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Saint Boniface School

October Newsletter

A Community Centered on Christ

We exist to spread the gospel message of Jesus and to foster the spiritual and academic development of the students enrolled at Saint Boniface School.

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Upcoming Events

Oct. 8: Special Friends Day-POSTPONED

Oct. 12: Picture Retake Day

Oct. 16: Workathon

Oct. 18 & 19: PreK-6

Conferences

Oct. 21-22: Fall Vacation

† School Mass & SOS: See Our School

Oct. 5: Kindergarten (No

Mass, SOS only)

Oct. 7: 3rd Grade

Oct. 14: 2nd Grade

Oct. 28: 1st Grade

Nov. 1: 6th Grade-All Saints'

Day

Upcoming Events

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Today, October 4, people all over the world are celebrating the feast day of the Patron Saint of Animals, Saint Francis of Assisi. In remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures, animals are led to churches for a special ceremony called the "Blessing of the Animals."

October 7th at 2:00 PM we will have a Blessing of the Animals.

All families are invited to bring their pets for this blessing. We will gather in the field behind the playground equipment. Parents please enter on 2nd Street North with your pets so we do not interfere with end of the day pickup.

Please remember:

- Pets must be on a leash or in a cage
- Pets must have had all the necessary shots and vaccinations
- Pets must go home with you after the blessing
- PLEASE SOCIAL DISTANCE

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES OCTOBER 18 & 19

Pre-Kindergarten through 6th Grade Parent Teacher Conferences are October 18 & 19 from 3:30 PM-7:35 PM. Sign up on SchoolSpeak. Conferences will be offered in person. The conference will be 15 minutes to allow for less exposure and to give teachers a chance to sanitize before the next parents. ONLY parents/guardians can come, no students or siblings.

SchoolSpeak sign up closes on October 15 at 3:00 PM. If you do not sign up before then, you will need to contact the teacher to schedule a time.

Please help provide dinner for the teachers on the conference evenings. The sign up is on SchoolSpeak under the group "School." Thank you for your support!

If you need any help accessing SchoolSpeak please contact John Theis at technology@stboniface.com.

OCTOBER-NO SHORTS

Now that it is October, we ask that students do not wear shorts. Fall weather is fast approaching. Please check the weather forecast regularly to make sure your child(ren) are prepared for recess and other outdoor activities throughout the day. Thank you for your help!

PICTURE RETAKE DAY-OCTOBER 12

- 1.Order online by clicking on this link: https://picturedaypro.com/Collections/542086
- 2. Students should bring the portrait order back to school on retake day. Picture Day Pro will retake the portrait and remake your order at no charge.
- 3. If you are not happy with your portraits, they will give you a 100% refund. Just return the entire portrait order to the school, and Picture Day Pro will credit your card or mail you a check, which ever you prefer.

SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION

Please make sure your student is equipped with a face mask if they ride the bus. The office has some extra masks if a student forgets or losing theirs, but we ask this doesn't become a habit. Thank you.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

- 1. Students will be doing a track portion of the fitness testing program the week of October 11. Any students that use an inhaler should bring it next week.
- 2. The 4th-6th graders will be doing a 4 day swim October 25, 27, 29 & November 2. Watch for more information from Mr. Shaw.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

October 3rd kicks off Fire Prevention Week. The theme this year is to "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety."

October 6th the Fire Department will bring the trucks and do a short lesson with K-3 students outside in the parking lot. There will also be safety lessons and discussion in the classrooms. We will practice a school wide fire drill this week.

Families are encouraged to take time this week to review fire safety at home:

- Test your smoke and CO alarms
- Familiarize the household with the sounds detectors make
- Read the user manual to your detectors in order to fully understand features and functionality
- Review your fire safety plan and what to do in the event of an emergency
- Check your fire extinguishers



How can you learn more?

Visit https://www.nfpa.org/Events/Events/Fire-Prevention-Week

It has great information on understanding your smoke and CO alarms, activities for children, free webinars, and helpful FAQs!

Workathon

Thank you for sending out the buddy letters/emails and helping the students get pledges for our annual Workathon!

October 16-Workathon Day:

- Meet in the church parking lot at 8:30 AM
 - Find out who your team leader is, grab a packed breakfast, and learn where your first job is (paper and pencils will be available to write down information or take a picture using your phone!)
 - Prayer and announcements begin at 8:55 AM and then it is time to go to work!

NOTE: Team Leaders will have a short meeting at 8:15 AM

Our goal this year is \$55,000! We know our students can do it! The turn in dates are October 5 & 12 from 7:45-8:30 AM in the entryway of the school.

Return your participation sheet to school by Friday, October 8th!

LOOKING AHEAD TO HALLOWEEN

Students are invited to bring their Halloween costumes to school on Friday, October 29th. Students will only be allowed to wear their costumes during their classroom party. Please do NOT send them to school in their costume. No fake weapons of violence are allowed at school.

SUBSTITUTE POSITIONS

We are in need of substitute teachers fore Pre-K through 6th grade and Pre-Kindergarten Aides. To be a K-6 substitute teacher you must have a bachelor's degree and enjoy working with students. If you are interested, please contact Heather at principal@christcatholic.com to learn more.

To be a Pre-Kindergarten teacher or aide substitute there are specific requirements. If you are interested, please contact Maggie Gilmore at prek@stboniface.com.

COVID-SAFE OPENING PLAN

REMEMBER: Our quarantining requirements are different than the ROCORI School District, per the Bishop's mandates. It is imperative that we continue to take measures to reduce the risk and spread of COVID so our students can remain in school. If your student is sick, please keep them home to determine the next steps. If you have any questions, please contact Heather. Thank you for all your help and support. The Safe Opening Plan can be found on the school website, stboniface.com.



Catholic United Financial has informed us their Matching Grant Breakfast on December 6 has been cancelled.

We will keep you posted about future breakfasts.

TOP 20: ABOVE THE LINE

You will only get one day like this one. Be aware that your thinking gives you the power to choose how you will spend it.