

St. Bernadette Catholic



BE A SAINT TO ONE ANOTHER

NOTE: OUR SINCERE APOLOGY TO ALEXANDRA AND KATHERINE AND THE DUKE FAMILY. THEIR NAMES WERE OMMITTED IN LAST WEEK’S NEWSLETTER FOR ALSO WINNING THE SPECIAL PARKING SPOT IN THE DISMISSAL LINE AT THE AUCTION AT THE PANDA PALOOZA!! THESE SPOTS WILL BE UP FOR AUCTION FOR NEXT YEAR AT OUR NEXT PANDA PALOOZA! CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE PARENTS!

WEEK: August 12 – August 16, 2019

Monday	08/12	All PK/K Starts AR Starts
Tuesday	08/13	1 st -4 th Parent Meeting – 6:00 P.M. - Classrooms
Wednesday	08/14	No Mass
Thursday	08/15	Mass – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (7A) – 8:15 5 th -7 th Parent Meeting – 6:00 P.M. - Cafeteria
Friday	08/16	
Saturday	08/17	
Sunday	08/18	SBS School Mass – 11:00 A.M. (All students should make every effort to attend.)
Monday	08/19	

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Handbook Paper Due	August 20 th	
Individual Pictures	August 20 th	8:00
Consultative School Brd. Mtg.	August 21 st	5:30 (Teachers’ Lounge)
Co-Op Meeting	August 22 nd	6:30 (gym) No homework night
Co-Op Free Dress Day	August 23 rd	for those students whose parents attend the meeting
Art Club Starts	August 26 th	Information will be sent home
Finance Committee Meeting	August 27 th	10:00 (Church Resource Room)
Labor Day	September 2 nd	No School
Fall Break	October 11 th	No School

Did You Know?

- **VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION** – Due to a conflict with an event at Vanderbilt Catholic High School, the Co-Op meeting has been changed to Thursday, August 22nd at 6:30 p.m.
- Congratulations to our “Be a Saint to One Another” winners of the week. Students and staff members are issued coupons for extra special deeds. We have a drawing each Friday. This week’s winners are Anna Boudreaux, Kaiden Alexander, Ryan Boudreaux, Skylar Hebert, Brooke Deroche and Raelynn Detiveaux.
- We caught a FISH:
 - ✓ Cooper Hundley and family donated a printer to 2L. Thank you to Cooper and family from SBS and Mrs. Lirette!
- The remainder of the class meetings will be held this week. Since the teachers discuss the student expectations for the year, these meetings are mandatory.
- Congratulations to Charlotte and Everett Hebert and family on the birth of a baby sister. Stella Grace Laudun was born on May 22nd, and weighed 8lbs. 4.6oz. and was 20 inches long.
- Parent reminder – all Pre K & K students have now started school. Please make sure you arrive to school on time, because the drop off line is now much longer. Our tardy policy will go into effect beginning, Tuesday, August 13th. Leave 5 minutes early to avoid being tardy.
- Parents of grades 1st-7th, please check your student’s test folders every Tuesday. Most of the information sent home is in this weekly test folder. Test folders will begin going home on Tuesday, August 13th.
- Reminder – Handbook of Policies Acknowledgment Forms are due back by August 20th. This form can be found on the parents’ page of our website under “Handbook”.
- Please note that the weekly school mass will be held on Thursday, August 15th, instead of Wednesday, August 14th, because Thursday is a holy day of obligation celebrating the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- Our first school/parish liturgy will be on August 18th at 11:00 a.m. Students in all grades are strongly encouraged to attend. Those who attend in **full** uniform will be given 2 extra points toward their religion average. Parents must send a note of attendance to their homeroom teacher within that week. We ask that all students sit with their families during the mass.
- Our school will have a Bible dedication on Monday, August 12th for our 4th grade students.
- Attention all 5th-7th grade families, SBS is trying to start a SWIM TEAM!!! All students in grades 5th-7th are invited to participate in the Bayou Middle School Swim League through Crawfish Aquatics at Nicholls State University. Practice begins Monday, August 19th. You can contact Kayla Oeser at 985-228-2216 with any questions you may have. Please review the following information:
 - \$75 registration fee per swimmer
 - \$5 per swimmer per meet
 - Season begins August 19, 2019 and ends November 1, 2019
 - Practice Monday – Thursday, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Crawfish Aquatics at Nicholls State
 - Meets will also be held at Crawfish Aquatics at Nicholls State
 - Meet dates: Sept. 13th, Oct. 4th & 25th
- Individual school pictures will take place on August 20th. An envelope from Petersen’s is going home with every student Tuesday, August 13th. Please return the envelope and money on the day of the pictures.
- We need your help in collecting Community Coffee labels, Box Tops for Education, Coca Cola products codes (includes Powerade) and Tyson products labels. Please spread the word with family members and friends. As a reminder, Bonus Box Tops expire faster than the traditional Box Tops.

