

# News from the Bears' Den



## January 20, 2021 From the Principal . . .

Welcome back!! It has been great seeing you all again-I hope you all had a nice Christmas and New Year. Thank you all again for hanging in there with us during the past couple weeks of remote learning. I know it isn't easy and the staff and I appreciate all your efforts!

We are wrapping up the 2nd quarter this Friday. Report cards will go home next Wednesday, Jan. 27-these will be emailed to all families. We also have MAP testing this week and next, with a deadline of Jan. 29. Please try to schedule any appointments for either after school or after the 29th as we are working hard to get everyone tested by the deadline.

Catholic Schools Week is just around the corner and we have some great activities planned for our students that week! Look for a complete list to head home soon.

Blessings, Camille DeLano



## Upcoming Events . . .

- Wednesday, Jan 20 - Booster Meeting (Virtual)
- Friday, January 22- GLOW Color Day
- Wednesday, January 27 - School Report Cards
- Friday, January Regular Color Day

## Sick Children

***This has not changed!!*** We cannot emphasize this enough-PLEASE continue to keep sick children at home; this includes runny nose/cough/sore throat (depending on the severity, we may ask that siblings remain home as well). Should a student have the stomach flu, fever, diarrhea, strep throat, etc., we ask that you also keep all siblings home. We are trying our best to maintain in-person learning and can only do this with your help. Thank you!

## Booster Meeting

There will be a virtual Booster meeting tonight at 6:30 PM. The link is below. We hope you can join us!

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79465585696?pwd=eU12UFpGYU9oWG9wR1Y2aWpCWWRRUT09>

## Art

It is with sadness that I announce that Mrs. Abdul will no longer be teaching art after the end of the second quarter due to personal reasons. We wish her the best and hope to see her around when the various art festivals are held again!

Bangor Public is working to secure a new art teacher for us, hopefully by Jan. 25. I will keep you posted!



## Snow Days

Due to SHPS having to shift, at times, to remote learning, this impacts their ability to assist us with calling snow days-essentially, they will only call me to cancel school due to weather if they are in-person that day. Therefore, I have reached out to a handful of parents who live in various locations around the area to help me in determining if we need to call school due to weather. Once I get a weather report from them, I will then send out a parent alert and email to all families letting everyone know that we have a snow day. **This will ONLY happen if we are in-person, NOT remote.** I will do my best to get the alert and email out to you as early as possible. I will also post it on the local weather stations (channel 8 and channel 3). We ask for your patience as we try out this new procedure.

Students will still have the 6 designated snow days per the state (when in-person). After the 6 days are used, we will do remote learning per our remote learning plan. In this way, we will not have to make up days at the end of the year.

## Online VIRTUS training

You can still do the VIRTUS training online if interested! Even though we are not using many volunteers this year, that will hopefully change next fall. All volunteers must complete this training and you only have to do it once. To register:

1. Go to [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) to create an account, where you will select “first-time registrant”.
2. Select the first option “begin the registration process”.
3. Select the Diocese of Kalamazoo as a location from the drop down menu.
4. Set up a username and password for an account.
5. Email [mhentz@diokzoo.org](mailto:mhentz@diokzoo.org) for the instructions to complete the online training module.

## A few notes from the office

**PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT FOR FALL 2021:** We are beginning the process of enrollment for next year, beginning with preschool and Kindergarten. If you will have a preschool or Kindergarten student attending Saint Basil next year, please complete the attached form and return it to school NO LATER than Monday, Feb. 8, to secure a spot for next year (a hard copy is also coming home today). Complete the form ONLY if you will have a Preschool or Kindergarten student joining us next fall. We will work on grades 1-8 soon!