

LUNCH NEWS

There may be a change in the lunch menu for Friday. We will let you know as soon as the details have been completed.

Lunch envelopes that will be sent home on Thurs. Nov. 17th will be for the week after the students return from the long Thanksgiving break on Tues. Nov. 29. Please return the order envelope to school on Friday Nov. 18th. Please do not plan to bring the order to school when you come for conferences on Mon. or Tues. as the lunch volunteer will not be here to process the order. Lunch orders for the week after Thanksgiving will be called in on Friday Nov. 18.

Although we prefer to handle all lunch and milk orders on Friday, if you should forget or your child is absent on any Friday, we can fill milk orders only on Monday or Tuesday when students return to school.

Thank you for your continued help in this matter.

Lunch volunteer, Mrs. Stiles



Athletic & Sports Updates . .

Congratulations goes out to our Cross Country Team! Great job on a very long challenging season. The XC season came to an end on Saturday, October 29th with the Diocesan Championship held at OLMC. This year running for Varsity was Jordan Henry, Eion Russell & Olivia Allgeier. Our fun runners are as follows, Zachary Henry, Justin & Allison Walker, Joe Fugagli, Ryan & Andy Trost, Anna Kirby, Aubrey Stuckey, Ashley & Nick Smith, & Mandy Matczak. Cudos to you all for a great season.

Special thanks to the parents for encouraging your youngster to be a part of an amazing team! Looking forward to 2011 XC!

News from St. Boniface Basketball

2011 SBS Basketball season is off to a great start. The boys JV & Varsity as well as the Girls Varsity will begin their 2011-12 season during the next few weeks. Watch your newsletters for upcoming games! Best of luck on a successful season.

Additional news from Athletics, a special "Thank You" for your support to our annual pepperoni fundraiser. The sale of the pepperoni sticks will be used to purchase new equipment, fees for tournaments, referees, and any other fees which defrays cost to our participants.



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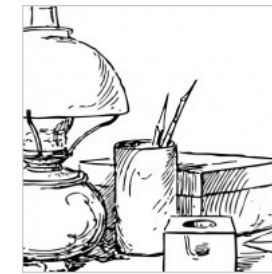
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From the desk of the principal . . .

Dear School Families,

Although we have fewer school days in the month of November, the days that lie ahead are filled with activity. The first Quarter of the school year comes to an end on Friday, November 4th. Progress reports will be issued the week of November 14th so that student progress may be discussed with parents at Conference time on November 21st or 22nd. Please remember that November conferences are mandatory for K-8. Preschool conferences are also held at this time. If you have not yet scheduled a time to meet with your child's teacher, please do so as soon as possible.

On November 10th, St. Boniface School students and staff will again pay tribute to the veterans within our community by hosting a dinner and program in their honor. Invitations are included in today's family folder. Please RSVP to the school office as soon as possible.

Our Thanksgiving food drive will begin on November 1st. All items collected will be donated to the St. Boniface Food Pantry. Our yearly donations are much needed and appreciated by families served through the Food Pantry.

If possible, please join us for Thanksgiving Liturgy on Thursday, November 17th at 11:15.

For the past 5 years, St. Boniface has conducted a Fund Campaign which is a major source of income for the school. We are pleased to have Fr. Leo Gallina serve as our 2011-2012 Fund Chairperson. Each year we appeal to major donors, school families, parishioners, faculty, staff, Parish and School council and committee members, and alumni and friends of SBS. Appeal letters and envelopes will be coming home soon via family folders. We are hoping for the support of all school families. Please consider making a donation. More important than the amount of your gift, is the support shown for our school through your participation. Envelopes can be returned to the school or through the Sunday collection.

Enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends.

God's Blessings,
Mrs. Portenier

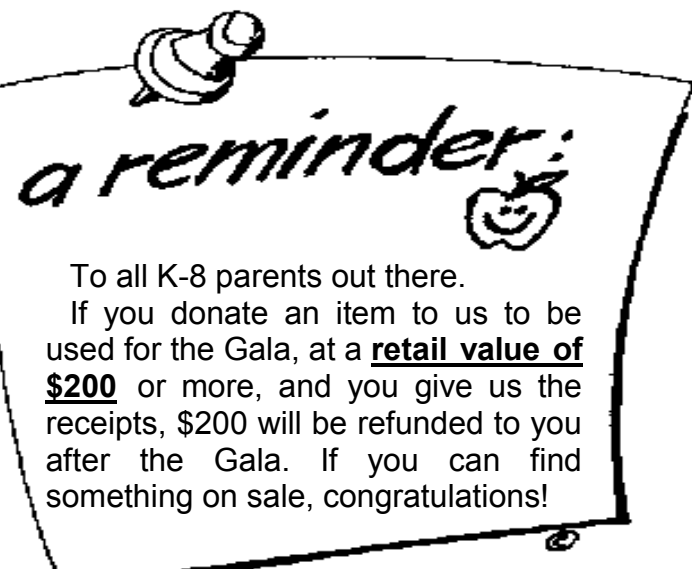


Coming soon . . .

The Joan Pisano Legacy Gala & Auction

To be held at the

Ambassador Hotel and Conference Center
May 19, 2012





Elementary levels

Here in K-4 we have been very busy. We are preparing for Halloween parties, the Thanksgiving Feast, and conferences. Thank you PTS for providing snacks for the Halloween party and helping with the cost of Port Farms!

The 3-4 students continue to make scientific observations and measurements on their bean plants. Unfortunately, because of some unforeseen problems, many seeds had to be replanted. The class learned an important lesson about experimentation and trial and error. They have begun their unit on matter and the states of matter. In Social Studies, students learned about the main rivers of Pennsylvania as well as what the state was like during the Ice Age. They also touched on weather and climate.

