Weekly Newsletter

November 6, 2014

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Grade Spotlight

Eighth graders created "elephant toothpaste" for Halloween. In this demonstration, students observed the role of catalysts in a chemical reaction and investigated how evidence of chemical reactions indicates that new substances with different properties are formed.



Aspire Test Anti-Bullying Theatre Performance FSA Meeting, 7pm

1st Reconciliation Gathering, 6:30pm First Trimester Ends

St. Barna COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

Upcoming Events:

- November 6 November 11 November 11 November 13
- November 14

Principal's Corner

Dear School Parents,

Respect is one of the fundamental principles of our school and something we try to instill in our students daily. At St. Barnabas School, we believe that a student's social/emotional growth and faith formation are equally as important as their academic growth. At the onset of this year as we began to meet with students and parents, we found some common themes and questions that we wanted to address:

How can we support our students when they feel isolated or not included in a group? How can we teach our students to respect and appreciate differences in one another? How can we ensure that everyone feels safe and included at St. Barnabas School?

We are excited to announce the following programs, which we believe will make a substantial difference in our school community.

- Anti-Bullying Performance: On November 11, 2014 our students will have the opportunity to view a performance entitled *The Power of One*. The performance will cover physical bullying, exclusion bullying, cyber bullying, and how to be an "upstander" rather than a bystander. There will be two performances (K-3 and 4-8) so that the messages may be appropriately tailored by age group. At the end of the performance the students will have an opportunity to take an anti-bullying pledge. This program is generously supported by the School Board and FSA.
- One Book, One School Wonder: Upon return from Christmas break, our school will • adopt a One Book, One School program in which we will all read the New York Times Bestseller, Wonder, written by R.J. Palacio. Wonder has an incredible message of kindness and anti-bullying that we hope spreads throughout our school. Wonder is the story of August (Auggie) Pullman who was born with a facial deformity that prevented him from going to a mainstream school—until recently. The reader follows Auggie as he enters the 5th grade at Beecher Prep as a new student with a unique appearance. This book will provide us with a common platform to discuss concepts such as kindness, being new, and making good choices. The impact of a common reading experience on student learning can be substantial. Through formal teacher led discussions, enrichment activities, and student-to-student conversations, students can strengthen their sense of community connection while also deepening their Catholic identity and sense of God's unique design in each of us. Students will be required to have a copy of Wonder by January 5, 2015. Parents may purchase the book on their own for their child, or order it through the school (see the order form within the newsletter.)
- **My Mary Cate Choose Kind:** In April, with the generous support of the Family School Association, we will host the *My Mary Cate Choose Kind* Program. Mary Catherine Lynch is a vibrant toddler with a craniofacial condition known as Apert Syndrome. Mary Cate and her mother will talk to our students about how 'normal' it is to be 'different'. This program will be a wonderful compliment to reading Wonder. http://www.mymarycate.org

All of the themes presented within these programs will be discussed throughout various guidance lessons presented by our school counselor, Mrs. Corinne Morgan. We encourage parents to support this effort by talking with their child about the ideas of respect, difference, and kindness.

Wonder Order Form



Student Name: _____

Grade:	
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Homeroom: _____

Please order my child a copy of Wonder. I have enclosed payment (\$10.00 check or cash). Checks should be made out to St. Barnabas.

Individual copies are only required for students in grades 2-8. Kindergarten and 1st grade will read together with their teacher, and are not required to have their own copy.

All orders are due to your child's homeroom teacher by Monday, December 1, 2014.

Books will be delivered to the school and distributed to your child through their homeroom.



REFLECTION

A few years ago I got a letter from a former youth group member. Now in her late twenties, Jaime was in the middle of a divorce. She was moving out of the apartment she and her soon-to-be ex-husband had shared and came across her box of youth group stuff. In the box along with journals, buttons, photographs, and nametags, she found her bag of affirmations from a retreat — small notes that name the gifts and talents and Christ-like qualities others had noticed in her. She'd written to thank me. She

said, "The affirmations reminded me of the person that I had once been. If people had seen these qualities in me then, maybe I could find that person again." Our church buildings are like Jamie's box. They remind us of who we are. We might lose sight of that identity sometimes but in this "box" are all the important memories — the Baptisms, funerals, parties, and coffee hours. Valuable as it is to us though, the box is only a reminder that God is present among us.

ACTION

In 313 AD the Laterini family palace was given to the church as a gift from the Emperor Constantine to become the pope's cathedral. Rome's first church remains standing to this day though it has been rebuilt through the centuries after fires and earthquakes. Today it is still the pope's "home" church and on this feast day we celebrate its dedication. Find out about the history of your home church (or churches). When was it built and by whom? What important events for you have taken place there through the years?



IN DEPTH TOUR OF ST. JOHN LATERAN BASILICA

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ONE MINUTE TOUR OF ST. JOHN LATERAN BASILICA.

www.youtube.com /watch?v=Plkol5_JLjs

JOURNALING QUESTIONS

• The readings this weekend show the importance of the church building but also show its limits. People are sacred and each of us is the dwelling place of God, a little temple. In what ways are you a temple or dwelling place for God?

