



Saint Brendan Parish School News

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Catholic Schools Celebrate Service

Important Dates

Nov. 27-28	No School- Happy Thanksgiving!!
Dec. 1	Advent Service in the gym 8:30 AM
Dec. 3	Development Meeting 7:00PM
Dec. 5	Noon Dismissal Non-uniform End of First Trimester
Dec. 8	Immaculate Conception Mass 9:00 AM
Dec. 11	PTO Meeting- <u>cancelled</u>
Dec. 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass Gr. 4 9:00 AM Report Cards
Dec. 15	Advent Service 8:30 AM
Dec. 17	Technology Meeting - <u>cancelled</u>
Dec. 18	School Commission Meeting- <u>cancelled</u>
Dec. 19	Christmas Concert 7:00 PM
Dec. 20–Jan. 4	Christmas break
Jan. 5	School resumes

November Virtue of the Month: Humility is the quality of having a humble opinion about yourself and submitting to God's will.

November Saint of the Month: St. Martin De Porres was born on Dec. 9, 1579 in Lima, Peru. Martin spent much of his time in prayer. Martin was canonized by Pope John XXIII in 1962.



Altar Servers

We would like to acknowledge the following students who are serving Mass on 11/29 and 11/30:

PTO Volunteer Corner

Help Wanted
Attention Scrip Sellers! We have been allotted space in the narthex for extra weekends in November and December. Training is available if you have not sold scrip before. The extra dates: December 6 & 7; December 20 & 21. If you can help, please contact Marian
Did you take any pictures at this year's Holiday Craft Fair? If so, please contact Michelle



Calling all Elves..... Can you help with Latte Day?

We are looking for a few volunteers to bake homemade breakfast goodies and/or deliver lattes to the school and parish staff while singing (yes, if you like to sing merrily, you're a candidate)! This is an annual event for both the parish and school staff, a holiday appreciation treat from the PTO. Latte Day is **Thursday, December 11th**. Delivery volunteers needed from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., and all donated treats need to be in the kitchen by 8:15 that morning. Please contact **Kate** if you are able to help... Thank you for stepping up to help!

Principal News

Food Drive for St. Vincent de Paul: Thank you for the outstanding response to our food drive. Students from all grades have been bringing in many food donations. Paper products, personal hygiene items, and laundry detergent are also needed. We collected more than \$270 to purchase food gift certificates. Thank you!

ITBS Testing: Congratulations to all our hardworking students! They worked on their ITBS tests with care and energy. We expect to have the test results in mid-January.

Web Site Survey: Thank you to the 55 school families who participated in the web site investigation survey. From these respondents, the survey showed that parents wanted more information on the site, updates more often, and grades and homework available on line. The Get Involved, Classroom pages, and Volunteer hours were the most visited areas. Our Web Site Sub Committee will review the complete results and proceed with recommendations.

Church Restrooms: The parish strongly asked that our students and their siblings not use the church restrooms during carpool or when participating in outside sports activities.

Advent Service: Students will participate in an Advent Service on Monday, December 1st for grades K-4 at 8:35 and grades 5-8 at 9:00. Students will be asked to share where they find Jesus in their everyday lives.

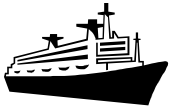
Student Council: Our student council representatives held their first meeting last week. These students volunteered to represent the following grades: for Kindergarten, for 1st, for 2nd, for 3rd, for 4th, for 5th, for 6th, and for 7th. They will visit classrooms next week and ask for feedback about student awards. These students shared they liked the awards for being recognized for positive behavior and it made them feel special. They had other suggestions for improvement. The representatives will also discuss the purpose of the council and create a mission statement. Thank you to Mrs. Christianson and Mrs. Schwartz for facilitating the council.

Speech Students: All speech students who will be competing in the Blanchet Tournament are invited to a dry-run practice on Wednesday, December 10th from 4:30 to 6:00 in the music room. Students and coaches will receive last minute instructions from Mr. Carlton and an opportunity to practice speeches in front of other students and coaches.

Save the date: Wednesday, January 14th at 7 PM- As part of our self-study/accreditation process, we will hold a stake-holder's meeting for our school and parish community.