- An order form for our school's "Panda Pride" shirt will be going home with the oldest student, Tuesday, August 13th. This t-shirt can be worn on Panda Pride/Snack Attack days, field trips, etc. Remember, the Panda Meander shirt and P.E. shirt do not substitute for the Panda Pride shirt. Order forms are due back by August 20th. Long sleeve shirts are also available. If you have an old Panda Pride shirt, you may still wear it. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.
- Registration forms for Creative Panda, an After School Art Program, are going home with the K-7th grade students on Tuesday, August 13th. The order forms are due back by Friday, August 16th. These classes will begin on Monday, August 26th. The schedule for the classes will follow.
- Afterschool care information – within the next two weeks, you will receive a bill. Please be on the lookout. It will go home with the oldest student. You will no longer receive a monthly bill, after the 1st bill. Please pay your afterschool care by the 15th of every month.
- Newsletter Information August 12, 2019:
Our students did an amazing job reading this summer. They read for 257,000 minutes so far. The Scholastic Reading Challenge is not over until September 6, 2019. Please encourage your children to keep recording their minutes read on the Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge website. The top reader in each grade level will receive a \$15 gift card to our first Book Fair in October!

Mrs. Ford is in need of two to four parents who would like to be trained to sub for her in the library if she is absent. Please email her at stbernelmlibrary@hdiocese.org or call the school to let us know if you are interested.

Our Accelerated Reader Program starts today, August 12th. You will receive a letter about our AR Home Connect Program where you can monitor your child's reading progress. It will be sent home on Tuesday, August 13th.



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1. Thank you to Mackenzie & Reid Aucoin for donating puzzles & games to Afterschool Care.
2. Thank you to Olivia Merlos and family for donating treasure chest items to KO!
3. Thank you to Gianna Fonseca and family for donating a game to afterschool care!

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- A reminder to all parents – the car line is a "No Cell Phone Zone". This is for the safety of the children.
- Did you know that our music teacher, Mr. Michael Klaus, offers After School Guitar Classes for 6th & 7th graders!? The classes meet once a week from 2:45p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and are reasonably priced! The Advanced Class (2nd year students or audition only) will begin meeting on Mondays, starting August 19th. The Beginners Class (open to 6th & 7th graders) will begin meeting on Thursdays, August 22nd. Mr. Klaus will be flexible with the beginners' class schedule for students who also participate in Cross Country and Volleyball using Friday as a make-up day if needed due to a game or meet. You will need to provide your own acoustic guitar and materials for the class.

For more information or to sign up call the school or email Mr. Klaus at sbsguitaracademy@gmail.com. The deadline to sign up is this Wednesday, August 14th!

- We invite our parents of K – 7th graders to attend our weekly liturgies. Families may sit with the youngest sibling's class and you may sit as a family. Please remember these masses are special for our students and their understanding of the liturgy; therefore, we ask that you keep pre-schoolers (siblings) at home. Please note that Kindergarten students will begin attending the weekly mass after the Kindergarten Rite of Beginning held on September 6th. **If a younger sibling is brought, the parent and sibling are asked to sit in the cry room.**
- Those interested in being room parents may sign up on the sign-up sheets available when you attend your class meeting. We will assign room parents before the August Co-Op meeting.
- **Notes:** Anytime a student will be checked out or ride home in a different manner than the everyday routine, we need a note from you so that we are prepared. If there is no note, students will be sent home the way they normally go home.
- Just a reminder – anyone interested in helping at school in the cafeteria, subbing, etc. and attending/chaperoning field trips, etc. must be safe environment trained. This is a directive of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux. You can obtain a volunteer ministry application through the school office. Once the application is processed you will do the training online. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Susan in the school office. Also, on our website, is a very important brochure, which is a mandated reporting concerning Safe Environment, under the "Parent" section. The Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux has issued a directive that this reporting be available to all persons who are safe environment trained. If you have any questions, concerning this, please contact the school office.
- After school care is in need of games/puzzles. If you are cleaning out your closets, please consider donating to aftercare.
- If your child has a note on file about restroom issues, this note must be renewed each school year.
- **Arrivals:** On rainy days please know that cars may use the parking lot entrance. You are advised to drop off children all along the covered walkway. Please do not hold up the line in order to drop off your child at the doorway. St. Bernadette School is fortunate to have such an extended system of covered walkways. Let's use them to our advantage! Please note that the front drop off area is also available.
- Please visit our website (www.saintbernadettepandas.org) for our monthly calendar and newsletter.
- You can also visit our Facebook pages (St. Bernadette Catholic School - Houma and St. Bernadette School Parents) for information about our school. The St. Bernadette Catholic School – Houma Facebook page is created for important information that will be posted by administration only and the St. Bernadette Catholic School Parents Facebook page is designed for parents helping parents. (homework, schedule, attire, etc.).

