



Saint Brendan Parish School News

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Catholic Schools Celebrate Service

Important Dates

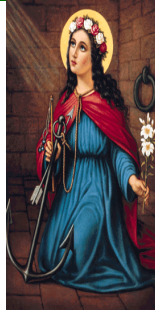
Feb. 25	Parent Survey due
Feb. 25	Ash Wednesday– School Mass 9:00 AM
March 4	Development Meeting 7:00 PM
March 4, 5, 6	New Family Registration 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM
March 6	Noon dismissal ; non-uniform 3rd grade to nursing home Adoration for grades 3, 5, & 7
March 7	School Auction
March 9	Music/Art Room reopens
March 12	Class pictures; End of Second Trimester
March 13	Full day of school
March 16	Potato Bake 5:30– 3rd graders sing

February Virtue of the Month: The second theological virtue is **hope** which inspires us in this life by helping us overcome discouragement.

February Saint of the Month

St. Philomena

Philomena died for her faith at the age of 14. After her death, many miracles began to happen. Pope Gregory XVI began the canonization process and she was beatified in 1837.



Principal News

Prayers for Fr. Jim: Thank you for keeping Fr. Jim and his family in your prayers. He is expected to return to the parish next week

Parent Survey: Thank you to the many parents who have completed the accreditation survey. The survey will close today **Wednesday, February 25th**. We appreciate your time and the information you give back to us.

Lent– Operation Rice Bowl: In this Wednesday's envelope, all school families will receive a Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl. Families and students are asked to participate in this Lenten program. Each teacher will share specific lessons about Catholic Relief Services and how the donations help those in need. Our 7th grade students will facilitate this program and visit each class with specific lessons, information, and encouragement.

School-wide Food Drive: Thank you for your food donations for our St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank.

Snow Make-Up Day: Full day of school on Fri., March 13th

Picture Days:

March 12	Class pictures
May 13	8th grade graduation pictures
May 29th	2nd grade First Communion pictures

Mrs. Lunn

Altar Servers

We would like to acknowledge the following students who are serving Mass on 2/28 and 3/1:

Enrollment Information for 2009-2010

Our 2009-2010 Registration Contract and tuition information is posted to our web site.

March 4-6 New family registration 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

PTO Volunteer Corner

Help Wanted Please call Sally if you are looking for some **volunteer hours**. A project, at the school has come up that will take some time. Great project for a few volunteers to share!!

Auction Help Needed: If you would like volunteer hours go to the schools website and click "Auction". You will find a list of opportunities. Decide what interests you the most and contact the chair directly.

ACCREDITATION PARENT SURVEY

As part of our accreditation self-study process, we are asking parents for their input. The link to the survey is included with this bulletin's email message. **Thank you** for taking time to share with us why you send your child to our school The survey link will remain active through **Wednesday, February 25th**. Survey results will be shared in future school bulletins and in the self-study report. Thank you!

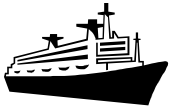


Operation Rice Bowl:

You take out what you put in...

This Ash Wednesday "rice bowls" will be handed out to all school families. Our school has participated in Operation Rice Bowl for years. Why? Donations collected in your Rice Bowl go to poor countries around the world to fund development projects - agriculture, water, education, microfinance - that help communities break free of hunger. Operation Rice Bowl collects money for Catholic Relief Services, the official aid agency of the US Catholic Church, who then distributes the money to local Catholic charities and other small community world-wide agencies who make a big difference in their communities. What *comes out of the Rice Bowl* is as important as *what goes into it*. In each folded-up cardboard bowl is a calendar with a prayer, reflection, fact, or action for every day of Lent, all based on Catholic Social Teachings. Each week the calendar invites us to fast in solidarity with the poor around the world, using a simple meal from the "developing" world. What goes into the bowl is your help to people around the world who face hunger and rising food prices. What comes out of the bowl is a way for us to walk through Lent in deeper solidarity with the whole human family.





