



Saint Brendan Parish School News

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Catholic Schools Celebrate Service

Important Dates

- Dec. 3 Development Meeting 7:00 PM
Bothell Police Program Begins Gr. 6
- Dec. 5 **Noon Dismissal Non-uniform Adoration Gr. 1, 3, 5 & 7**
Nursing Home Visit Gr. 5
End of First Trimester
- Dec. 8 Immaculate Conception **Mass** 9:00 AM
- Dec. 11 PTO Meeting -cancelled
- 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 -cancelled
- Dec. 18 Fr. Jim visits classrooms
School Commission Meeting -cancelled
- Dec. 19 **Christmas Concert 7:00 PM**
- Dec. 20–Jan. 4 Christmas break

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 12/06 and 12/07:

PTO Volunteer Corner

Attention Scrip Sellers! We have been allotted space in the narthex for extra weekends in 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



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!

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.

Thanksgiving Assembly: Thank you to the students and their families for their generous donations to the Diaper Bag Project. Thank you to the 8th grade class for an *excellent*, prayerful assembly as they explained their heritage, provided an entertaining skit, encouraged student participation in recognizing each state, and modeled to all students cooperation and charity.

Nativity Scene: Please come by the school office and view the beautiful Nativity scene. Thank you to Mrs. McCloskey, Mrs. Garcia, and Mrs. Wilches for their time and effort in assembling all the pieces. The students enjoy stopping by and reflecting on how they are preparing for Jesus. Blessings of peace to you in this Advent season, Mrs. Lunn



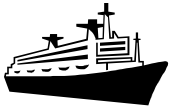
Gloria's Angels Bake Sale

Our 4th grade **Gloria's Bakers** have scheduled a holiday bake sale to benefit the Gloria's Angels Foundation. If any student would like to join the 4th grade girls to help organize the bake sale, please let Mrs. Babb know. In order to share the load of providing the baked goods, we are asking for school wide donations. Those school parents who enjoy holiday baking are asked to contact the school office and let us know if they can donate one to three dozen baked goods. There is a sign-up sheet on the office counter. The bake sale will be held on Tuesday, December 16th. Please consider baking some homemade holiday treats for this worthwhile charity. All the students and staff enjoy the yummy sugar-laden baked goodies! Thank you!

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 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 family. They won the November procurement drawing! The procurement deadline is less than two weeks away. Please turn in your items as soon as possible.

Are you ready for a shopping spree? We will announce the winners of the **Auction Fun Raffle** this Friday. Currently the **fifth grade** class is in the lead for the pajama/free dress party. Please turn in all your sold raffle tickets as soon as possible. We want to make sure that everyone who bought a ticket gets in the drawing.

Questions? Ideas? Contact Kate.

Box Tops Corner

Please remember to keep collecting those Box Tops!! The 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**



INCLEMENT WEATHER

The school follows Northshore School District's decisions on school closures, early dismissals, or late starts. Parents can check Northshore's web site at www.nsd.org about 5 AM for the status of Northshore's schools. Our school information is also relayed to the major television stations. In the event of a unique on-site situation requiring a school closure, parents will be notified from the school office and via the emergency phone tree.

CONGRATULATIONS! The Mayans family has been blessed with a new gift from God! Jason and Kerrie welcomed a new daughter, born on Sunday, November 23rd, 2008, weighing in at exactly 8 pounds and 18" in length. .



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!

Calling School Families and Parishioners!

*Looking for a great place to advertise your business? Please consider the **Auction Catalog!** It is the perfect way to promote your business while helping our school at the same time. For more information, please contact **Kathi**.*



Scrip News

2008 Holiday Scrip Order Forms – Forms went home last week and are due back by **Noon this Friday, December 5th**. The orders will be sent home with the youngest child on Friday, December 12th.

Please remember to use Scrip for your Giving Tree donations!

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): **Gap** (2% through 12/19), **Amazon.com** (2% through 12/19), **California Pizza Kitchen** (1% through 12/26), **Lowe's** (1% through 12/12), **Rock Bottom** (2% through 12/26), **Borders** (2% through 12/19), **Shell** (1% through 12/31), **Barnes & Noble** (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: **T.G.I. Friday's** (1% through 12/5) and **L.L. Bean** (2% through 12/12)

Scrip Sales - Scrip will be sold after mass every weekend between now and Christmas!

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!



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 be able 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.