

St. Brendan Parish School News



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Important Dates

Sept. 16 Technology Meeting 7 PM
Auction Planning Meeting 7 PM
Sept. 17 Fr. Jim visits each classroom
School Commission 7 PM
Sept. 18 **No School** – Teacher In-Service
Sept. 22 5th Grade EE **Parent Meeting** 6:30 PM
Sept. 25 School Mass of the Holy Spirit 8:35
Sept. 28 PTO **Parent Night: True Colors**, 7PM
Sept. 29 Earthquake Drill 11 AM
October 1 Speech Meeting for **parents** 7PM
October 2 Children's Eucharistic Holy Hour
Noon dismissal
October 5 Chess Meeting for students & parents 3 PM
October 6 Health screening for K, 1, 2, 3, 5, and 7
October 8 Young Author's Assembly 2PM
PTO Meeting 7PM

Principal News

Web site: Please check our web site to obtain information on the Parent September Calendar, Speech Team, Young Author's Assembly, WASL 2009 Scores, PTO Parent Night on True Colors, Book Order for *Gloria's Miracle*, and weekly classroom letters. Please let us know if there are any other items we should post to the web site.

School Handbook: Thank you for returning the receipt page. We are still looking for a few missing receipt pages.

Wednesday envelope: Thank you for reviewing the items in the Wednesday envelope and returning it the next day.

Parenting Custody Plans: Parents are asked to provide me with any court order changes for custody parenting plans.

Uniform For Liturgies: Students are required to wear a school sweatshirt, sweater, or vest to all church liturgies. All shirts are to be tucked in.

Blessings and prayers for our families,
Mrs. Lunn



VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: Charity: the theological virtue by which we love God above all things for His own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God.

SAINT OF THE MONTH: Blessed Mother Teresa: "It is not the magnitude of our actions but the amount of love that is put into them that matters."



Religion Assessment

Last May, our 5th and 8th graders took the NCEA Assessment of Catechesis Religious Education. Our students scored well above the national percentile in each section! Congratulations!

Areas assessed	Grade 5	National Percentile	Grade 8	National Percentile
God, Father, Son, & Holy Spirit	93	82	89	79
One Holy, Catholic & Apostolic	90	82	87	71
Liturgy & Sacraments	89	70	87	69
Revelation, Scripture, & Faith	90	80	88	75
Morality & Social Teachings	74	63	91	77
Church History	74	60	83	58
Prayer & Practices	89	65	84	72
Faith Literacy	86	74	79	66
Total Score	86	71	86	71

Altar Servers

We would like to acknowledge the following students who are serving Mass on 9/19 and 9/20:
Thank you for serving your parish community as altar servers!

SAVE THE DATES!

Monday, Sept. 28 – PTO **Parent Night** on *True Colors* – a simple model of personality identification to improve communication. Childcare will be provided. 7:00-8:30 PM

Thursday, Oct. 1st – **Speech Team** – Parent Information Night; 7:00-8:00 PM– parents only please

Wednesday, Oct. 14 – **Life in the Spirit Seminar** for parents, friends, and parishioners; 7:00-9:00 PM

PTO Volunteer Corner



Carpool Volunteer Position Available:

Attention Parents: We have an immediate opening on Tuesday afternoons for an after-school Carpool Volunteer. What a great way to help satisfy your volunteer hours and it just takes about 20 minutes of your time after school is dismissed. Please contact **Jeannie** if you are interested.

Development Committee Needs Your Help: The committee will be hosting a stuffing party on **Thursday, September 24 at 6pm**. More details to follow. Pizza and drinks will be provided. It's a great way to get to know our committee and get a few volunteer hours in. Please RSVP to **Colleen** by September 22, 2009.

Auction Planning Kickoff Meeting!

Tonight—7 PM at Lower Brendan House (lower level of the Parish office building)

All parents are invited! We will be discussing our goals for the auction. Packets will be available for committee chairs to pick-up. Haven't volunteered to help with the Auction before? There are many areas where we are seeking expertise. Don't think you know how to do the job? Don't worry! We are all in this together and we are here to help one another make the Auction a HUGE success.

Development Committee

2008-2009 Annual School Appeal Recap

**Thank you, Gracias, Arigato, Doe jie, Do sum ga,
Merci, Grazie, Dankeschoen...**

We were blessed to have received over \$53,361.25 for the 2008-2009 Annual School Appeal. Funds were distributed as follows:

Distributed to:	Amount
School Operating Budget	\$ 8,121.57* for a total of \$18,000.00 (\$9,878.43 came from interest on the endowment fund)
Endowment Fund	\$19,423.50
Fr. Mike Schmidt Tuition Assistance Fund	\$19,423.50
Development Committee Operating Expenses	\$ 4,802.51

* The remaining \$1,590.18 from 08-09 appeal will be applied to the 2009-2010 Development's financial commitment to the school operating budget. **As of July 31, 2009, the endowment fund balance was \$478,919.79.** Your generous donations allow us to keep tuition low and make Catholic education available for those who might not otherwise have the opportunity.