**Auction in Action
COME SAIL WITH US
Saturday, March 7, 2009
Marriott Redmond Town Center**

The count down has begun! The auction is just nine days away! We still have space available so hurry and make your reservations. This is the biggest night of the year for St. Brendan Parish School. Make your reservations and join the party! There will be good food, wine and friends there to celebrate our wonderful school! If you aren't able to make it, please consider an extra cash donation. Catalogs will be going home soon to those with reservations. Now don't rely on the catalog alone to plan your fun. Your auction team has a few surprises planned that are so top secret, we did not print them! Be in the know. Come join the fun! Make your reservations today!

Need a babysitter? There is a current list in the school office of all 7th & 8th graders who are available to babysit.

Scrip News

Scrip Online: From March 7th – April 3rd families who purchase an iTunes gift card at ShopWithScrip.com will receive a free song download with each card purchased! What a great reason to try online ordering. To get started, go to www.shopwithscrip.com, select "Not a Member? Click Here" and follow the instructions. The enrollment code for St. Brendan is 39L5L71E6831.

Scrip at Mass: Scrip will be sold after Mass on March 7th & 8th. Thank you for your continued support and the monthly standing orders!



ANNUAL POTATO BAKE

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
Monday, March 16, 2009

St. Brendan Gym 5:30 to 7:30 PM

\$5.00 per person or

\$20.00 per family (4-6 members)

Tickets are available in the parish and school offices.

**SCHOOL ACCREDITATION
UPDATE**



- (1) Each school staff member participates on two accreditation committees. The staff completed a curriculum and Religion survey and spent time analyzing the latest ITBS test data. They will revise the Student Learning Expectations and incorporate the findings from the staff, parents, and student surveys into the self-study report.
- (2) School Commission approved the final Vision, Mission, Purpose, and Values Statement. A copy is posted to our web site and included with this bulletin.
- (3) During the accreditation process, the staff will:
 - Write a community profile.
 - Prepare a progress report since our last accreditation.
 - Revise the student learning expectations.
 - Gather evidence to review all curriculum and two areas of in-depth study: Religion and Writing.
 - Develop a School Improvement Action Plan.
 - Gather evidence of students' work that supports student achievement.

Father Daughter Dance Postponed

The Father Daughter Dance originally scheduled for this Saturday, February 28th, has been postponed. More details will follow later.

CANNED FOOD DRIVE

The 6th graders designated February as the month for each student to bring one or more canned food items for our St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive. Items needed are: **soups** (chicken noodle, tomato, chowder, stews, etc.), **fruit** (pears, peaches, mandarin oranges, applesauce, cranberry sauce, etc.), **chili or beans**, **meat/fish products** (tuna, chicken, turkey, Spam, etc.), and **vegetables** (corn, green beans, peas, etc.). Thank you for helping those in need!



Albertson's

Community Partners Shopper Cards need to be updated by **February 28th** at www.albertsonscp.com in order for your donations to be credited to our school. The school is blessed each time it receives a rebate check from Albertson's. Thank you for continuing to support your school!



**MEMORY BOOK PICTURE
REQUEST**

Please send any group pictures taken during CYO sports or class field trips to Anna Vinson at ALVAMOM@HOTMAIL.COM. Thank you for your help!



PRAYING PARENTS

Please join St. Brendan parents every **Wednesday** morning right after drop off (about 8:25). When there is 8:30 Mass we will meet immediately after Mass. 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, parents, and students. If you are unable to join us there is a journal in the kneeler where you can add your prayer requests.



2009-2010 SCHOOL CALENDAR

The school staff, in accordance with the guidelines from the Archdiocese, has set a calendar for next school year. We will begin school on Monday, August 31st. The first day of school is a noon dismissal. Next year, we will take a Mid-Winter break the week of February 15th. The draft of the calendar is posted to our web site.

**Inkjet Cartridge and
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!