



Saint Brendan Parish School News

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Catholic Schools Celebrate Service

Important Dates

- Dec. 11 PTO Meeting-cancelled
- Dec. 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe **Mass** Gr. 4 9:00 AM
Report Cards
- Dec. 13 Blanchet Speech Tournament
- Dec. 15 **Advent Service** 8:30 AM
- Dec. 17 Technology Meeting -cancelled
- Dec. 18 Fr. Jim visits classrooms
School Commission Meeting-cancelled
- Dec. 19 **Christmas Concert 7:00 PM**
- Dec. 20–Jan. 4 Christmas break
Have a Blessed Christmas
- Jan. 5 **School resumes**
- Jan. 7 Development Meeting 7:00 PM

December Virtue of the Month: **Generosity** is the willingness to freely give money, help, or time to those in need.

December Saint of the Month: **St. Nicholas**, Bishop of Myra in Lycia in the fourth century, is a popular saint. December 6th is the day we celebrate his feast. St. Nicholas has become identified with Santa Claus who distributes gifts to children on Christmas Eve.



Altar Servers

We would like to acknowledge the following students who are serving Mass on 12/13 and 12/14:

PTO Volunteer Corner

Help Wanted
Study Hall/Library Supervision: We are looking for an adult to supervise Study Hall period on Monday and Tuesday from 11:45 to 1:00 PM. Please contact the office if you are able to help.

Scrip News



Please remember to use Scrip for your Giving Tree and Christmas shopping this year!

St. Brendan Band Performance: The St. Brendan School Band Performance will take place on **Tuesday, December 16th at 8:35 AM**. Our beginning and advance bands will play for all students and staff. Parents are welcome to join us.



Donations Needed for Bake Sale

Gloria's Bakers will host a holiday bake sale to benefit the Gloria's Angels Foundation. We are asking for school-wide donations of baked goods instead of one class donating all the items. Thank you to those parents who have signed up. **We need about 20 more family donations!** There is a sign-up sheet on the office counter or please call the office and let us know what you can donate. The bake sale will be held **next Tuesday, December 16th**. All the students and staff enjoy the yummy sugar-laden baked goodies! Thank you!

Principal News

Speech Students: There will be no after-school practice on Dec. 10th. 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.

Tuition Comparison: Attached to this bulletin is a comparison of local tuition rates. As we prepare next year's school budget, we are very aware of the need to keep tuition as reasonable as possible. We will have the tuition rates and registration contacts ready to be sent home January 14th. Returning registration begins on January 21st.

Stake-Holder's Meeting: Please join us on Wednesday, January 14th at 7 PM. Invitations were sent to all school families and alum. Please RSVP to Laurie Brown and let her know if you need child care. This is your chance to share your thoughts on expectations for all St. Brendan School students.

Report Card Change: There is a policy change to the grading marks on report cards. In the School Handbook on page 24, in the section regarding Individual marks, the changes are : Grades 4-8 under academic subject headings, student performance numbers should be interpreted as follows: (remains the same). For 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades, the student performance numbers indicate: 4: above grade level expectation; 3: at grade level expectation; 2: approaching grade level expectation; 1 below grade level.

Compliance Letters: Our intent is to have the compliance information letter sent home in the Dec. 17th Wednesday envelope. This letter gives parents a status on their obligations to the parish and school. Mrs. Lunn



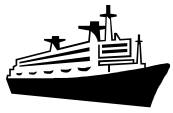
Costume or Seamstress Help Needed!!

The 8th grade class is in desperate need of a costume or seamstress helper to alter two costumes for the Nativity tableau for the Christmas program **next Friday!** The costumes could be recreated also from thrift store items. Please contact **Mrs. Christianson or the school office** if you can help.

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. 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 this **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 questions. Thank you!





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

Marriott Redmond Town Center

Congratulations to the **5th grade class** for winning the auction raffle and the pajama/free dress party! They sold 91 raffle tickets! Christmas came early for the winners of the drawing: **Laurie and Ryan** \$500, **Bob and Trudy** \$200, and **Eileen** \$100! Thank you to **everyone** who bought and sold tickets. The Auction Fun Raffle netted a profit of \$1,885! Now that gives wind to our sails! Thank you for making sure you will have turned in your **procurement** as soon as possible. **The deadline is next Tuesday December 16th.** Contact **Eileen**, our procurement chair, if you need contacts for donations.
Questions? Ideas? Call Kate

Archbishop Murphy Holiday Hoop Camp

AMHS is hosting a Holiday Hoop Camp for boys in grades 4-8. **December 26-27 9:00am to 12:00pm both days.** The \$50 camp fee includes two days of individual skill development, competitive contests and games, a camp t-shirt and a ticket to the boys' varsity home game at AMHS December 29 7:00pm vs. Lambrick Park. For more details, please visit our website: www.archbishopmurphyhs.org



