



# Saint Brendan Parish School News

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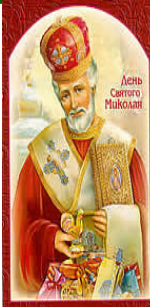
*Catholic Schools Celebrate Service*

## Important Dates

Dec. 17	Technology Meeting -cancelled
Dec. 18	Fr. Jim visits classrooms School Commission Meeting- <u>cancelled</u>
Dec. 19	<b>Christmas Concert 7:00 PM</b>
Dec. 20–Jan. 4	Christmas break Have a Blessed Christmas
Jan. 5	<b>School resumes</b>
Jan. 7	Development Meeting 7:00 PM
Jan. 14	Accreditation Stakeholder's Meeting 7:00 PM
Jan. 15	PTO 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 12/20 and 12/21:

## PTO Volunteer Corner


**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.

## Accreditation Stakeholder's Meeting

All school parents and parishioners are invited to join us on Wednesday, January 14th at 7 PM to discuss the learning expectations for all St. Brendan School students. Please RSVP to Laurie Brown at [laurieb@saintbrendan.org](mailto:laurieb@saintbrendan.org) or through the school office. Child care will be provided.

**AMAZING SPEECH TEAM!** Fourteen polished speakers from the St. Brendan Speech Team competed last weekend in the Bishop Blanchet Speech Tournament against 22 other schools and 369 contestants. **Daniel** took first place in Senior Impromptu and earned a \$1,000 scholarship to Blanchet. **Kendall** and **Lindsay** were finalists in Duo Interp, and just narrowly missed a trophy. Many of our students took first place in one or more of the three rounds they competed in. Students participating included **Paul**, **Jane**, **Quynh-Nhu**, **Michael**, **Paul**, **Collin**, **John**, **Aly**, **Matthew**, **Jessica**, and **Lauryn**. Thank you to the many parents, teachers, and coaches who give time and direction to these students! A big thank you to **Mr. Carlton** for his guidance, time, and organization with the adults and students!

## Principal News

**Latte Day:** Thank you to Kate Rourke and her  trusty elves who delivered lattes, treats, and Christmas cheer to the staff last week! We appreciate the kindness and smiles from the PTO and parents!

**Bake Sale:** Thank you for the amazing turn out of baked goods for our sale this week!

**Compliance Letters:** The compliance letter which gives parents a status on their obligations to the parish and school is going home today in the Wednesday envelope.

**Christmas Concert:** Let's hope the weather will cooperate so we can hold our annual concert! Students are to arrive to their classroom between 6:30 and 6:45PM on Friday night. Students are to dress appropriately and they may not wear jeans or any shirt with inappropriate wording. The church doors will be opened by 6:30 PM. Kindergarten students will be dismissed to their parents after their performance. All other students will be dismissed after the Nativity tableau. Thank you to Mrs. Ludwig, Mrs. Dolan, and Mrs. Green for spending many additional hours working with all students.

**Honor Roll Students:** We will announce the 7th & 8th grade honor roll students by this Friday.

**Voyager Newsletter:** Thank you to our Development Committee, especially Tricia Potteiger, for publishing another edition of the *Voyager*. A copy is in this week's envelope.

**Wishing you a blessed Christmas season, Mrs. Lunn**

## Catholic Schools Celebrate Service

We are very proud of the service and generosity our students and families have provided this year especially:

**St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive**

**Diaper Bag Project**

**Hurricane Ike donations**

**Scholastic Book Fair**

**Gloria's Angels Foundation bake sales**

**8th grade weekly service to the school and parish staff**

**8th grade Poinsettia Sale**

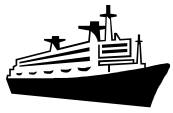
**Advent Giving Tree**

**Computer Ink Cartridges & Cell Phone donations**

**Altar Servers**

**Parent Volunteer Time— playground, craft fair, auction, box tops, entertainment books, QSP, Sally Foster, Scrip, Sees Candy, cookie dough sales, clinic, membership, outreach, Wednesday envelope, room parents, compliance, commission and committee members, bulletin preparation, volunteer coordinators, lunch readers, CPR/First aid training, field trip drivers, staff lunches, uniform exchange, class liturgies, school calendar, emergency readiness, Speech, Chess, carpool supervision, family nights, hospitality, memory book, milk, CYO sports, photographers, uniform exchange, art docents, speech team, library volunteers, and young authors.**

**Thank you for sharing your time and talents at our school!**



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

**Marriott Redmond Town Center**

**Going, going, SOLD!!!** A big thank you goes to **Dzung and Thi** ! The baby grand piano they donated sold for \$1,500 last week to a parish family. Thank you for heading our auction in the right direction!

