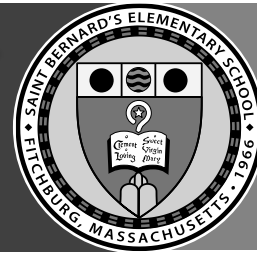


WHAT'S NEW

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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 The littlest

Bernardians are learning how to grow their hearts.

Lent is a time to learn about God's love for each of us and how everyone is called to share their love, as well. March is also a good time to learn about wind and weather. Children are watching out for 'Lion and Lamb Days' and are learning how to graph their observations.

Kindergarten February

was a very busy time with celebrations of *100 Days of School* and St. Valentine's Day. Springing forward into March will be *Dr. Seuss Day* and centers revolving around egg related themes.

Lent is about how each child can grow in love by being more loving to themselves and others – just like Jesus.



Grade 1 First Graders

are continuing to explore science by doing real experimentation. Air is the topic. Young scientists

constructed parachutes using napkins, string and paper clips and then experienced the challenges of flight by running flight tests out on the schoolyard. Next up? Balloon rockets!



Grade 2 Our Second Grade

mathematicians are now using their understanding of place value and knowledge

of math facts to add and subtract two digit numbers with regrouping. It's an exciting challenge! They are also continuing to use strategies to solve word problems with increasing difficulty, including those with two-step solutions. There's a whole lot of thinking happening in Grade 2!



Grade 3 Students will

spend the forty days of Lent preparing for the celebration of Easter. They

will recall the events of Jesus's crucifixion and death on the Cross by praying the Stations of the Cross. They will learn about *The Easter Triduum* - Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday- the three most important days in the Church year, which end with the celebration of Jesus Christ's rising from the dead on Easter Sunday.



Grade 4 Students have

been growing closer to the Holy Spirit by studying the

Feast of Pentecost, the birthday of the Church. Pentecost marks the coming of the Holy Spirit, symbolized by a violent wind and tongues of fire, to the Apostles, Mary, and the first followers of Jesus, who had gathered

together. The Holy Spirit gave the apostles the gifts needed to fulfill their great commission - to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Grade 5 February was a busy month!

Catholic Schools Week and then a celebration of *1000 Days*. Fifth graders determined that they had been in school for 1000 days in their lives!! Then Valentine's Day! Project based learning and other academic activities geared to these themes filled the days with learning and fun.

Grade 6 Our Ancient Historians have

concluded their study of Egypt with a culminating project on Egyptian gods and goddesses. Moving north across the Mediterranean, they have arrived in ancient Greece. Their work will include a large amount of Greek mythology from various literary sources as well as an in-depth look at why ancient Greece is considered the "Cradle of Western Civilization."





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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CLASSROOMS CONTINUED

Grade 7 Seventh Graders continue to investigate various systems of the human body, learning how to maintain good health. They will put their science and engineering skills to use designing a model of a body system

 **Grade 8** Every student is creating a *Lenten Journal* to take each through the season of Lent and beyond. Their Journal is about the journey that God calls each of them to make and about their own choices. Their finished Journal will reflect their present life and be a guidebook for their future.

 **Principal for the Day** Miss Victoria Clark of Grade 2 was more than up to the task of leading the school as part of Catholic Schools Week. Miss Clark's was the winning essay out of dozens submitted by applicants seeking the position. Students described the role of the Principal in great detail – no wonder Ms. Wright goes home tired at the end of the day!



French - Our 8th Grade French chefs will have the opportunity to display their skills at STB's annual French Cafe in March. Some students may be a "chef chevronné" and others may be "des nouveaux chefs". Either way, it is always a delightful time for students to experience the heavenly tastes of French cuisine. "Mes compliments au chef!" This year's theme? *Le Tour de France!*



Art February themes for all! Valentines in wax resist, kinetic walruses frolicking in the ocean, snowmen with a variety of facial expressions that could be changed, a collaborative mural of a Haitian market, dragons decorated to celebrate Chinese New Year, a three dimensional city made of all kinds of shapes and materials, glittering two dimensional crystals/snowflakes, kinetic snowboarder helmets with goggles that reflect spinning winter scenes, and décor for the annual French Café.

February

Blue & Gold Winners

- \$250.00 – Mr. Bryan Detwiller
- \$100.00 – Mr. & Mrs. Derek Brooks
- \$75.00 – Mr. & Mrs. Mark Majewski
- \$50.00 – Ms. Kathlyn Sparks
- \$25.00 – Mr. & Mrs. Taylor Leger

Coming Events

March 1.
Read Across America!
STB Celebrates Dr. Seuss!

March 2-3
Mully's Indoor Golf

March 8
Trimester 2 closes

March 14
Trimester 2 Report Cards

March 15
NO SCHOOL
Professional Development

March 18-22
Penny Wars Pre-K to Grade 8
Benefits the Pre-K Playground Project

March 22 & 23
Spring Musical
Little Mermaid Jr.
Snow Date April 5 & 6

March 25
Half Day – Parent Teacher Conferences

March 29
NO SCHOOL – Good Friday

March 31
Easter Sunday

April 1
NO SCHOOL



~ BERNARDIAN LIFE AT STB ~

Haitian Outreach Project

Mrs. Deborah Gallagher and Grade 3 students led the school in supporting the Haitian Outreach Project, our parish's humanitarian outreach that has affected the lives of hundreds of students in Haiti since 1998. In those years it has supported the education of elementary, university and seminarians in the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere.

Closest to our Bernardian hearts are the children in six schools served by the local

Catholic religious community, *The Daughters of Queen Mary Immaculate*. STB has provided backpacks filled with school supplies and basic hygiene supplies for hundreds of students.

This year our students, families, faculty and staff filled 55 backpacks. Overflow donations will accompany these backpacks to Haiti.

Visit the Project's website to see the amazing work being done by our own parishioners. <https://haitianoutreach.net/>

Contact Mrs. Pauline Aliskevicz, Director of this Ministry, for more information about ways you or your family can help.

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