FEES:

ALL CHECKS SHOULD BE PAYABLE TO ST. BERNADETTE SCHOOL FOR THE FOLLOWING FEES. Please label envelopes with name and class code.

ART FEES:

PRE – K & KINDERGARTEN	\$20
1 ST – 7 TH GRADES	\$ 7

SNACK FEES:

PRE – K 3	\$5
KINDERGARTEN	\$10

AGENDAS & TEST FOLDERS

1 ST – 7 TH GRADES ONLY	\$ 4
NEW BIBLES	
4 TH GRADE/ NEW STUDENTS (4 TH -7 TH)	\$5.25

PLEASE NOTE OUR DISMISSAL PROCEDURES:

- Do not block any driveways at any time.
- No U-turns.
- No cutting the line from the side streets.
- No parking on any street but C Street.
- DO NOT park in the school parking lot for dismissal.
- DO NOT park in the bus turnaround.

PICK- UP LINE

PK3, PK4 and kindergarten students without older siblings, let out at 2:30 P.M. They have a different pick up line than the rest of the school. The line starts at the covered walkway on Funderburk Ave. and runs straight down Funderburk Ave. The remainder of the school lets out at 2:45 P.M. Their pick up line starts at the stop sign on the corner of D Street on the side of church facing Funderburk Ave. The line will snake through the **church** parking lot and run down Kenny St. The line should continue down Kenny St. **Please do not make the line turn onto Alma St.**

- **THIS LINE SHOULD NOT PROCEED ON TO FUNDERBURK AVE. UNTIL 2:45.** Once this line moves forward, you will:
 - Go straight up Funderburk to the front covered walkway if you have children without siblings (grades 1-3) or siblings in grades 1-3.
 - If you have children without siblings (grades 4-7) or siblings in grades 4-7, you will loop through the school parking lot.
- Parents who do not wish to wait in the actual pick-up line may park on **C Street** and use the crosswalk. Please note that this is the **only** street that you may park on. Please do not block any residents' driveways.
- **NO ONE is to park and walk to pick up a child from B Street, near the bus turn around.**

AFTER CARE PICK-UP

After-care will be held in the cafeteria for grades 1-7.

- **PK3 and PK4 students will attend aftercare in the PK classrooms.** They will remain in the classrooms until 5:00 P.M. At this time, they will join the other children in the cafeteria. If you pick up your 3 or 4 year old before 5 P.M. you will go to the outside door of Ms. Danielle's Pre-K classroom and ring the door bell, as the door is locked. After 5:00 P.M. please go to the cafeteria.
- **Kindergarten students will attend aftercare in the Kindergarten classroom until 4:00 PM. The students will then move to the cafeteria.** If you pick up your K student before 4:00 PM, you will also go to the outside door of Ms. Danielle's Pre-K classroom and ring the door bell, as the door is locked.
- To pick up your child from the cafeteria, you will go to the outside cafeteria door and press the doorbell. After verification, the door will open. If you are picking up your child from aftercare before 3:00, please do not park in the front of the cafeteria. This area is part of the driving lane for regular pick-ups.

You will need to sign your child out daily.

IMPORTANT CAFETERIA INFORMATION:

Eating in the cafeteria: We ask your patience for the next two weeks as we settle into our lunch schedule. Parents of 1 – 7 students may begin calling to eat lunch in the cafeteria on August 19th. PreK/K parents may begin coming for lunch in October. Please call Ms. Terri, Cafeteria Manager, at 873-9060 before 9:00 if you are interested in eating with your child on a particular day. The cost of a visitor's lunch is \$5.25. Parents are asked to respect our dress code. Avoid wearing shorts. **REMEMBER: We ask you to keep pre-school siblings at home and use the time to enjoy lunch with the school age child. Lunch visitors must be at least 18 years old. On days such as class picnics, preschool siblings may attend. We have NO VISITORS ON GRANDPARENT LUNCH DAYS.**

Please remember that lunch fees were not paid at registration/tuition time. These fees need to be paid directly to the cafeteria. If your child can't eat in the cafeteria for medical reasons, you need to provide a doctor's note. This note must be updated every school year. If you do not want your child to purchase extras or breakfast with the money in their account, please notify Ms. Terri with a note or phone call. The prices for lunch and breakfast are as follows: Breakfast -\$2.00 and Lunch - \$3.00. Breakfast is served daily from 7:20-7:40 a.m.

*We've had a really great start to our school year.
We are looking forward to a great 2019-2020 year!*