

# News from the Bears' Den



**February 24, 2021**

## **From the Principal . . .**

For those of you with students in grades 5-8, progress reports are heading home today. Please sign and return them. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your child's teacher.

Fr. Jim and I are working to create a recording of the Stations of the Cross for our students this Lent. Students will participate in their classrooms on Fridays, hopefully starting this Friday. Like many things this year, it will be a bit different but I'm anxious to hear the final version-Father not only recorded his parts, but he also recorded our 7th & 8th grade singing a piece to be used between each station. Students will also participate in Adoration as soon as the scaffolding is removed from church.

Our March is Reading Month kicks off next week with a number of fun activities thanks to the planning of Ms. Willenborg and Ms. Borja. If any of you are interested in doing a virtual read with students, please contact your child's teacher to schedule that. We'd love to have you read to our students!

Blessings,

Camille DeLano



## Upcoming Events . . .

- Friday, Feb 26th - Bear Wear Day
- March is Reading Month!!!

## Enrollment for the 2021-22 School Year

If you have a child who will be in grades 1 through 8 next year, we have "rolled" you over into next year- no need to get on RenWeb unless your personal information has changed. If you do not plan to send your child to Saint Basil next year, please let us know as soon as possible. If you will have a student in preschool or Kindergarten, we have already enrolled your child based on the survey sent home earlier this month.

## Michigan Child Protection Registry

The state of Michigan is offering a free program to stop adult-oriented advertisements from reaching e-mails and mobile phones (text messaging ads). The Michigan Child Protection Registry allows Michigan schools and families to protect their students from receiving adult-themed content. Simply enter your child's cell phone number, email address, and Instant Messenger ID to prevent inappropriate ads from reaching your child. You can access more information at: <https://www.protectmichild.com/>

## 24th Annual Ribs-n-Raffle

We invite you to become a sponsor for the 24th Annual Ribs-n-Raffle event. An envelope with information about the event was sent home a couple weeks ago.

## 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 a runny nose, cough, the stomach flu, fever, diarrhea, sore throat/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!



## 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.