

News from the Bears' Den



September 23, 2020

From the Principal . . .

There are a number of important items in this week's newsletter-please be sure to read through it all!

Blessings, Camille DeLano

Upcoming Events . . .

- Friday, Sept. 18: Paid Color Day
- Wednesday, Sept. 30: Gr. 5-8 Project Reports heading home



Preschool Schedule

There have been a few adjustments to the 4 year old preschool schedule. The updated version is attached.

Illnesses

Thank you parents for being cautious and keeping unwell students home. I know we are in the midst of allergy season, but if your child is experiencing symptoms not related to allergies or other known chronic illness, please keep him/her home. If a child has a fever, he/she is required to stay home, along with siblings, until fever free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medications.

Reporting Absences, Early Pickups, & Late Arrivals

Please contact Minnie Salgado, as well as your child's teacher, if your child will be absent, late, or leaving early. Minnie's email is minniesalgado@saintbasilcatholic.com.

Staff Emails

Staff emails can be found on the school website. Please note that all our new emails now end in **.com**.

School Forms & Other Info

Most school forms, such as Volunteer Drivers form, Child Information form, etc., along with dress code and the school newsletter can be found on the school website: saintbasilcatholic.com.

Mass Starting

Minor Mass changes, but this should be our schedule until further notice:

- Mondays: grades 5 through 8
- Tuesdays: Kindergarten, grades 3 & 4
- Wednesdays: grades 1 & 2

****STUDENTS NEED TO HAVE A SOLID COLORED MASK IN SCHOOL COLORS FOR THEIR MASS DAY MASK.**

While we would like to see our students in their Mass uniforms on their appointed days, we understand that mornings get hectic and you may not always remember



who goes when (please see the attached dress code). Please don't panic if you forget-all will be fine! :)

Band/Orchestra In-Person Classes Starting

In-person band/orchestra starts next week. All band/orchestra students will attend on Tuesdays and Fridays. Parents will be transporting. Please return the permission slip by this Friday.

Dress Code

Please note that jumpers are to only be navy or paid and shorts/ pants/skorts/skirts are to be only navy. Students may only wear uniform compliant sweatshirts or sweaters in the classroom. Please see the attached dress code.

VIRTUS training

VIRTUS training (required for all staff and volunteers) is currently available online. Please see the attachment to register on the VIRTUS site.

September Color Days

Friday, Sept. 25: Bear Wear color day (students may wear any Saint Basil logo clothing or any Saint Basil past theme shirts, or they may wear the clothing in the school colors)

MAP testing

Students will be MAP testing at various times from now until the end of September. Please try to schedule appointments for after school if at all possible.

TRIP (Tuition Reduction Incentive Program)

Saint Basil participates in a TRIP program that allows families to obtain credit to be applied to their tuition accounts, reducing the amount of tuition owed. If you are interested in more information, please go to our school website, saintbasilcatholic.com and click on the "current families" tab.

A few notes from the office

Financial Aid Applicants will meet sometime in the next couple of weeks with Mrs. Delano for review of application.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Due to COVID 19 restrictions, Religious Education Classes will be done via ZOOM meetings until further notice. If you do not have access to ZOOM, please call Marge at 269-355-5671 or email at mlittledre@gmail.com.

A parent meeting for all parents of Religious Education students will be held via Zoom will be held on Sunday, September 20th at 12:30 PM.

FOOD PANTRY DROP OFF AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Please take non-perishable food items to First Congregational Church, 651 Phoenix Street, during this national health crisis. They are open **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:00 a.m. till noon.**



The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry remains open during the pandemic. We are providing a drive through service on Thursdays between 1-4 p.m., located at 201 S. Walnut, Bangor (back door).

Any student in eighth grade or older who is new to the St. Basil's Confirmation preparation program this year and who wishes to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in May 2022 should contact Sylvia Verdonk, Confirmation Director, as soon as possible. Confirmation preparation is a two-year program and sessions will begin **online** later this month. Materials will be delivered to registered students this week. Register with Sylvia by phone or text at 616-446-5113, or by email at sverdonk4@yahoo.com. The cost is \$40 per student.

Father Jim will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation at special Masses on Sunday, October 11 and Sunday, October 18. These Masses will be live-streamed on the St. Basil Facebook page.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED

Saint Basil Catholic School is looking for qualified substitute teachers. The candidate should be a certified teacher and/or able to present or acquire a Michigan substitute teacher permit. All substitute teachers must be VIRTUS trained (or willing to become trained) and submit to fingerprinting and a background check.

Please inquire with Camille DeLano at the school if interested: 269-637-3529.