



Saint Brendan Parish School News

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Catholic Schools Celebrate Service

Important Dates

- Jan. 29-Feb. 6 Returning Family Registration
- Feb. 4 Development Meeting 7:00 PM
- Feb. 6 **Noon Dismissal/Non Uniform
Mid Trimester Progress Reports**
- Feb. 7 Eastside Catholic Speech Tournament
- Feb. 11 Kindergarten and New Family Information
Night– 7 PM
Fulcrum Tuition Assistance forms due
- Feb. 12 PTO Meeting 7:00 PM

February Virtue of the Month **Hope** is the second theological virtue. Hope in God is closely connected to our faith and enables us to keep our eye on heaven and eternal life.

February Saint of the Month

St. Philomena: She was raised in a family with no faith. Her family's servant taught Philomena about Jesus. As a child, she was often ill. God sent angels to play with her when she was young because her parents did not want her to play with other children.



Altar Servers

We would like to acknowledge the following students who are serving Mass on 2/7 and 2/8:

PTO Volunteer Corner

Help Wanted
Carpool Volunteer Position Available: We have an immediate opening on Tuesday afternoons for an after-school Carpool Volunteer. It just takes about 20 minutes of your time after school is dismissed. Please contact **Jeannie** if you are interested.

Need volunteer hours? Auction: We need help selling raffle tickets before and during the auction, selling wine at the auction and preregistering guests. If you can help with any of these projects please contact **Kate**

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. After the completion of our self-study project, the staff agreed a week long break will be well deserved! The complete calendar is posted to our web site and attached to this bulletin.



Principal News

Prayers for Fr. Jim: Thank you for keeping Fr. Jim and his family in your prayers.

Kindergarten Siblings: Please let Laurie Brown in the school office know if you have a sibling who will be enrolling for kindergarten next year. This helps us plan enrollment.

PTO Staff Breakfast: Thank you to Tracy Lambert and Gianna Miller for providing a yummy breakfast for the parish and school staff last Friday. We enjoyed having a healthy hot breakfast to start the day. Thank you!

Distinguished Graduate Award: At last Friday's School Mass, we were pleased to award to Lara Street Roberson's family our annual Distinguished Graduate Award. Mrs. Babb, who had taught Lara, presented the award. Lara graduated from our school in 1998 and continued her Catholic education at Archbishop Murphy High School and the University of Portland. Lara had traveled to Mexico and Costa Rica volunteering to assist with home construction, child care, and education. She also volunteered as a tutor for Spanish speaking children during her college years. Lara's strong commitment to her faith and lifetime of Catholic education shaped her life of service and dedication to helping those in need. After a lengthy illness, Lara returned to her loving God this past fall.

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

Snow Make-Up Day: We will have a full day of school on Friday, March 13th.

Picture Days:

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

Mrs. Lunn

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. Such items needed are: **soups** (chicken noodle, tomato, chowder, stews, etc.), **fruit** (pears, peaches, mandarin oranges, apple-sauce, cranberry sauce, etc.), **chili or beans, meat/fish products** (tuna, chicken, turkey, Spam, etc.), and **vegetables** (corn, green beans, peas, etc.). **Thank you!**

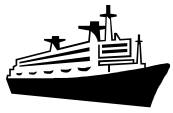
Enrollment Information for 2009-2010

Our 2009-2010 Registration Contract and tuition information is posted to our web site. Returning family registration will be accepted through Friday, Feb. 6th

February 11 Kindergarten and new family information night at 7 PM in the school gym

February 11 Fulcrum Tuition Assistance forms due

March 4-6 New family registration



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

**Northwest Profile number 1966
St. Brendan Auction Participant**

Wow! A month and three days from now you will be sipping champagne, mingling with friends and bidding on all the wonderful silent auction items. Then you will move into the Grand Ballroom where a little gift awaits you. You will enjoy a gourmet dinner with delicious wine while participating in the greatest evening of the school year! Plan your strategy now for items you must have. You are not going to let your friend or foe outbid you this year. This is your year! You are going to take home your dream while supporting the future of your child! Can you hear the applause as they shout sold and call your number? What's this? A special thank you gift. You are a hero! You went for your dream and are making dreams happen for the school. Friends, food, wine and the pursuit of dreams! Now that is an evening that can't be missed!

St. Brendan Auction participant, you're one of us, very generous and we bless you!

Make your reservations now. Inviting friends? Extra invitations are available in the office. Questions? Call Kate.

Need volunteer hours? We need help selling raffle tickets before and during the auction, selling wine at the auction and pre-registering guests. If you can help with any of these projects, please contact Kate

PTO Meeting Thursday February 12th at 7:00

Please join us in the teachers lounge next Thursday for our monthly PTO meeting, all are welcome and encouraged to attend. This month's discussion topic is registration, signing up for committees to participate in and fulfilling your PTO financial obligation. After an interesting discussion with two of our very active new parents, I was surprised to hear that there are still a lot of questions and concerns about the financial plan plus committee participation. If you have ideas on how to improve the volunteer system within PTO, or you have questions regarding your financial commitment, please join us. If you are having a hard time filling out your Volunteer Agreement for next year, bring it along and hopefully we can clear it up for you.



Scrip News

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BOX TOPS COLLECTION FOR ICE CREAM PARTY!

Only two weeks left to get those Box Tops in!!! That Ice Cream Feast could be yours - so look around your pantry and clip off all the Box Tops you can find. Return them to your classroom containers prior to **February 20th** to count towards your classroom totals. (We will still collect Box Tops until the end of the season but those brought in after February 20th will go towards next year's count.) **Thank you!**



PRAYING PARENTS

Please join St. Brendan parents every **Wednesday** morning right after drop off (about 8:25). On mornings 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, and students. Please join us on Wednesday morning and witness the power of prayer bless our school! If you are unable to join us there is a journal in the kneeler where you can add your prayer requests.

CYO Corner

Baseball Registration



Calling all baseball players to Spring Training for CYO baseball! Registration is going on now for those interested in 5th through 8th grade baseball. We are in dire need of coaches, so if you are interested please email Peggy H, baseball coordinator, or email Andrew. Registrations can be found in the school lobby or online at www.saintbrendan.org, under the CYO section. **Registration ends on February 11th.**



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
FREE-THROW CHAMPIONSHIP**

Saturday, February 7th from 10 AM to 1 PM

This event is sponsored by Council 6868 and will take place in the St. Brendan Gym. Boys and girls from ages 10 to 14 are welcome to attend. Please contact Kevin if you are interested in attending.



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. Applications are due to the school office on or before **February 11, 2009**. Please call **Laurie Brown** in the school office with any questions.

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!

ACCREDITATION:

A Process for School Improvement

The school staff has begun to develop the school's self-study report. We expect to have our first draft completed by June. There are 15 sections to address. The main focus will be student success in meeting our student learning expectations.

The benefits of our self-study process is to:

- affirm effective practices and school strengths,
 - enhance awareness of school programs,
 - facilitate data collection,
 - build confidence and pride from stakeholders,
 - create needed areas of focus,
 - develop a school improvement plan, and
 - advance the mission and effectiveness of the school.
- We are responsible to use high quality criteria to analyze our school and student programs. Members from The Western Catholic Education Association, the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, and the Northwest Association of Accredited Schools will be on the accreditation team that will complete our school's final evaluation in February 2010.

LOST & FOUND:

Set of silver children's utensils; looks like one is a turtle and the other is a giraffe! Found in PTO room. Call Kate.