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***Living and Learning Together in Christ***

**February 2020 NEWSLETTER**

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

Spirit of simplicity, bless our community.

Lead us with wisdom and perseverance on our Lenten journey.

Bless us as we clear our paths to your love.

Bless the marks on our foreheads;

May they be a sign of fasting from fear and feasting on love.

We make this prayer in the name of Jesus.

 +AMEN

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK:**

Our School Focus for the month is to “Love Tenderly”. I have observed acts of kindness, care and compassion towards peers, during interactions both on the yards and during the instructional school day. A big thank you to the amazing staff, and support staff of St. Bernard’s, who provide support to our community of learners. It has been a great pleasure getting to know families of St. Bernard’s, and I appreciate your passion, loving care, and commitment as your child’s first teachers in the ways of faith. Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have any questions or concerns.

On February 26th we will be celebrating both Ash Wednesday and Pink Shirt day. Ash Wednesday gives us a great opportunity to wear pink in support of antibullying and to talk about sin and how wrong bullying is. On Ash Wednesday, you can talk to your child about how it gives us the opportunity to ask forgiveness for times if we have bullied, or been a bystander, and to pray for those who engage in acts of bullying or are victims of bullying.

God Bless,

H. Knill-Griesser, Principal

**IMPORTANT MASS DATES**

 We will celebrate our St. Bernard Ash Wednesday Mass at St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish on February 26th at 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and we welcome families to join us.

**Catholic School Advisory Council**

We continue to be blessed by the efforts and generosity of our hard working parent council. Come on out to our next meeting **March 12th, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.** in the staff room

**PLAYGROUND INITIATIVE**

Your Parent Council is actively seeking Corporate Donations for raising funds for new playground equipment. Your contacts can help. Please use the form letter that was sent home to help us reach out to any businesses that you may have contacts with to help this cause. Tax receipts are available upon request.

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**INCLEMENT WEATHER**

In the event of inclement weather the decision to cancel buses before the start of the school day will be made by 6:30am and will be broadcast over local radio stations. **We are ZONE ONE.** On the radio you will hear “Zone One Transportation Cancelled.” If transportation is cancelled, the school is closed. All school related activities, class trips, etc., are also cancelled.

Parents can access the Board's website (under the Parents tab) click on the "cancellations- closures morning fog delays" icon on the left side of the page to see what routes have been cancelled/ delayed on any given day. The key pieces of information for our parents to have available is the route(s) that their child(ren) ride on as well as the zone that they live and go to school in.

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**COLD WEATHER REMINDER**

The winter chills are here. Only a few more months to go!! Just a gentle reminder to ensure all students have boots and indoor shoes, mitts, hats and scarves to keep them warm. It is also a good idea for students to have more than one pair of mitts should the first pair get wet. Factors such as wind conditions/directions affect the decision to remain indoors. We often find that students need at least a few minutes of outdoor play, especially if they have been indoors all day or days at a time during cold spells.

**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

New Junior and Senior Kindergarten registrations for the 2020-2021 school year will be held during the month of January and February. This on-line registration begins the planning and school organization for the 2020-2021 school year. If you know of any parents with Kindergarten age children, please let them know to go to:

CatholicEducation.ca to enroll their child.



Congratulations to the St. Bernard of Clairvaux Boys Intermediate Basketball Team (Jared, Tye, Josh, Ethan, Stein, Matthew, Jack, Austin, Simon) and their coach, Mrs. Davidson, for their amazing school spirit and success in representing our Intermediate team.

Congratulations to the St. Bernard of Clairvaux Girls Intermediate Basketball Team (Emma, Megan, Gracie, Bella, Sadie, Ava, Teagan, Peyton, Hayden, Neve, and Sophie) and their coach, Mrs. Hellewell, with their outstanding achievement in winning the **BHNCDSB Girls** **AA Championship for 2020.**

**Way to go Stingers!**

**FIRST TERM REPORT CARDS**  

 GO HOME – Feb. 7th, 2020

***KEY DATES FOR February***

**Events:**

* Pizza Days will be **moved to Fridays** during the month of February, March, April, and May.
* First Communion Meeting after mass on February 2nd.
* Skate- A-Thon permissions due Feb 5th at the office.
* Report Cards go home on February 7th and I.E.P.’s go home February 21st.
* Bus Safety training will occur on February 11 in the afternoon.
* Family Day on February 17th. (no school)
* School Reconciliation will occur on February 18th at 9:00 a.m.
* Grade 7/8 Class Mass on February 21st at 11:30 a.m.
* Lions Skate-A-Thon 12- 3 @ Tricenturena
* Grade 8 Confirmation on February 23rd at 9 a.m. mass.
* Shrove (Pancake) Tuesday on February 25th.  Parent Council volunteers will be needed

 for our pancake breakfast.

* Mass at 11:30 at St. Bernard Church for Ash Wednesday 26th . This is also Pink Shirt Day.
* Vision (SK) and Oral Health Screening (JK and Grade 2) on February 27th.
* Awards Assembly on February 28th at 1:45 p.m.
* Grade 6 and 7 Prayer Retreat on March 3rd
* Spaghetti Dinner on Thursday March 5th, with Inclement Weather Date of March 6th.

**Wellness Tips From our Public Health Nurse:**







Help support our Grade 8 students at the Annual Spaghetti dinner on Thursday March 5th. All proceeds will go towards the Camp Celtic final year-end trip.

Just a reminder to please call the school to report if your child is absent. You can call 519-443-8607 at any time and leave a message. Please leave your name, your children’s name, the classroom teacher’s name, their grade, and the reason for the absence.

 

Lion’s Skate – A- Thon Saturday Feb 22 from 12 to 3p.m. Help support the Lions and St. Bernard’s school too. Come out and have some fun!