2009-2010 Annual School Appeal

Thank you to our families who have turned in their pledge for the current 2009-2010 Annual School Appeal. **We are at 80% response** of the 100% of school families. For those who may have lost the paperwork in the shower of papers at the start of the new school year...another pledge envelope will be included in this week's bulletin. Please prayerfully consider your pledge and return it promptly. The committee will be following up with reminder phone calls in the coming weeks. If you have questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact **Serena**. **Thank you for your pledges and donations to the appeal!**

Gloria's Miracle by Jerry Brewer

We are proud to offer for sale this amazing faith-filled book. The book order form is attached, and all profits will be donated to the Gloria's Angels Foundation. The story will be shared in our classrooms.

Young Author's Assembly

This year Mr. Jerry Brewer, the author of *Gloria's Miracle*, will visit each classroom on Thursday, October 8th. He will share with our students how he uses the writing process and what it is like being a journalist. We will end the day with a school-wide assembly at 2:00 with Mr. Brewer. We welcome parents, siblings, extended family, and friends to the school assembly. Books will be available for sale at the assembly.



Band Program

Band is open to students in Grades 5th through 8th. Beginning band begins **Tuesday, September 29th** at 7:30 AM and advanced band on Thursday, October 1st at 7:30 AM. Registration forms and fee information are available in the office. For more information contact **Ryan**. Bishop Blanchet offers an instrument information night on Thursday, Sept. 24th at 7 PM at Bishop Blanchet High School, Haggerty Hall at 8200 Wallingford Avenue N, Seattle.

Spanish Instruction

Spanish classes are open to students in all grades. Classes begin on **October 15th** after school from 3:00 to 3:50 and are held each Tuesday and Thursday. Spanish One is for K-3 students and Spanish Two is for 4-8th graders. Registration forms and fee information are available in the office. For more information, please contact Barbara Garcia at WorldLanguagecenter@yahoo.com or 425-644-2630.

CYO Basketball



Hello basketball players! CYO has currently assigned coaches to this upcoming years basketball teams. If you see a vacant position and you think that you want to coach, please contact **Andrew** or **Leilani**. Registration for basketball will begin **September 21st** and will close on **October 12th**. Registrations will be available online and in the school foyer starting September 21st.

4th grade boys - coach vacant **4th grade girls - coach vacant**
5th grade boys - Carol /Ann
5th grade boys - Mark K
6th grade boys - Dan M? **6th grade girls - James R**
7th grade boys - Paul M **7th grade girls - coach vacant**
8th grade boys - coach vacant **8th grade girls - coach vacant**



Praying Parents

Please join us every Friday after drop off for prayer. We will meet in the **Narthex** to pray for our school, students and faculty. If you have a special prayer request, but are unable to join us, write it down in the prayer journal that is kept in the kneeler downstairs in front of the Mary statue. We will include your petition. Join us as we see the power of prayer bless our school!

BOX TOP CORNER



Welcome back to another year of Box Tops! Congratulations on the great job of collecting last year and **bringing in more than \$800 of free money to the school**. That money went towards helping to pay for those wonderful new soccer goals on the playfield. **WAY TO GO!** The Box Top collection boxes are now set up in each classroom for the children to drop their Box Tops in throughout the school year. Once again the classroom with the most Box Tops collected from now until February 20th will receive an ice cream feast provided by the Box Top Chair. Let's make this our best year ever for Box Tops!



Everyone should have had the opportunity to browse through your Sally Foster Catalog by now. Did you notice in addition to the great gift wrap

they also have wonderful gift items, delicious candy and a new Overstock section at the back of the catalog? Check it out... Think ahead to all of the reasons you need gift wrap...kids birthday parties, some gifts are good in bags, some in wrapped boxes, Christmas again...bags and boxes. You need it anyway, so buy ahead, save yourself the last minute rush and at the same time 50% of your purchase goes to the school and you get credit toward your fundraising plan!!

Remember to use the email feature found in the Seller's Section at www.SallyFoster.com. When family and friends receive the email and click on the link, St. Brendan will earn 50% of their purchase! You'll need our school's account number 305580. **Just send 5 emails for a chance to win \$150 Family Fun Night or \$10 Starbucks Gift Card! A winner every hour!** Our Sally Foster® On-line fundraiser **ends September 25th** (for the prize program only). You can purchase Sally Foster all year long and help out our



Speech Team

Our Speech Team is open to 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students to have fun, gain skills and confidence in public speaking, and win high-school scholarships! A **Parent Information Meeting** will be held **Thursday, October 1st from 7:00-8:00 PM** in the school library. Speech sign-up sheets will be available and students do not need to attend this meeting. Interested parents are encouraged to attend to discuss parent and student time commitment, how to find speech materials, locating a speech coach, types of speech, coaching requirements for tournaments, tournament fees, and supervision of students at tournaments. For more information, please contact Mrs. Morris at or Brett .



