



From the Desk of Mrs. McDermott
10/05/11

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The school year is already over one month old, and our students have settled into a productive routine and things are moving forward nicely. Tomorrow October, 6 is the Feast Day of St. Bruno. We will have a presentation in school by the Mother of Mercy Messenger group for K-8 Grades..

Friday \$1 Dress Down

Reminder: This Friday we will have a dress down day to raise money for cancer. Any amount of donation is welcome for this very worthy and close to our heart cause. Mrs. Kielbasa's daughter is taking part in a charity race for cancer in honor of her brother Adam who was diagnosed with cancer earlier this year. Unfortunately, Adam's fight against cancer is not over. He is facing more critical surgery this Monday. Please keep Adam, Mrs. Kielbasa and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

Sept 14 Newsletter Error

In my newsletter (Sept. 14) I made a typo in regards to Mass attendance. This was an unintentional error on behalf. The criteria for parishioner rate as stated in the tuition contracts has not changed. It is still a required attendance at 75% of the Sunday Liturgies and Holy Days of Obligation from August 1, 2011 to May 31, 2012. This will be monitored through the use of the Weekly Contribution envelope. Please note that all concerns about tuition and Mass attendance should be addressed to me at school and not to the rectory staff. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

High School Evening (6th-8th grade)

Reminder: St. Bruno, Pope John Paul II, St. Richard and St. Turibius schools will host a **High School Evening for parents and students** in 6th -8th grade on **Wednesday, October 12** 6:30p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in our school gym. This is a great opportunity for parents to talk with the high school representatives about programs and **scholarships**.

FSA

Thank you to FSA and the parent volunteers for providing last Friday's Hot Dog Lunch. FSA will meet tomorrow evening October 6 in the St. Joseph Room at 6:30p.m. All parents are welcome to attend and share any ideas that you may have for another successful FSA school year.

Protecting God's Children Workshop

We will hold a "Virtus" workshop (in English) on Saturday, October 8 at 1:30 – 4:30pm in the St. Joseph Room. This is a mandated workshop for parents who want to go on Field Trips and/or coach any of our Sports. In order to attend, you need to sign up for the class online at www.virtus.org. All coaches must have a certificate of proof of this class on file in the office before practices begin.

After School Clubs and Classes

When clubs end students in PreK – 4 will be dismissed from Extended Day (St. Josephs Room). The exception to this is Martial Arts. Friday's Martial Arts class (K-3) will dismiss from the lunchroom. Please enter through the door on 47th. Ms. Gaby will be there to help with dismissal! Please sign your child/ren out before leaving with them. Students should bring shorts/sweatpants and a t-shirt for class.

Extended Day and Tuition

If you receive a letter from the office regarding tuition or Extended Day balances you must respond to them a.s.a.p. Every family at St. Bruno has a financial obligation to the school. Part of that obligation is ensuring that payments are made on time. When balances remain high and become past due too often, you will receive an exclusion letter from me. Let's work together so we don't get to the point of exclusion!

Pet Blessing

You are invited to bring your family pets to the St. Bruno parking lot Saturday, October 8 at 11:00 a.m. for a special pet Blessing by Father Emil. This custom is conducted in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures whose feast day is October 4.

Physical, Dental and Vision Examination Requirements

Physical Exams: Please remember children must receive physical examinations prior to entering Illinois schools for the first time, prior to the date of entering kindergarten or first grade, and prior to entering sixth grade. A list of the immunization requirements can be found on www.isbe.net/research/pdfs/immunization_requirements.pdf.

Dental Exams: All Illinois children in kindergarten and Grades 2 and 6 are required to have an oral health examination.

Vision Exams: All children enrolling in kindergarten and any student enrolling for the first time in an Illinois school are required to have an eye examination. The eye examination requirement does not apply to children enrolling in preschool.

Please note that all medical, dental, and vision forms are now past due. Students who do not have the correct, completed medical forms on file will be **excluded** from school starting **October 12**.

Día de los Muertos

In keeping with the Mexican tradition of celebrating Dia de los Muertos, Mrs. Rodriguez, our Art teacher, would like to create an "Ofrenda" in the display cabinet outside the office. If you have a small memento or picture of a loved one, please send it in. We will be very careful with it. Mark your family name on your mementos as we will return them.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR SEPTEMBER BINGO VOLUNTEERS

Ruth McCloud Diana Viialnueva Rosa Santiago Douglas & Darlene Rodriguez
Celina Sanchez Linda Sanchez Ryan Brown Katherine Ciccarelli
Monica Juarez George Guzman H. ruby Torres Dawn baiter Vicky Glossa
Jose Rodriguez Maria Martinez Lourdez Martinez Adriana Guerrero



Regards,

Katrina McDermott

Upcoming Dates:

Oct. 6 – Feast of St. Bruno Oct. 6 – FSA Pizza Lunch Oct. 6 – FSA meeting
Oct. 8 Virtus Class Oct. 8 Pet Blessing Oct. 10 – No school Oct. 11 – School Board Meeting
Oct 12 – High School Night Oct 14 – PreK Field Trip

