



From the Desk of Mrs. McDermott
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you to all our current families who attended our Family Mass and Open House on Sunday, January 30. I also met with many new families who are very excited about joining the St. Bruno community.

Due to last week's closures, we will be making amendments to the school calendar. I will let you know as soon as we have decided when to make these days up. Thank you for your cooperation and support last week.

Playground Fundraiser

Today you will find the details of our main playground fundraiser and 4 tickets attached to the newsletter. We are asking each family to try and sell 4 tickets at \$10 each. All money collected through this fundraiser, as well as the dance-a-thon, should cover the remaining cost of the playground. I understand that many of you are struggling, so perhaps you can ask relatives or work colleagues to help by purchasing the tickets. If you purchase a ticket, three things will happen: you will be able to download music and books to the value of \$20, (no catch) you will be entered into the Hoops Mania Sweepstakes and have the chance to win up to \$1,000, and you will also be entered in to a school raffle. **Return all money with the completed ticket stub to the office by Monday, February 28.** Please read the attached flyer for more information.

Dance-a-thon

The dance-a-thon will be held next Monday, Feb 14 throughout the school day. Please return all pledge forms before Monday. Students may dress in Valentine colors for the day – red, pink, white etc.

Valentines Dance

8th Grade will sponsor a Valentines Dance this coming Thursday, Feb 10. The admission cost is \$3 per person. Please see today's flyer for more details, especially regarding times for Prek-2 and 3rd -8th Grade.

School Uniform/dress code

The teachers and I have noticed that many students are not following the required school dress code. Some are not wearing their sweaters, while others are not wearing the mandated school shoes. Many are wearing casual or gym type shoes and/or boots which do not meet our dress code requirements. Please note the Family Handbook that all families received at the beginning of the school year, "*shoes for all students, both boys and girls, must be a solid color of black. Soft, crepe soles are required. Canvas shoes may not be worn as school shoes. High tops, high heels, gym shoes, jellies, and clogs are not permitted. The top of the shoe cannot pass above the ankle*". Due to the variety in style and color of shoes being worn last year, it was decided in June by the staff and former administration to require black shoes for future years. We will be sending home out-of-uniform slips and fines with all students who are not in compliance with the school dress code. To ensure that precious teaching and class time is not wasted on daily uniform checks, please make sure your child/ren come to school wearing the appropriate shoes and/or sweater.

Super Bingo

Thank you to all the FSA members, parents, and parishioners who worked or came out to play Super Bingo. It was a fun night with many happy winners.

Intent to Return

We have opened up registration to new families, so I am strongly encouraging you to complete and return **the Intent to Return** form that went home two weeks ago. FYI as of today, we have only 4 spots open in PreK 4, 8 in PreK 3, and 16 have returned Intent to Return forms for Kindergarten.

After School Clubs

After School Clubs will resume the week of Feb 14. If your child/ren are participating in any of the clubs, please complete and return the form in today's envelope indicating your choice(s). Note that some clubs require a specific number of students to go ahead. If you have a balance from the Fall session, it needs to be paid before your child/ren can participate in this new session.

Catholic Schools Week

The snow storm really put a dampener on some of our planned activities. Olympics, PJ day, and Movie Night will be rescheduled to a later date. On Monday, the students had lots of fun working on projects, reading to, and coloring with their buddies. Kindergarten, 1st, 5th, and 6th grades celebrated Tropics Day, dressing up and making beach cupcakes. The students had free pizza lunch on Tuesday. Junior High demonstrated their spelling skills to the rest of the students during the Spelling Bee on Tuesday afternoon. On Friday, many classes celebrated 100th day of school, and we ended the day by celebrating our Sport Teams during a Pep Rally. **On behalf of the staff thank you to those parents who helped and/or supported the staff luncheon. The food was delicious!**

FSA Meeting/Cookie Dough

FSA will hold a meeting this Thursday, Feb. 10 at 6:30pm. In the St. Joseph Room. All are welcome. As much as you can, please support the Market Day Cookie Dough sale. FSA will donate all profits made from the sale to the Playground Fundraiser. Thanks in advance.

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St. Joseph Table

The rectory staff has received some phone calls about purchasing tickets for the St. Joseph Table and mandatory fundraising. Per this year's tuition contract the purchase of raffle tickets for the St. Joseph table will not count towards the mandatory \$450 fundraising fee.

Regards,

Katrina McDermott

Upcoming Dates: Tues. Feb 8 – School Board 6:30p.m., Thurs. Feb 10 – FSA meeting, Friday, and 8th Grade Sponsored Valentines Dance, Friday Feb 11 – PreK Tea Party, Mon. Feb 14 – Dance-a-Thon (wear Valentine colors)