Calling All Chess Players

Our Chess Club is open to all students in Kindergarten through 8th grade who play chess at any level. There will be an informational meeting on **October 5th** at 3:00 in the Library for all players and parents. Practices will begin on October 19th from 3:00 to 4:00 PM in the library and continue on every Monday through mid-April. If you are interested in helping with the Chess Club, please contact **Desiree**.



Cross Country

Cross Country Practice started last Thursday from 5-6pm. We will meet at the school field (same location as last year). Practices will be every Monday and Thursday from 5-6pm. We are really looking forward to a fun season! For additional information please contact Mike or Mike

EASTSIDE CHADD FORUMS

Eastside CHADD, the national organization dedicated to Children and Adults with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder, meets the third Tuesday of each month at Evergreen Hospital, Suite Tan 101, 2303 NE 130th Lane in Kirkland, from 7-9 PM from September through June (except December). Doors open at 6:30 for library and social time. The forums are FREE! **Tuesday, October 20th: Helping Kids and Teens Get Organized for Success at School.** Learn practical strategies for managing homework, organizing school supplies, and staying informed of your child or teen's progress at school.

Tuesday, November 17th: The Risks of Not Treating ADHD: A Lifetime of Academic and Social Failure will be presented by Dr. Gephart, a nationally recognized authority on ADHD with over 30 years of experience working with ADHD

.Visit www.nwchadd.org for more information.

PACE

PACE...remember to register for PACE as it is a quiet way to chip away at your fundraising obligation while enjoying discounts at local restaurants, stores and services while earning money for the school. Please contact **Chris** with questions.



ALL SAINTS SCHOOL FAIR PARKING

When you attend the **Puyallup Fair** this year, please support Catholic education by parking in the All Saints School fair parking lot. We are open everyday of the fair (September 11th- 27th). This lot is staffed by parent volunteers. All proceeds from this fundraiser go directly to All Saints Catholic School. We are located on 7th Ave SW between 2nd & 3rd St SW, just 2 blocks north of the fairgrounds. Thank you!

2009 Catholic High School Regional Information Nights

All programs will be from 7:00 to 8:45 PM. Parents and students in 6th, 8th, and 8th grades are invited to attend whichever date/location is most convenient. Representatives will be available from Archbishop Thomas J. Murphy High School, Bishop Blanchet High School, Eastside Catholic School, Forest Ridge School of the Sacred Heart, Holy Names Academy, Kennedy Catholic High School, O'Dea High School, and Seattle Preparatory School.

Monday, October 5	St. Mary Magdalen School (Everett)
Wednesday, October 7	St. Louise School (Bellevue)
Thursday, October 8	Villa Academy (Seattle)
Wednesday, October 14	St. Bernadette School (Burien)
Thursday, October 15	St. Edward School (South Seattle)

H1N1 FLU INFORMATION

The state health department reports that the H1N1 flu is still present in our community. Without proper precautions, the flu can spread easily from person to person. We continue to work closely with the Archdiocese of Seattle and the county and state health departments to monitor flu conditions and take appropriate actions. We will keep you updated as new information becomes available. With school back in session, we are working to minimize the spread of flu, but we need your help. We are doing everything we can to keep school open and operating as usual including teaching students about proper hand washing, good hygiene, sending sick students/staff home, and following health department guidance on keeping schools clean. Here are six actions you can do:

Teach your children to wash their hands often with soap and water or an alcohol-based cleaner, especially after coughing or sneezing.

Teach your children not to share personal items like drinks, food or utensils, and to use a tissue over their nose and mouth for coughs and sneezes, not their hands. They should avoid touching their eyes, nose or mouth as germs spread this way.

Know the signs and symptoms of the flu. Symptoms include **fever** (a temperature of 100 degrees F/ 37.8 C or greater as measured by a thermometer) or **signs of fever** (chills, feeling very warm, having a flushed appearance or sweating), **sore throat, cough, body aches, headache, and feeling very tired.**

Check your children before school and keep them home for flu symptoms for at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever without the use of fever-reducing medication (medicines that contain Tylenol or Ibuprofen). Children at school with flu symptoms will be sent home. Students who are ill at school may be kept in a separate waiting area.

Please update your contact and emergency contact numbers and plan to pick up a sick child as soon as possible. Parents are advised to arrange for childcare in case your child becomes ill and is unable to attend school.

To better track flu illness rates, when you report your child's absence, please tell the school if your child has flu-like symptoms (fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, and chills).

The health department advises that parents talk to their health care provider about getting a regular seasonal flu shot. A vaccine for H1N1 flu is anticipated in mid-October. More information is available on the Northshore School District's web site at www.nsd.org or the Center for Disease Control at www.cdc.gov.h1n1flu. **Thank you for helping us!**



Employer-Matched Volunteer Hours aka free money for the school!

Did you know that your employer may match your volunteer hours with a financial donation to St. Brendan 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_TimeMatching.aspx to learn more about this program. 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!

If you have an item for the bulletin please email it to bulletin@saintbrendan.org AND Julie@themilners.com.

Thank you!