

# News from the Bears' Den



**CELEBRATE CATHOLIC  
SCHOOLS WEEK 2021**  
January 31 - February 6  
**#CSW21**

## February 3, 2021

### From the Principal . . .

Happy Catholic Schools Week! We have had a fun time celebrating thus far. Keep watching our Facebook page for pictures-the pics from our daily slideshow challenge have been fabulous!

Just a reminder: If you will have a preschool or Kindergarten student here at Saint Basil next fall, please complete and return the attached survey so that we can ensure your child a spot.

Valentine's parties are coming up next Friday. Please see the section below for details.

We have a new art teacher! Please welcome Celeste Moerman to our merry band. She will be starting hopefully tomorrow and we very much look forward to having her here with us!

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend. And for those of you watching the Super Bowl on Sunday-Go Chiefs! (I'm a former Kansas girl . . . ;)

Blessings,

Camille DeLano



## Upcoming Events . . .

- Thursday, Feb. 4 - PJ Day Wear
- Friday, Feb 5 - Classroom Color Day Wear

## Catholic Schools Week

We will be celebrating Catholic School Week from Monday, Feb. 1 - Friday, Feb. 5th, 2021. Please review the following dress up days for the week.

Thursday- PJ Day (students may bring slippers to wear)

Friday- PK3- Purple

PK4- Orange

Kindergarten: Green

1st & 2nd Graders- Red

3rd & 4th Graders- Pink & Black (they can wear both at the same time)

5th & 6th Graders- Yellow

7th & 8th Graders- Blue

## Valentine's Day Celebration

We still plan to hold a Valentine's Day Celebration (instead of a party) on Friday, Feb. 12. This day will be like the Halloween & Christmas celebration day, with no definite party time but lots of fun Valentine's Day activities taking place in the classrooms. Teachers may reach out for prepackaged goodie donations, craft items, etc. Students may still bring cards to exchange but any "goodies" attached to the cards (or given with the cards) need to be prepackaged.

## 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 last week.



## 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!

## 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 to secure a spot for next year. 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!

***BOTTLED WATER*** Also, we could use some more “cases” of bottled water to have on hand for those who forget to bring their own. If anyone wouldn't mind donating to the cause, we would greatly appreciate it.