A SAD GOODBYE

John Spalding, a member of the class of 1989, lost his four year battle with cancer on November 23, 2008. Surrounded by his family, he went to his next assignment with peace and left behind a legacy of love, courage, and goodness. John was a husband, son, brother, friend, a musician, poet, chef, and visionary. Fr. Jack Walmsley, who had baptized John at St. Brendan 33 short years ago, officiated at John's funeral. He spoke of the love that John had shared that was made obvious by the crowded church at both the Vigil and the Mass of the Resurrection. He reminded us, "there is always more than meets the eye -- more beauty, more complexity, more truth." John was the son of David and Kathy Spalding of St. Brendan Parish. His siblings, Steve and Annie, are also graduates of our school. If you are interested in helping, a fund has been set up at Bank of America to help alleviate the medical expense his widow Jodie faces for the cancer treatment. If you would like to check out John's music, please visit http://www.myspace.com/love_and_rock. St. Brendan School gives its students "more than meets the eye." Twenty years after graduating our class continues to share in one another's lives. St. Brendan gave us the gift of family and in the words of John that is a *beautiful truth*.

Notes from the Religion Committee

The Religion Committee had a very productive meeting as we met for the second time on November 18th. We discussed the Virtue and Saint of the Month program, the Advent Service for the school children, and ideas for parent ministry for our school parents. The Religion Committee will continue choosing the saint and virtue for each month. The saints will represent the school's cross-age family names. We will work on incorporating the monthly virtue to the parish virtues that were established last spring. One goal is to have the student council choose the monthly saint and virtue for next school year. The Religion Committee members will be working with the parish to gather websites, brochures, CDs, and reading materials for parent ministry for our St. Brendan School parents. Linda Happtonstall will lead our students on Monday mornings for the Advent services with Mrs. Green assisting with music. The next Religion Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, February 19th. Parents are welcome to join the Religion Committee meetings. It is a joy for me to work with teachers, parish staff, and parents to build the Catholic formation and identity of our school. **Laurie**



CYO Corner

Volleyball Sign-ups: Another season of volleyball is upon us. This year we are lowering the fees to play volleyball. You can find the registrations in the lobby or online at www.saintbrendan.org in the CYO section. This year registrations need to be in by January 21st. If you have any questions or are interested in coaching, please reach out to the volleyball coordinator **Paul**.

Congratulations to 5th Grade Girl's Basketball

They had an exciting win against Forest Ridge this past Saturday. The girls played extremely hard, led by **Maura** hustle, and needed every bit of it as they held off a late Forest Ridge rally. **Great job on a nice win girls!**



Congratulations to 6th Grade Boy's Basketball

They also had a great victory against Holy Rosary Edmonds on Sunday. It was a decisive 24-8 victory with the points being spread between 7 different players. **What a great show of TEAMWORK! Congratulations!**

Saint Brendan Chess Team News



St. Brendan sent 15 students to the Bryant Fall Classic in Seattle on Saturday 12/7. **Patrick** took 9th place overall in the Kindergarten section and qualified for State. In the Grade 1-3 section, **Rebecca**, **Jaeden**, **Kai** and **Joseph** participated – **Jaeden** also qualified for state with 3 wins. Ten students in the grade 4-6 section participated, and St. Brendan received an 8th place team trophy for their combined effort. Helping to achieve this were **Peter**, **Gabriel**, **Kianna**, **Athil**, **Carson**, **Dylan**, **Sean**, **Matt**, **Malia**, and **Clarisse**. **Dylan and Sean** both qualified for State with 3 wins each. **Kianna** received a coveted Sportsmanship Award for agreeing to replay a match that she had already won. **Way to go St. Brendan students!**

Poinsettia Plants Available

We have 81 plants available for sale in the office. They are \$12 each.

FULCRUM TUITION ASSISTANCE



The Fulcrum Foundation provides tuition assistance to those families in most need in the Archdiocese of Seattle. This year there are new deadlines and changes. The tuition application must be submitted online this year. If you are unable to complete the application online, please give a complete hardcopy to Laurie Brown in the school office. After the online applications are completed, the printed copy, signed by the parent and principal, will be sent to Fulcrum with copies of the required financial documentation. A new section has been added to the application in order to account for substantial changes in the family income and/or other considerations affecting a family's ability to afford tuition. Principals will be required to approve income changes, extraordinary expenses, or special needs. Documentation and explanations are required for this section of the application. The tuition application is available online at http://www.fulcrumfoundation.org/TA_Form_Intro.php. All applications are due to the school office on or before **February 11, 2009**. St. Brendan Parish School also provides tuition assistance through the Fr. Schmitt Scholarship fund. This fund is generated from our Annual School Appeal and donations from our PTO, 8th grade class, school families, and parishioners. For consideration of assistance from the school fund, parents must first apply to the Fulcrum Foundation and then complete an application for the Fr. Schmitt fund by June 1, 2009. **We are blessed to provide financial support to families in need. Thank you for your continued support of our school. If you have any questions regarding financial assistance, please call Laurie Brown in the school office.**