St. Bernadette's Briefings

Weekly Update

November 18-29, 2019

Character Virtue for November - Justice

Dear St. Bernadette Families,

Thank you for coming to meet your child's teacher and discuss the Progress Report Card. If you were unable to attend, please contact the school and we can arrange an alternate convenient time.

Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week

During Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week – November 17-23, 2019 – St. Bernadette students, staff and parents are encouraged to learn more about bullying and its effect on student learning and well-being.

Bullying is defined as a form of repeated, persistent and aggressive behaviour directed at an individual or individuals that is intended to cause (or should be known to cause) fear and distress and/or harm to another person's body, feelings, self-esteem or reputation. Bullying occurs in a context where there is a real or perceived power imbalance.

Our staff will use this opportunity to explain the different forms bullying can take. These include:
***Physical** – hitting, shoving, stealing or damaging property*
***Verbal** – name calling, mocking, or making sexist, racist or homophobic comments*
***Social** – excluding others from a group or spreading gossip or rumours about them*
***Electronic** (commonly known as **cyberbullying**) – spreading rumours and hurtful comments through the use of cellphones, e-mail, text messaging and through social media.*

We have booked the BRAVE (Bullying Resistant Anti-Violent Education) workshops for all classes in mid-January. These workshops will focus on learning to identify bullying behaviours, develop awareness and prevention skills and practice BRAVE's in the moment strategy: walk away, talk away and block away.

Reporting incidents of bullying is imperative to stopping it. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our school staff.

Upcoming Dates

November 18-22 - Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week
November 18, 25 - Pizza Lunch
November 18 @ 7 pm - Catholic School Council Meeting
November 20,27 - Rosary Apostolate 9:30-10:30 am
November 21 @7 pm - Open House at Our Lady of the Lake - Grade 6 families
African Canadian Community Consultation - St. Jean Vanier @ 7 pm

November 27 -@7 pm - Open House at St. Thomas Aquinas - French Immersion - for SK students
November 28 @ 1:30 - Classroom Visit Our Lady of the Lake staff - Grade 6 -
November 28 - AM - Bus Safety Presentations - MPR
(JK to Grade 3) 9:45 AM
(Grades 4 to 8):11:00 AM
November 29 @10:00 am - Skating - Junior Classes

YEARBOOKS HAVE ARRIVED - Pre-ordered copies will be sent home this evening. If you still wish a copy, please send $22 (cheque or cash) to the school as soon as possible. Yearbooks will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis.

Please keep Mrs. Baines, our Lunch Time Office Support staff in your thoughts and prayers as she recovers from surgery.

Congratulations to Mrs. Game and her family on the birth of their beautiful baby boy, Liam Patrick Paul on Saturday November 2nd.

Looking For…….

We are collecting good gently used winter clothing including snowsuits, jackets and snow pants, gloves, mittens, scarves and winter boots. If you have donations, please drop off laundered items to the office and we will ensure that the item is re-used.

We are also collecting gently used children's fiction and non-fiction books until November 29th. We will be selling the books for a nominal cost the week of December 3rd.

Thank you everyone and enjoy our winter wonderland.

Visit our website at sbe.ycdsb.ca or follow us on Twitter at sbe@ycdsb

Mission Statement

Guided by Gospel values and Catholic Virtues, in partnership with home and Church, we educate and inspire all students to reach their full potential in a safe and caring environment.

Vision Statement

Our students will become creative and critical thinkers who integrate Catholic Values into their daily lives, as socially responsible global citizens.

Core Values

Excellence
Equity
Fiscal Responsibility
Catholicity
Inclusion
Integrity
Respect

Strategic Commitments

- Integration of Our Catholic Faith
- Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement
- Effective Use of Our Resources
- Engaging Our Communities