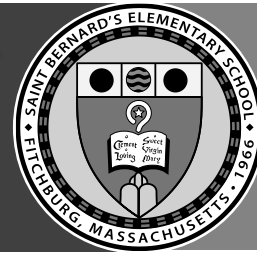


WHAT'S NEW

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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 Penguins are popping up all over Pre-K! Our youngest Bernardians have learned about birds, owls, penguins, and cardinals that live where it is cold and love the winter. Our children know how to warm their bodies up with warm clothes and warm drinks like hot cocoa. Mosaic hats and mittens, pattern snowmen and snowflakes are hanging all around our classroom.



Kindergarten Our

youngest readers are in a flurry of activity making CVC (consonant/vowel/consonant) words. They have many word families in their "popcorn words" and are working to make new words by changing beginning sounds. This month is very busy with St. Valentine's Day and the 100th Day of School. So much to celebrate!

Grade 1 What is air and what can it do? First Graders will be finding the answer to that question and thinking like scientists as they begin to explore [Air and Weather](#) as part of their engaging, hands-on *Foss Science* program. They will investigate the phenomena of air and discover its properties while observing interactions of air with objects. There is sure to be lots of excitement with mini parachutes and balloon rockets in the classroom.



Grade 2 Second Grade scientists begin their *Foss Science* unit on Solids and Liquids. The hands-on experiments will be the

highlight of their day. They will explore the properties of solids and liquids, how liquids change when they are in different containers, and how the properties of materials change when they are heated or cooled

Grade 3 Third Graders are on their way through the Solar System. In their study of Astronomy, they will learn about the sun, the eight planets (sorry, Pluto!) and the Earth's moon. Third Grade Astronomers will learn how the sun and the Earth's slant and orbit create the seasons they experience here in New England.



Grade 4 It's

Geology! Fourth Graders are busy working on a unit about rocks and minerals. Lots of labs and activities make their Science books come alive. They will even watch *Bill Nye the Science Guy!* Everyone loves him and his explanations of all things Science!

Grade 5 Do you remember Order of Operations in Math? PEMDAS... Please Excuse My Dear Aunt Sally!!! Our mathematicians are immersed in learning the skills required to

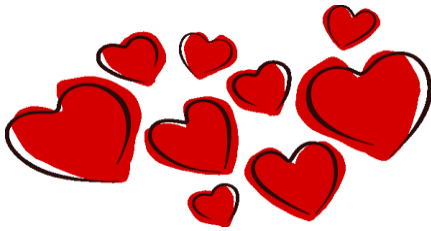
perform the Order of Operations rapidly and with precision. A bit challenging at first, but they are catching on quickly.

Grade 6 Students continue their study of the Old Testament with an in depth look at Exodus and the remaining books of the Torah, books that shaped Jewish thought and influenced Christianity. In Literature, students have started a new unit of study concerning the challenges and triumphs of childhood with *Wagon Train at Dusk*. In Science, it's the Scientific Method. How does one design an experiment so the results answer the question posed in a reliable and repeatable way? Sixth graders are embarking on an inquiry to find out.





WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CLASSROOMS CONTINUED



Grade 7 If you take 37 trillion cells, organize them into tissues, organs, and 11 major organ systems what do you have? A human body. Our Seventh-Grade biologists are looking at how form and function apply when examining human body systems. Their goal is to learn how their bodies work, so they can make choices that keep them healthy for decades to come. In Religion these students have been inspired by *Deeds not Words* as they created projects that delved deeper into the STB motto.

Grade 8 Who would have thought that Skittles would provide a wealth of scientific understanding? The Eighth grade chemists are learning to design controlled experiments using Skittles. Manipulated, responding, and controlled variables, oh my! Eighth Graders will also be doing an in-depth study of the Constitution in History. Everyone refers to it, so few have read it!



Music Kindergarten, Grades 1, and 2 have been learning on the glockenspiels, a beautiful song about falling snow. Students in Grades 3, 4, and 5 are working on earning belts... in *Recorder Karate*, which allow students to track their progress with their recorders. White (everyone has earned this one!) all the way to Black, the ninth and final belt (no one is there yet!)



Art Bernardian artists are experimenting with assorted paint media and techniques. Sponge painting with tempera resulted in beautiful poinsettias. Watercolors and salt created textured nightscape images of "The Gift of the Magi." Kindergarten Brown Bears have unexpected dimensions thanks to their painted paper technique.

Blue & Gold Winners January

- \$250.00 – Mr. & Mrs. David Ledoux
- \$100.00 – Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Arpano
- \$75.00 – Ms. Waleska Melendez
- \$50.00 – Mr. & Mrs. Scott Marcello
- \$25.00 – Mr. & Mrs. Mark Malboeuf

Coming Events

Jan. 29 - Feb. 1
Catholic Schools Week

Feb. 1
Liturgy to Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 10:30 AM
Registration Opens for all new families Pre K –to Grade 8

Feb. 8
National Boy Scouts Day
All Scouts are invited to come in uniform!

Feb. 14
St. Valentine's Day
Out of Uniform in Red!

Feb. 15
Liturgy in Anticipation of Lent 10:30 AM

Feb. 16
French Café

Feb. 18
Father/Daughter Dance

Feb. 20 - 24
February Vacation – NO SCHOOL

Feb. 22
Ash Wednesday – First Day of Lent

Feb. 27
School Re-Opens! Welcome Back!

~ BERNARDIAN LIFE AT STB ~

Haitian Outreach - The Third Grade Class is leading our school's donation drive for the **Haitian Outreach Project**. There is a great need for basic educational and personal hygiene items – things our own children take for granted.

Led by Deacon John Aliskevicz and his wife Pauline, the Haitian Outreach Program currently supports more than 300 students from Kindergarten through High School in six schools staffed by the Sisters of the Immaculate Queen Mary.

Our Third Graders have invited all families and friends to help STB Elementary help the children in these six schools. Requested donations are listed under *News & Announcements* on the STB website.



The Nurses' Corner

Every student from Pre-K to Grade 8 were great participants with Nurse Julie's *Glo Germ* lessons. They learned why hand washing is so important and that it's not so easy to really get their hands clean! Students were taught proper hand washing techniques and then were able to put their "clean" hands to the test under the *Glo Germ's* revealing light. Soap, warm water and 20 seconds of scrubbing, please!