



# November



*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** Pre-K Friends are giving thanks for food, family and friends and counting all the way up to the number 10. They will prepare a small feast to share with their Native American 5th Grade buddies and even sail across the ocean to meet them!



**Kindergarten** November is the month for giving thanks. The children talk about things they are thankful for and how can they give of themselves to others. Kindergarten has taken the BIG Leap into Learning and are loving every minute of it!

**Grade 1** Short vowel sounds have taken center stage! First graders are reading short stories that have many words that contain the short vowel sounds of the week. Playing "Sparkle" as a group is a fabulous way for our young readers to practice their spelling words for their end of the week spelling test.



**Grade 2** Second graders have been focusing on understanding what STB's school motto, "Deeds, Not

Words", means in their daily lives. Using examples from the parables of *The Two Sons* and *The Good Samaritan*, our students learned that it's not enough simply *knowing* the right thing to do, or even *saying* the right words, but it's our *actions* that truly reflect Jesus to those around us. They are being challenged to see what those actions look like in big ways and small, both in and out of school, and to make a difference by being "a light" to others.

**Grade 3** November brings moments of gratitude. Veterans' Day and Thanksgiving are days of reflection and giving thanks for what we owe to those who went before us. Students will make virtual visits to two iconic places that represent those days, the



Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery and Plymouth Plantation.

**Grade 4** Geographers will begin their tour of the U.S here in the Northeast as they learn the history of our very own region. In Science, students explore different kinds of energy with lots of hands-on activities. Thanksgiving is a time to celebrate and be thankful for all; Ms. G is so thankful for this class!



**Grade 5** The focus of the year in in Fifth Grade is *Respect and Responsibility!* Students have embraced these values and are practicing them daily. In class, they have been busy multiplying larger numbers, learning about prepositions, nouns and pronouns, and diving into their Reading Anthology!

**Grade 6** Our enthusiastic scientists are continuing their exploration of matter using their newly developed metric measuring skills. They have learned how to accurately use the tools for measuring length, volume and mass and are putting these skills to good use in determining the density of various objects and substances.





# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CLASSROOMS CONTINUED



**Grade 7** Seventh Grade students are tackling questions the faithful have asked for centuries: *How can you use and form your conscience? How do the stories of the Bible guide us to live as authentic Christians? What do the saints offer us?* Their answers inform the way that Christians live and experience their faith each day.

**Grade 8** Our oldest Bernardians are exploring the connection between the Reformation and the exploration of the New World. An in-depth study of the Reformation provided a window on the motivation of some Europeans who left the lives they knew to colonize an unexplored wilderness. Students are reading a biography of Pocahontas to complement their study of the Jamestown Colony.



**French Our World**  
Language students are learning how to ask more questions in French. 8th Graders are asking the time and telling the time. 7th Graders are learning their first French verb, the verb *Avoir* which means "to have." Verbs are a challenge to learn and so students enjoy singing a clapping song as they practice those verbs!



**Art** October projects... Pumpkins, monsters, and stick puppet witches were hits with the littles as 3 – D skeletons had older students using science, math, and engineering skills. Eighth graders tried their hands at tin smithing and produced beautiful lanterns with pierced designs using old tin cans, hammers, and nails.

**Blue & Gold Club  
September Winners**  
\$250.00 Ms. Ashleigh Maillet  
\$100.00 Mr. & Mrs. Tim Anderson  
\$75.00 Mr. & Mrs. Henry Ramirez  
\$50.00 Mr. & Mrs. Scott Berry  
\$25.00 Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Chagnon

**October 2023 Winners**  
\$250.00 Mr. & Mrs. Michael 'Connell  
\$100.00 Ms. Reina Morales  
\$75.00 Ms. Monica Montes  
\$50.00 Mr. & Mrs. Cheng Lin  
\$25.00 Ms. Nancy Burgess

## Coming Events

**Monday, Nov 1**  
All Saints Day Liturgy 10:30 AM

**Friday, Nov 3**  
Scholastic Book Fair Begins  
Grades 6, 7 & 8 One Act Plays 6:30 PM

**Thursday, Nov 9**  
Grandparents & Grandfriends Day  
Trimester 1 Closes  
Thanksgiving Food Drive Ends  
Scholastic Book Fair Ends

**Friday, Nov 10**  
Veterans' Day Holiday Observed  
NO SCHOOL

**Thursday, Nov 16**  
Trimester 1 Report Cards go home  
Picture Re-Take Day – In Uniform

**Saturday, Nov 18**  
Holiday Fair 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

**Monday, Nov 20**  
HALF DAY – NOON DISMISSAL  
Parent – Teacher Conferences

**Tuesday, Nov 21**  
HALF DAY – NOON DISMISSAL  
Thanksgiving Liturgy 10:30 AM

**Wednesday, Nov 22**  
NO SCHOOL

**Thursday Nov 23**  
Thanksgiving

**Friday, Nov 24**  
NO SCHOOL

**Monday, Nov 27**  
Hat & Mitten Tree Begins

## ~ BERNARDIAN LIFE AT STB ~

Catholic education is important to our students. But it is equally important to the Catholics who will see these children become our future priests, religious and lay leaders as well as loving parents and citizens in our community.

While STB Elementary is in great condition today, it is important to understand that its future depends on the prayers, volunteering and financial support from those who have an interest in and a love for the school.

It was a pleasure to speak at Masses recently to share our story with our parishioners. Our parish has a vibrant school and it is our plan to make sure that parishioners are aware of our current activities and the accomplishments of our outstanding student body.

It is why we asked for contact information from those who attend church at St. Bernard's but do not necessarily have a student currently in our school. If you missed the opportunity to share your

contact information, please feel free to reach out to me via:

[dwright@stbernardselementary.org](mailto:dwright@stbernardselementary.org)  
or  
(978) 342-1948 X 301.

We will continue to share our good news and keep you informed about our school!

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