Kindergarten will soon be preparing for our yearly Nativity play. We are beginning investigations in science and learning to become good observers and problem solvers. The students are getting better during writing workshop and we are starting to make simple sentences!

Students in levels 2-4 will be taking their diocesan writing assessments in early November. The students of level 1-2 have been learning about nutrition and our government. We wish everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving!

Ms. Dixon, Mrs. Srnka, Mrs. Smicker

Middle School levels

It has been a great start to the year! We are in full swing with all of our classes. Our middle school students are doing a great job. In Social Studies, the 5/6 students received their new books and are journeying through the United States and Canada. They just finished their quarterly project on Arctic animals. The 7/8 students wrapped up a unit on the Civil War. They enjoyed a great field trip to the Watson Curtze Mansion to see the exhibits and get a guided tour through the house. For the 7/8 quarterly project, they created stamp displays representing the Civil War. As for science, 5/6 students are continuing their study of intro to chemistry. They are participating in many hands-on experiments and projects. They just finished their "Adopt an Element" project. The 7/8 science students are wrapping up their study on trees. They will be moving on to exploring parts of flowers. They should be beginning their PJAS science projects and collecting data to bring back to school. 5/6 Language Arts is starting their expository essays on explaining a process. Students finished reading "Because of Winn-Dixie" and will begin literature circles soon. 7/8 finished their unit on "Across Five Aprils," a civil war novel. Students presented group projects on a specific battle of the civil war. They will begin expository essays soon that will take the form of hypertext, an essay that includes embedded links to relevant informational websites.



Student council sponsored Red Ribbon Week activities the last week of October. Each day had a theme to educate students about the harmful effects of drugs. Students "caught" wearing their ribbons at the end of the school day were given mini red basketballs as prizes.

Middle School Team - Mrs. Stormer, Ms. Shoemaker and Ms. Schriefer

News from Sister Laura . . .

The month of October is often devoted to Mary, the Mother of Jesus. During this month, we honored Mary in our prayers. We are also taking time to recite the Rosary as a student body on October 20th. The Rosary helps us recall Mary's commitment to love and care for her Child, and her unflinching fidelity to her Son's mission. You might want to pray the rosary with your family sometime during the remaining days of October.

We have certain things that give our family special significance. Perhaps it's the family name itself. Perhaps it's a crest or seal or banner that is representative of a clan or family from which we are descendants. On Tuesday, November 1, we celebrate the Feast of All Saints. In class, we will talk about some of these saints and how their lives inspire and guide us in our own lives of faith. On November 1, during the student Mass, the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Graders are presenting a short presentation about nineteen of our known saints. Also after the Mass, two of the students in Junior High will be making their first Reconciliation. We ask for your prayers as they make this step in their religious journey.

Consider gathering as a family on this holy day to pick a saint who might be your family patron saint. There are many wonderful men and women whose virtues and faith show us how to live with charity, compassion, and forgiveness as members of a family. Adopt this saint, learn all you can about him or her, and invoke this saint's guidance and wisdom through the years.

PTS News . . .

The PTS would like to thank SBS families for their support with our October activities. We will wrap up this month's activities this Friday with classroom Halloween parties followed by the parade of costumes. The PTS will provide snack and drink for the classroom parties. The snacks, McDonald's apple dippers with caramel sauce, were generously donated by the Rt. 97 and Harborcreek McDonalds locations.

If you didn't get tickets for the PTS sponsored adult Halloween Party on Saturday, October 29th, they will be available at the door. Please help support this first time event! Tickets are \$8.00 per person or \$15.00 per couple and include snacks and beverage. The kitchen will be open to purchase additional "hot" items if desired. Although costumes are optional, prizes will be awarded to best male, female and couple costumes.

Did you hear that the Jr's Back to School Bash earned over eight hundred dollars in profit for SBS PTS? Events like this and the Halloween Party are great ways to get out and enjoy the evening while supporting your school!

So far this year, the PTS has helped send the K through 4th grade students to the Erie Zoo and Preschool & K students to Port Farms.

During the month of November, the PTS will honor Veterans at the Veteran's lunch on Thursday, November 10th. Volunteers will be needed to make this event a success. Please consider volunteering some of your time on that day.

Please join us for our next meeting on November 1st. This is a holy day of obligation and mass will be held at 7:00 PM. We hope to join all of you at mass and at the PTS meeting following mass. The meeting will be held in the school library.



Pictured above are the SBS 1st Annual Golf Outing Participants. Thank you to all of the participants, sponsors, and Terri Henry for making this event a success. We hope to see all of you out on the course next year!

Our next PTS meeting is this Tuesday at 8pm after mass and pizzas will be available for pick up after the meeting or the next day at dismissal.



We have been very busy learning all about fall, pumpkins, apples, and Halloween. We made applesauce, investigated the insides of pumpkins, and explored the concept of density by predicting fruits that float and sink. On Halloween we will be going on a field trip to Port Farms.

Firemen visited preschool and taught us how to be safe during a fire, and not to be afraid of the firemen.

We will begin November by talking about All Saints Day, and being thankful. We will also begin our alphabet theme based on the book Chica Chica Boom Boom by Bill Martin Jr. and John Archambault.

I am looking forward to meeting with parents at conferences in November.

Students portfolios are filling up nicely. Please enjoy your long Thanksgiving break with family.



In November to . . .	
Mrs. Rankin	2nd
Ryan Kirby, 3rd grade	8th
Erin Cox, 6th grade	10th
Ashley Smith, 3rd grade	16th
Mrs. Tefft	21st
Ms. Collins	25th