**Thank you to the many families who have completed their auction procurement!** The deadline for your procurement was yesterday. If you have not already done so, please put your donation with completed paperwork in the PTO room by this Friday or forward a check for \$150 to the office: **Attention Auction.**

**Help needed:** We need some sturdy plastic bags or paper bags with handles to load silent auction items in. If you know of a company who would like to get free advertising by donating bags with their logo on them, please contact **Kate**

As you celebrate the holidays with your family and friends be sure to invite them to the auction. Remember you can earn a free ticket to the auction by filling your table with eight non-school guests. All tables with at least one non-parish guest will be entered into a drawing for a basket full of goodies. Thank you to all the parents for their hard work in preparing for the auction!

**Wishing you a merry and blessed Christmas! Cathy and Kate**

**Keeping Your Children Cyber-Safe**

Beginning next week, your children will be on winter break. Since it's likely they'll be spending more time online, they may be at increased risk of exposure to cyber bullying, which could adversely affect their emotional and physical health and school performance. According to Nancy A. Willard, author of [Cyberbullying and Cyberthreats](#), "It is possible that the harm caused by cyber bullying may be even greater than harm caused by traditional bullying." Some of Willard's reasons for this statement are that victims can't escape from the bullying because the Internet is available all the time; it is difficult to remove material from the Internet once it's posted, it is possible to distribute harmful material worldwide, and to bully anonymously. Cyber bullying can range from threats, embarrassing or cruel rumors, harassment, and stalking to posting derogatory digital photos. According to a 2006 survey of 1,000 kids by Fight Crime, one-sixth of all children between the ages of 6 and 11 had mean, threatening, or embarrassing things said about them online. The good news is that parents or guardians can help them become cyber-safe. **Talk about Internet safety:** Children need to be just as careful about opening a "cyber door" as they are about opening the front door to strangers. They should never: 1) Give out personal information online without a parent or guardian's permission, 2) Respond to messages that are suggestive, belligerent, threatening, or make them feel uncomfortable, 3) Click on any links in an email from someone they do not know. **Explain cyber bullying and what they can do to prevent it:** Help children understand that mean people on the Internet can hurt them with words, but that they can be safer if they don't respond to or forward emails or messages that are mean or spread rumors; don't open emails or messages from someone they know bullies others, block messages from anyone who cyber bullies; save or print all bullying messages, show the messages to an adult they trust—like a parent or a teacher—and ask for help (if the first adult they tell doesn't help, they should keep telling until someone does), and never arrange to meet someone who is bullying them online. As [Second Step: Student Success Through Prevention](#) advises teachers, cyber bullying can reach a larger number of students than face-to-face bullying, and because it can be done anonymously, targeted students may find it more difficult to respond to or stop the harassment. When the child is alone, and young, the risk of cyber bullying increases. That's why it is important to help students and parents become more "cyber-safe." Source: Committee for Children Newsletter: [newsletter@cfchildren.org](mailto:newsletter@cfchildren.org).

**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](http://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**

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Girl's Basketball:**

Congratulations once again to the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Girl's basketball team who put together a complete team effort this past Saturday with a 24 – 6 win over St. Monica's. Offensively the points were spread between 8 girls, and the team also pulled down 40 rebounds! Rebounding leaders included **Katey, Jordan and Mackenzie**. As we see on game days, this team continues to improve every week due to their dedication at practices. **Great Work Girls!!!**



**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](http://www.archbishopmurphyhs.org)

**St. Brendan Parish School  
Enrollment Information for 2009-2010**

January 14	Tuition rates and registration contracts available
January 22-30	Returning family registration
January 25	Open House 9:30 AM to 12:00
February 11	Kindergarten and new family information night 7 PM
February 11	Fulcrum Tuition Assistance forms due
March 4-6	New family registration

**FULCRUM TUITION ASSISTANCE**

**Reminder:** There are new deadlines and changes this year. The tuition assistance application is available online at [http://www.fulcrumfoundation.org/TA\\_Form\\_Intro.php](http://www.fulcrumfoundation.org/TA_Form_Intro.php). All applications are due to the school office on or before **February 11, 2009**. Please call **Laurie Brown** in the school office with any questions.



**BRENDAN HOUSE WORK PARTY**

There are several areas in Brendan House with Children's and Family Ministry resources that need cleaning out and organization. On **December 29 and December 30** we will have a work party beginning at 9:00am. If you can come for an hour, or for the day, we intend to do most of the moving, sorting, and removing then. We'll have coffee and light breakfast food in the morning and provide lunch for volunteers. School parents may count this time toward their volunteer hours. Youth Group and high school students are encouraged to help. Please contact me if you need more information. Thank you, A.J. Boyd, *Interim Pastoral Assistant for Children and Family Ministries* [ajboyd@saintbrendan.org](mailto:ajboyd@saintbrendan.org) 425.205.2648