Wishing you a blessed Thanksgiving holiday, Mrs. Lunn

If you have an item for the bulletin please email it to bulletin@saintbrendan.org AND Julie@themilners.com



**Auction in Action
COME SAIL WITH US
Saturday, March 7, 2009**

Marriott Redmond Town Center

Wow!! Our procurement team is outdoing itself! Get your Mickey ears ready, Disneyland is calling! Special thanks goes to **Kim and Aaron** for donating airline miles. The deadline for your procurement items is December 16th. Please turn in your items as soon as possible.

This is your last week to **sell raffle tickets**. Recent top sellers have been **Sandra** (13 tickets) and **Hannah** (10 tickets). It takes just **one ticket** to win \$500 dollars in time for Christmas shopping! All tickets sold and unsold must be turned in on Monday, December 1st.

Happy selling and Happy Thanksgiving!

See's Candy Sale

All families should receive a See's Candy packet today. Orders are due on Friday, December 5 in order to have them back by Christmas break.

Advent Giving Tree

During the Advent season, our school children and families are asked to participate in our parish's **Giving Tree**. These donations go to many local charities, fill holiday baskets, and provide an extra gift for a needy family. We are asking school families to provide a donation of their choice from the following list: mittens/gloves (any size), shampoo and conditioner, hand soap, tp, tissue, toothpaste, tooth brushes, deodorant, adult size plastic rain poncho, adult sized socks, scarves/hats, adults large and XL sweat shirts and pants. All donations are to be new items only. Students are asked to bring their unwrapped items to school on **Friday, December 12th**. Each class will bring their items to the Narthex and spend time in prayer for the recipients. Please contact Kerrie or the school office with any questions. Thank you!



Scrip News

2008 Holiday Scrip Order Forms – You have a second chance to order Scrip for Christmas – forms will go home in the Wednesday envelope and are due back on 12/13.

Scrip Bonus Contributions: Please consider supporting these Scrip vendors who are currently giving the *extra* percentages noted here (these percentages are *in addition* to the usual contribution): **Shell** (1% through 12/31), **Barnes & Nobel** (1% through 12/19), **Macy's** (2% through 12/12), **Staples** (5% through 12/5), **Sears** (6%) through 12/19, and **K-mart** (6% through 12/19). Ongoing promotions include: **JC Penney** (1% through 11/27), **T.G.I. Friday's** (1% through 12/5) and **L.L. Bean** (2% through 12/12) Also, **Dick's Sporting Goods** has permanently raised its contribution 5% to 8%.

Scrip Sales: Scrip will be sold after mass every weekend between now and Christmas! Thank you for your support!

CYO CORNER

6th Grade Boys Basketball Results



The following 6th Grade Boys played a fantastic basketball game against Our Lady of the Lake on Sunday. They fought their way back from an 8 point deficient to tie the game up with only 2 minutes left in the game. They gave all their parents an exciting time for their first game of the season. We were very proud of them. The 6th grade boys really worked together and showed what it means to be a TEAM! **Great game guys!!**



Last Call for St. Brendan Athletic Apparel Order—Deadline extended!!

Don't forget to order your St. Brendan logo apparel online. The deadline has been extended to **November 28th**. Show your Irish spirit as you attend your child's sporting event. Contact **Chris** with any questions.

Advent Candles for Sale

The St. Brendan Youth group has advent candles available for \$5. You can pick them up at the school office or at Mass this weekend.



Inkjet Cartridge/Cell Phone Recycle Program

Please bring your empty inkjet cartridges and cell phones to the school or place in the collection box on the kiosk at the church. Thank you!

PRAYING PARENTS

Please join St. Brendan parents every **Wednesday** morning right after drop off (about 8:25). We will gather downstairs by the statue of Mary to pray (across from the computer lab). We will take about 10 to 15 minutes each week to pray for our school, teachers, staff, and students. Please join us on Wednesday morning and witness the power of prayer bless our school!



Box Tops Corner

Please remember to keep collecting those **Box Tops!!** The Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays are quickly approaching and those are great times to get together and do a little baking with friends. Please remember while you are having fun with friends, collect those Box Tops and bring them in to school. Collection boxes are set up in each classroom and the classroom that collects the most Box Tops wins an Ice Cream Feast at the end of the school year! Thank you! **Carol, Box Top Chair**



Employer-Matched Volunteer Hours

Did you know that your employer may match your volunteer hours with a financial donation to our school? For example, Microsoft will match your volunteer time during the calendar year with \$17 per hour. Microsoft employees can go to <http://give/givetime/> for more information. It's a great way to make the most of your gift of time to the school. Check with your employer and see if they will match your hours! Thank you!