



June

*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 I am Growing!!!

All the changes happening outdoors show children the

variety of living things they can see in their own gardens – frogs and bumblebees, flowers and trees - all changing and growing just like them! Songs and projects will celebrate a year of learning as Pre-K 4s *Forge Forward* into Kindergarten



Kindergarten June is a wonderful time of year to reflect on how much the children have grown, not just in size but in what

they have learned. An important lesson - their **Growth Mindset...** *Never Give Up, Always Do Your Best, Help Each Other*, and when something is hard *Tell Yourself I Think I Can!* They have also grown in loving each other as Jesus loves us – the most important lesson of all.



Grade 1 It feels as though time has really flown by in First

Grade! Right on cue, the focus in math is all about the basics of telling time. Students are being 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. After that, it will be on to one last fun and hands-on topic - money! All those counting and place value skills will be put into practice learning to identify and count sets of coins.



Grade 2 Children have learned the basics of government in our communities, in our state and in our country. They have learned about

elections, voting and who holds elective offices. The year ends for our youngest political scientists with a virtual tour of Washington, D.C. - The White House, important memorials and well known monuments.



Grade 3 Students will put their detective skills to work by solving *Math Mysteries*

during the last few weeks of school. *Math Mysteries* engage students with their math skills as they seek to discover clues required to solve very challenging mysteries. Each clue leads the student closer to the final solution! It's a fun way to put those hard earned skills to work.



Grade 4 It's hard to believe that Fourth Graders are wrapping

up their school year! It has been a fabulous year of travel around the United States. Students learned

amazing things about every region of this huge nation. Massachusetts and New Hampshire are great places to live but so are the other 48 states. One last thing...50 states & capitals!!



Grade 5 Fractions are the focus in math this month. As Fourth graders, our math mavens learned the

basics about fractions by creating their name in fractions, dividing pies into fractions and using playdough to form various fractions. As Fifth Graders they are focusing on multiplying fractions. The test of their skills? Converting a recipe to serve a crowd!! The result of their fraction conversion skills was a massive platter of brownies enjoyed by all.



Grade 6 World History

students had a marvelous time discovering fascinating things about one Greek god or goddess as each completed a culminating project in their unit on Greek Mythology. Important powers, virtues and vices, passions, outer appearances, physical traits, parents, siblings and children, friends and enemies, and nicknames were all researched and included on a full length portrait. The end result was a gallery of gods and goddesses worthy of a trip to Athens!





WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CLASSROOMS CONTINUED



Grade 7 Seventh graders are currently fascinated by their introduction to genetics. They are

looking at how traits are passed on from one generation to the next, whether in animals or plants or bacteria. Connecting this to their study about plants and ecosystems, these intrepid science students traveled to the New England Botanical Garden at Tower Hill in Boylston, MA where they learned more about various adaptations in our local plants and animals.



Grade 8 Static, sliding and rolling friction! It's all about motion. Eighth grade physicists are

completing their study of forces and energy. What is the best way to overcome the inertia of a heavy load and move it from one place to another? Look for them checking out what variables affect the force of friction while practicing the correct use of spring scales in a hallway or on a sidewalk near you!



French Our 8th graders are preparing for *The French Fashion Show*. Always a "fan favorite," each student creates a costume to model while their partner narrates descriptive characteristics about them and cleverly identifies Bernardian *haute couture*. All in French, of course! *Vive le francais!*

Art All 5th Graders in the Commonwealth were invited by *The Urban Forestry Program* to participate in the 2023 Massachusetts Arbor Day Poster Contest illustrating the theme *It's time for trees!* Franophia Sibetya was awarded Second Place for her beautifully drawn poster of a tree, wildlife and people. Fran, her parents Francis and Phiona Sibetya and Jan Testagrossa, STB's Art teacher, have been invited to attend the Awards Ceremony in Mattapoisett, MA. Happy Arbor Day! Congratulations, Fran!

May Blue & Gold

- 250.00 – Mr. & Mrs. Joshua Bilotta
- \$100.00 – Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Feen
- \$75.00 – Ms. Melissa Rodriguez
- \$50.00 – Mr. & Mrs. James Cameron
- \$25.00 – Ms. Julie Penning

June Blue & Gold

- \$250.00 – Ms. Peguy Jean Nozea
- \$100.00 – Ms. Nana Curran
- \$75.00 – Ms. Rosenerda Nazaire
- \$50.00 – Ms. Jessica Davies
- \$25.00 – Mr. Airiau Constant

Coming Events

Friday, June 2
Last Day for Grade 8

Monday, June 5
8th Grade Retreat

Tuesday, June 6
Graduation Practice
8th Grade Dinner

Wed., June 7
8th Grade Graduation
St. Camillus Church
6:00 PM

Thursday, June 8
Last Day for Pre-K 3s

Friday, June 9
Pre-K 4s *Forging Forward*

Tuesday, June 6
Band Concert 9:30 AM

Wednesday, June 14
Last day of School for K, Grs. 1 – 7
End of the Year Liturgy
Trimester 3 Report Card



~ BERNARDIAN LIFE AT STB ~

Bishop Robert McManus was the celebrant at STB's Mass for the Feast of the Ascension on May 18, 2023. Bishop McManus is marking his 45th Anniversary of ordination to the priesthood this year. Our school community wished to recognize this significant anniversary. Our children enjoyed a *Casual for a Cause Day* and STB made a donation of \$300.00 as a gift in Bishop McManus's name to the Diocese of Worcester's Seminarian Education Fund.

Art Show and Ice Cream Social
On May 30, Bernardians showcased their artistic creativity while families came for an evening together to enjoy the work of our students. And everyone had ice cream sundaes. The perfect event!



Summer Reading is fast approaching! Every grade will have different requirements but all will have lists of wonderful books on topics such as adventure, history, reality, and humor from which to choose. These books will be available at your libraries where friendly librarians will be delighted to help. These titles can be found on Amazon or at Barnes & Noble, as well. Bernardians will be reading this summer!