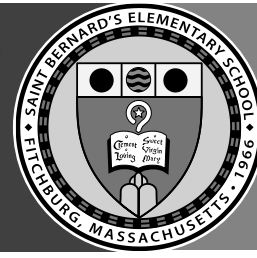


# WHAT'S NEW

## St. Bernard's Elementary School News



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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** The children have planted seeds and are making sure that they have all the things they need in order to grow - sunlight, air, and water. They will become special gifts for Mother's Day. Our students are also honoring our Blessed Mother by praying the *Hail Mary* each day.



**Kindergarten** Our youngest scientists are thinking about Spring and everything that is growing around them! Children planted flowers with Nurse Julie and have been patiently making observations as their seeds transformed into sprouts...and then sprouts became young plants with leaves. A dry seed becoming a green plant never ceases to amaze... the wonder of nature!



**BAPTISM**

**Grade 1** Through the gift of Baptism we are called to become followers of Jesus. Our First Graders were recently introduced to the celebration that welcomes each of us as members of God's family - Baptism. Students learned about symbols of the sacrament and were eager to share stories of Baptisms they have attended. They were very curious to learn about their own!



**Grade 2** May is another exciting month for our Second Graders! Special guests have arrived to take center stage in Science class. Students are looking forward to caring for their live mealworms and painted lady larva as they learn about metamorphosis. The larva will become butterflies, which will be released. Mealworms become beetles that children get to take home!

**Grade 3** *How do communities work together to achieve their goals? What are ways people can take action?* These essential questions are answered as our students read stories that focus on how we get things we need, how we reuse and recycle, how we can be good citizens, and how teams work together. All good lessons!



**Grade 4** It's the Human Body in Science! The Skeletal & Muscular systems, Circulatory & Respiratory systems, the Nervous & Digestive Systems! Lots of hands-on activities reveal the workings of the insides of everyone. Students will even get to name their "skeleton" class buddy!



**Grade 5** Students are learning about the Great Depression, how people survived that challenging time and gaining a greater appreciation for their own lives today. They are reading the novel *Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis. Set in 1936, in the middle of the Great Depression, this novel follows the journey of an orphaned ten-year old boy in search of the man who he thinks is his father. It is a story of hope, love and belonging.

**Grade 6** *The Bridge to Terabithia*, by Katherine Paterson, is a beloved Newbery Medal-winning novel about two friends, Leslie and Jesse, who create a magical forest kingdom in their imaginations. As students read this novel, they will experience the themes of friendship and imagination as well as the deep emotions felt from the loss of a loved one. It is a classic book that is not easily forgotten





# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CLASSROOMS CONTINUED



**Grade 7** Our geographers are off to Mexico and Central America

with an in-depth look at the Mayan and Aztec civilizations. In Literature, students will be reading the Mayan *Popol Vuh* and other documents of the Aztecs and Maya. Then, students will return to the 21<sup>st</sup> century to plan a trip of their own to the Caribbean. This project will help Bernardian travelers understand what is required for a successful trip abroad.



**French 7th Grade** French students are in "Project Mode." They are researching the

country of France - its place in Europe, surrounding waters and countries, major cities, rivers, and mountains. They will add all this information to a topic of their choice and present their project to their class. *The Eiffel Tower, The Tour de France, The Arch de Triomphe, the French Riviera* and so much more will be featured! *Vive la France!*



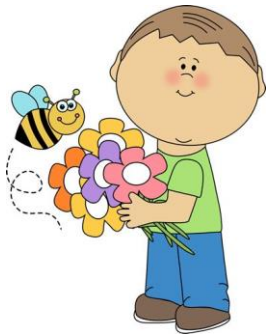
**Grade 8** Religion students are studying *Returning to the Roads of Christianity*. They

will discover how the renewal of Catholicism has been the most positive result of The Reformation for Catholics. This unit culminates with a focus on morality and Catholic social justice in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.



On Saturday, April 29, 19 students received their First Eucharist at St. Camillus Church.

- Ella Cannon
- Nicholas Casey
- James DelleChiaie
- Drew Desgroseilliers
- Brianna Desilets
- Quinn Dickhaut
- Bastion Fluet
- Gianna Gomes
- Madison Healey
- Jocelyn Leger
- Vincent Majikas
- Ryleigh Morin
- Owen Provencher
- Delilah Salas
- Mia Santos Arevalo
- Kai Shattuck
- Philemon Sibetya
- Madeline Temple
- Julian Gomes (Grade 5)



## Coming Events

**May 1 - 19**  
MAP Testing Grades 2 - 8  
Measures of Academic Progress

**May 4**  
Trimester 3 Progress Reports

**May 10**  
Casual for A Cause –  
Out of Uniform

**May 12**  
Grs. 6 & 7 Field Trip  
Tower Hill & Kimball Farm

**May 17**  
Grs. 7 & 8 Field Trip  
Woo Sox

**May 18**  
Ascension Thursday Liturgy &  
Crowning of Mary – 9:30 AM

**May 19**  
Field Day

**May 22**  
Field Day – Rain Date!

**May 29**  
Memorial Day – No School



## ~ BERNARDIAN LIFE AT STB ~

### Blue and Gold March Winners

- \$250.00 Mr. & Mrs. Corey Donnelly
- \$100.00 Ms. Kimberly Cole
- \$75.00 Mr. Ryan Dean
- \$50.00 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Rosa
- \$25.00 Ms. Christian Rosa

### April Winners

- \$250.00 Mr. & Mrs. Taylor Leger
- \$100.00 Mr. & Mrs. Justin Pike
- \$75.00 Mr. & Mrs. Scott Berry
- \$50.00 Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Silvar
- \$25.00 Mr. Mathew Chacko

### Sisters of the Presentation Scholarship Award

The PBVM Community is pleased to award Gabriel Lopez, Grade 5, a \$1,000.00 scholarship for the coming school year. This award is made in honor of their foundress, Nano Nagle. It recognizes a student who exemplifies Nano Nagle's life of "kindness, helpfulness, integrity, awareness of the needs of others, and reaching out to help those in need."

### Calling All Gardeners!

STB is continuing to grow its Pollinator Garden by the Pre-K entrance. We are seeking more perennials that will attract and feed butterflies, moths, hummingbirds, and bees. If you are planning to divide any flowering perennial plants and are willing to share, we will happily provide a new garden home with lots of sun!

Contact Ms. Wright for more information!