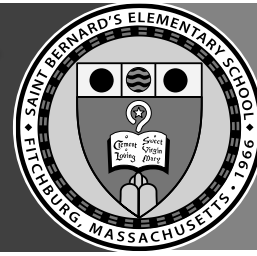


WHAT'S NEW

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*Inspired by the motto
"Deeds not Words," St. Bernard's
Elementary School is a Catholic
community of faith, learning and
service joined in living Gospel values.
In partnership with our families,
we strive to develop both academic
excellence and compassion for others
in our students.*

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CLASSROOMS



Pre-K Our smallest Bernardians begin this month honoring Mary, the Mother of God, by

learning how to say the Hail Mary and praying it each day. May is also the perfect time to learn about plant parts and the life cycle of the butterfly. Pre-K will finish learning all of their letters and shapes, too!

Kindergarten How is it May already?

The children continue to imitate Jesus by working hard to be more loving toward one another. They continue to be busy with hands on activities in Reading and Math Centers. But most exciting are the morning observations of the Florida eagle family – Mom, Dad and their two eaglets who are growing bigger every day. Just like Kindergarteners!



Grade 1 It feels as though time is truly flying by! And as if right on cue, the next

focus in math will be all about the basics of telling time. Students will be introduced to digital and analog clocks, as well as more in-depth calendar skills as they learn to connect their own routines with concepts of duration, sequence and elapsed time. Then it will be on to another fun and hands-on topic - money! All those

counting and place value skills will be put into practice as First Graders learn to identify and count sets of coins.



Grade 2 Second Grade scientists are exploring Insects and Plants in their new Foss Science Program. Everyone is looking forward to investigations

with live mealworms and Painted Lady larva. So much to experience, observe, record and interpret

Grade 3 The theme in Reading this month is *Take Action!* Stories will focus on essential questions - *What are ways people can take action? How can they be good citizens? How do teams working together achieve more?* Good lessons on how people and communities can work together to achieve big goals.

Grade 4 Students are finishing the novel *Holes* by Louis Sachar. Their focus has been on character improvement, change and redemption. After watching the movie, students will compare and contrast the book and the movie adaptation.

Grade 5 Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day will be remembered in Reading through stories of Americans



during World War II. "*Shipped Out*" tells the story of a family through the eyes of Libby Kendall, a young girl

who learns how to contribute to the war effort while her father is far from home. Stories about the Tuskegee Airmen and the Navajo Code Talkers tell about the unique contributions of Black and Native people who answered their country's call to arms. It's a timely theme - We are all connected and magnify our power when we join forces to contribute to a cause.

Grade 6 STB historians continue to explore how Greek culture laid the foundation for Western civilization by introducing ideas that still influence us in drama, philosophy, art and political science. Whether it is modern democracy or the Olympic Games, we're engaging with the culture of the ancient Greeks! In Science, our meteorologists are exploring weather and seeking answers to timeless questions. *How is weather related to climate? What causes the various types of weather we experience? How do meteorologists predict weather?*



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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CLASSROOMS CONTINUED

Grade 7 Religion students are learning more deeply about the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus. As they proceed through the Easter Season, they continue to explore knowing and understanding Jesus and how they can apply His teachings to their lives. As their study of human body systems winds down, the budding biologists will start to widen their observations to include ecosystems and all they include. *What can humans do to protect ecosystems? Why should they?*



Grade 8 Students will be finishing up the year in English with something they

have been looking forward to - a unit on poetry! They will be introduced to a variety of ballads and narrative forms of poetry including "Casey at the Bat" and "A Not So Ordinary Day." The culminating activity of this unit turns our students into poets as they author their own ballad - making sure that their ballad, like all stories, includes a narrative, characters, dialogue, a plot and a song like rhyme.

Art All Art classes made projects reminiscent of Calvary for the Easter Season. Kindergartener layered two paper plates - the top was decorated with an Easter egg with a second underneath; when the design was "cracked open," it displayed a second



plate with a cross rising in a sun burst. Grades 1 – 8 created exquisite variations of the Crosses of Calvary. Students made contemporary landscapes using colored paper, layered tissue on wax paper and clear vinyl to simulate a stained glass effect and finished their design with dramatic silhouettes of the crosses on Calvary.

French 8th Graders are fantastic chefs who displayed their talents at the annual "French Café." Special thanks to Mrs. Testagrossa, who not only supervised the artwork and construction of tall chefs' hats, but also taught these young cooks how to make *Ratatouille*. Their cuisine? "C'est magnifique!"



Blue & Gold Winners

March

- \$250.00 Mr. & Mrs. Chikwezvero
- \$100.00 Mr. & Mrs. Brosseau
- \$75.00 Mr. & Mrs. Knowlton
- \$50.00 Mr. & Mrs. Fluet
- \$25.00 Mr. & Mrs. Quinn

April

- \$250.00 Mr. & Mrs. Sylvia
- \$100.00 Mr. & Mrs. Cannon
- \$75.00 Julie Penning
- \$50.00 Mr. & Mrs. Leger
- \$25.00 Mr. & Mrs. Cardinale

Coming Events

April 25-May 6
Circle of Grace
K – Gr. 8

May 2-May 20
MAP Testing
Measures of Academic Progress

May 5
Trimester 3
Progress Reports

May 13
Bernardian Night at the Farm
Hollis Hills Farm

May 14
First Communion
St. Camillus Church
11:00 AM

May 14
Father/Daughter/Special
Loved Ones Dance
At STB 6:00 – 9:00 PM

May 26
Ascension Thursday Liturgy
Crowning of Mary
10:30 AM



~ BERNARDIAN LIFE AT STB ~



St. Bernard's Elementary School is introducing a new Safe Environment curriculum, *The Circle of Grace*, from Kindergarten to Grade 8. *The Circle of Grace* was developed by the Archdiocese of Omaha, NE in 2007 and revised in 2018. It has been adopted by the Diocese of Worcester and by many Catholic and Protestant Dioceses across the United States.

<https://archomaha.org/circleofgrace/>

PBVM Scholarship Kyle Sun, Grade 7, was awarded a \$1,000.00 scholarship in honor of Nano Nagle, foundress of the Sisters of the Presentation. Kyle was chosen by the faculty from Grades 4 – 8 for his qualities of kindness, helpfulness, integrity, his awareness of the needs of others and for the many times that he has reached out to help those in need. Kyle is the son of Hai Tao Sun and Jun Xiao of Fitchburg. His younger brother, Caleb, is in Grade 3.

First Holy Communion
Please keep our Second Grade students in your prayers as they make their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 4th at St. Camillus Church. We ask our children to pray for us as well on this very special day in their lives.

