Toss the Ball             |
| Fri, 9/30   | Wizard of Waverly Place   |
| Mon, 10/1   | Popsicle Stick Spider Web |
| Tues, 10/4  | Fall Tree Painting        |
| Thurs, 10/5 | Cooking Quesadillas       |

### School Mission

*We are committed to handing  
on the Catholic faith.*

## Blessing Our Cherished Pets

On **Tuesday, October 4th**, you are invited to bring your special pets to be blessed after the **9:30 AM School Mass**. Please be sure to ask permission from your teacher before bringing in your animals. If you are unable to bring your live pet, you can bring a picture or stuffed animal to the blessing.



**Emergency  
Drill**



## Preparing for an Emergency

On **Wednesday, October 12th**, we will conduct our yearly Emergency Evacuation Drill. We will assign staff members various roles, evacuate all children from the school building, and implement a process for students to be picked up from school. Pick-up will take place at the softball field where students will be lined up in alphabetical order according to the oldest sibling. **Students will only be released to adults listed on the emergency form.** Everyone must present a valid I.D. in order for the student(s) to be released from the school. **Please be sure to update your emergency contact information and arrange for your child(ren) to be picked up at 12:00 PM. There will be NO afternoon Extended Care on Oct. 12th** so that we can practice what would take place in a real emergency. Thank you for your active support in ensuring that our school community is safe and prepared for an emergency.

## Having a Blast at Our Crab Feed

Back by popular demand, it's our annual Crab Feed hosted by CYO, GAP and our parish school on **Saturday, January 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, 1/7."*** Families that do not purchase or sell one \$50 ticket by **Mon, 10/31** will be invoiced in November for this mandatory commitment. Last year 400 people attended this sold out event so purchase your tickets today!



## Picking Up After School

Parents and family members are welcome to come into the school yard when picking up your children at the end of the day. Please enter through the open gates from the parking lot. It's important that the office is only used when dropping off or picking up information or items to avoid congestion so that everyone can be helped as efficiently as possible. We appreciate your cooperation with this matter.



## Calling Home in the Afternoon

The safety of our students is of the utmost importance. Our extended care program provides a safe environment for any child who is not picked up by 3:15 PM (2:30 PM on Wednesdays). *If a child thinks that he/she was supposed to be picked up, he/she will be allowed to call from the extended care room after 3:15 PM.* Please know that your children will be cared for until they are picked up.

## Celebrating Our Abundant Harvest

