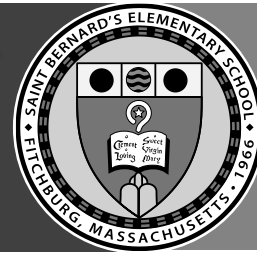
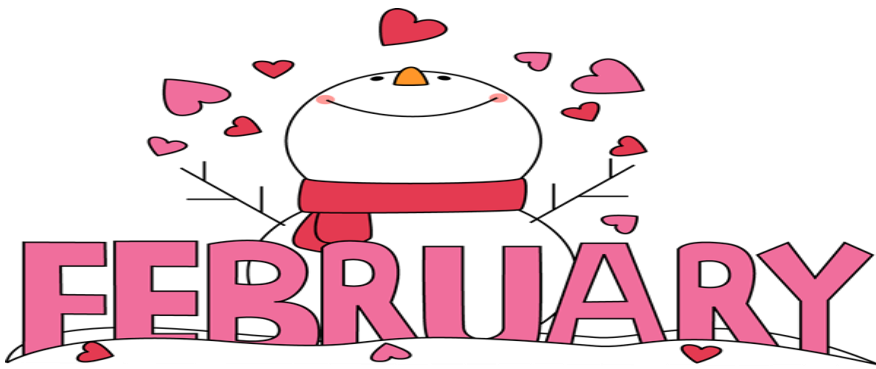


WHAT'S NEW

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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 February is Heart Health Month.

Kindergarteners will learn about how their

hearts beat and all the healthy ways they can take care of them. Snowmen and winter animals are this month's topics, too!



Kindergarten The 100th day of school is coming!

This year is a Leap Year - February 29th!! The year is

more than half over with so much learning still ahead. February is perfect for our children who have been *Leaping into Learning* with both feet.



Grade 1 Students have adopted their very own desk pets.

They are able to keep their pet on their desk while they are learning throughout the day. Students earn warm and fuzzies each day by going above and beyond daily classroom expectations. They use their warm and fuzzies to purchase food, toys and home decor for their pets at the desk pet store!



Grade 2 In preparation for the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, our Second Graders are

focusing on the important concepts of free will, conscience and sin. Drawing on examples from everyday experiences at home, school and in extracurricular activities, our students are reflecting on choices they've made, as well as the effect those choices have had on themselves and others. Most importantly, our children are being reminded of God's gift of grace when we sincerely recognize our mistakes and ask Him for forgiveness.



Grade 3 Third Grade mathematicians will begin their unit on Multiplication. Students

will explore the concept of multiplication as repeated addition of equal groups. They will be using arrays and groups to see how multiplication relates to addition. And...they will begin memorizing multiplication tables.

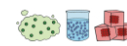


Grade 4 Students are writing, writing, writing!!!! Poetry and writing projects which incorporate fun activities are keeping our young authors' pens on paper. It is amazing once our students begin to write, how much they have to share.



Grade 5 What could be better than hot cocoa on a cold winter's day? Nothing! Fifth

Graders recently completed a Project Based Learning (PBL) module - *Hot Cocoa Business*. The activities included math, writing, creative thinking and cooperative learning. The culminating activity was a hot cocoa party with all the toppings!!



Grade 6 Science

students are thinking about modeling matter, particularly solids, liquids, and gases. They are also exploring the causes of changes in state and what that means to the arrangement and movement of particles of matter. These concepts are fundamental to understanding the physical world around them.



Religion Grades 4, 5, & 6

In the New Year, Fourth Graders have been learning how to be witnesses to God's Kingdom, helping to bring justice into the world. Grade 5 has been learning how to be fed by the Word of God in Sacred Scripture and how to follow the Apostles in Sacred Tradition. Grade 6 has been learning about the history and hierarchy of the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church.





WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CLASSROOMS CONTINUED



Grade 7 Mathematicians are busy extending their understanding and skills in solving addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division equations including those with fractions and decimals. Modeling and solving two-step equations and absolute-value equations are on tap, as well. Students will translate word problems into algebraic equations and solve them. Seventh graders have also been enjoying mastering engineering challenges with their Second Grade buddies.



Grade 8 Historians are wrapping up their unit on the 13 Colonies and will be moving to a study of the causes of the American Revolution, and then on to the Revolution itself. In Reading, students are starting work on George Orwell's classic *Animal Farm*. Subsequently, they will be studying literature from the early years of the United States.

Ski Club – Serendipity! The first night of Ski Club was Sunday, Jan. 7 which was the first big snowstorm in a long time. A snow day has the totally opposite meaning for STB's 15 skiers and riders. The storm came right on time and was the perfect start of the season for Bernardians who were out enjoying all Wachusett Mountain has to offer.



French - Our Grade 7 linguists are embarking on a new adventure in their French learning ... something all 7th Graders enjoy doing ... talking about things in their lives that they like to do or not do! They will have the opportunity to discuss with their classmates things that they enjoy, to ask others about their likes or dislikes, to talk about how often they do something and how well they do it, and they will learn how to agree or disagree with others, *Bon voyage, mes amis!*



Art Snowflakes everywhere!

It must be winter...Artists created unique snowflakes as they refreshed their folding and cutting skills. These snowflakes will be on display in a variety of places in school as well as in Bernardian homes!

**Blue & Gold Club
January Winners**

- \$250.00 – Ms. Phiona Nagendo
 - \$100.00 – Mr. & Mrs. Tim Aubuchon
 - \$75.00 – Ms. Roseny Simelus
 - \$50.00 –Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Thibodeau
 - \$25.00 –Ms. Stacey Sparrow
- Congratulations! Thank you for supporting our students!



Coming Events

- February 8.**
National Scouting Day
All Scouts may be in their Scouting uniforms
- February 13**
STB Celebrates ST. Valentine's Day
Out of Uniform in red or pink!
- February 14**
Ash Wednesday Liturgy
10:30 AM
- February 15**
French Café
Grade 8
- February 17**
Father-Daughter Dance
- February 19-23**
February Vacation
NO SCHOOL
- February 28**
Coral Care Screenings
Pre-K to Gr. 2



~ BERNARDIAN LIFE AT STB ~

Fitchburg Cultural Council Grant
STB was awarded a grant of \$1,407.00 to cover the cost of tickets for students from Kindergarten to Grade 3 attending *Finding Nemo Jr.* at *Theatre at the Mount*, Mt. Wachusett Community College on April 11.

Father Daughter Dance
The theme is *Under the Sea!*
Bernardians will dance the night away on Saturday, February 17th from 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM at the Fitchburg Senior Center.

Pre-K Playground Project
STB has been blessed this year with memorial gifts made in memory of Fr. Dominic Ingemie, Mrs. June Young, Mrs. Katherine Reardon and Mr. Fred Ayles all of whom had significant connections to our school community. These gifts have been directed towards our Pre-K playground project which will be completed this spring. We thank the families and friends who remembered those they loved with a gift to our children.

Coral Care
STB is excited to be partnering with Coral Care to offer students from Pre-K to Grade 2 free screenings in speech, occupational therapy and physical therapy. These 10 – 15 minute screenings, done by licensed providers, will work in much the same way as the vision and hearing screenings STB conducts annually. Families will be notified should there be an area of concern. More information will be shared with STB's Pre-K to Grade 2 families shortly.