• Is it important to have church buildings? Why or why not? What would be different about the ways we pray if we prayed in different buildings or none at all?

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Traffic Alert

Uncorked is being held at the school tomorrow, Friday, November 7th. We anticipate some traffic flow issues with pickup on Thursday, November 6th. Please plan to allow extra time to and from school on Thursday. We ask for your patience and your cooperation in considering to the following suggestions:

- The first two rows of the parking lot on the north side (nearest the gym) will likely be closed for set-up, severely limiting parking. Please use 101st Place or 101st Street as alternate parking locations.
- Consider walking to school, or carpooling, which will save time on your commute and alleviate frustration.
- Please do not park on the west side of Longwood (Church-side) or cross the street at any location other than the crosswalk where a crossing guard is present. This is dangerous and sets a poor example for our students.
- We will allow traffic to exit the parking lot to Longwood Drive on the south side only. No cars will be allowed to enter the lot at this location. Please enter from Walden Parkway only.

Thank you for remaining patient during setup for this great parish event. In order for things to run smoothly, please follow the directions of anyone directing traffic on November 6. If you are able to help with traffic flow on Thursday afternoon, please contact Mr. Walsh

at awalsh@stbarnabasparish.org.

Photo Sale

Photo Sale: During Parent-Teacher conferences on November 25 we will sell all of the student photos that are featured throughout the first floor. If you would like to purchase a photo from the wall, please stop in the main office during conferences to do so; photos are sold on a first come-first serve basis. Prices are as follows: 11x17 photos are \$15.00, and 11x11 photos are \$10.00. The proceeds will be used to purchase new photos for the wall. Photos will not be reserved or sold prior to November 25.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences: We look forward to welcoming our parents on November 25 for our Parent Teacher Conferences. Please note, while we ask that you only sign up to meet with your child's homeroom teacher, if you would like to see an additional teacher please contact that teacher directly.

Military Mass

Mass in Honor of All Service Men and Women, Past and Present



On Sunday, November 9, 2014 at 10:00 am the faith community of $\hat{\ast}$ St. Barnabas will gather to celebrate A Mass in Honor of All Military Service Men and Women, Past and Present. As we come together to celebrate the Eucharist, we will honor all the women and $\frac{2}{3}$ men who have served and who are currently serving our country. We will come together to pray for peace. We will come together at 🛠 God's banquet to continue the quest for a just world. We will come $\frac{2}{3}$ together in a spirit of hope. We invite members of the military, and their families and friends, to join our parish as we celebrate and

support their service and dedication to our country. Father Matt Foley, chaplain for the US $\frac{1}{2}$ Army, will be the main celebrant of the liturgy. If you would like to add the name of an ac-********************************** tive service person to the list that will be read at the Prayers of the Faithful during the Mass, please contact Kitty Ryan at 773-779-1166 x. 226 or at ktryan@stbarnabasparish.org.



****** We welcome Fr. Matt Foley, CPT CHC ARMY, IRR as our main celebrant and homilist for our Mass in Honor of All Service Men and Women, Past and Present on November 9th at 10 am. Fr. Matt is pictured here celebrating mass with soldiers in Afghanistan. ******

First Reconciliation Family Gathering

The Second Grade children continue to prepare for their celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. A special evening of reflection is planned for Thursday, Nov. 13^{th} for parents and children. It will be held in Church from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Girls Basketball News

The 7A Girls Basketball semi final game was played late last night and resulted in a Buckeye victory!

The 7A Girls Basketball team will play for the Southside Catholic Conference championship on Sunday Nov. 9th 1:30 at Mother McAuley Gym. Please come out and support our girls.

WAY TO GO, BUCKEYES!

INVITATION TO OUR SENIOR CITIZEN CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

WHO: All Seniors

WHEN: Wednesday, December 10th, 2014

WHERE: St. Barnabas Gymnasíum

TIME: Noon to 2 p.m. for finger sandwiches, cookies, coffee, tea

Hosted by: The St. Barnabas School Class of 2015

We hope you can foin us!

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Yes, I will attend!

Name_____

Please return the bottom portion to the school office or rectory. If you have any questions please contact Maise Flood at 773-474-3553.

St. Barnabas Pledge Cards

MAKE A COMMITMENT TO ST. BARNABAS!

As members of the Body of Christ, we know that God has been generous to us in many ways. The Lord is present in our worship and prayer, in the service we give to each other, and in the joy of our family life. We are blessed to call St. Barnabas our spiritual home. Because this is so, I am emboldened to ask you to share your blessings with your fellow parishioners.

St. Barnabas is much in need of your gifts and presence. The "good news" is that our parish is filled with an abundance of generous, faith-filled people who care deeply about what happens in our community. Our success as a parish depends on you!

Please return your pledge card, and offer your support for our parish life during the coming year. Thank you for your generous response!

ST. BARNABAS PRESENTS UNCORKED

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH, 2014, 7PM

10121 S. LONGWOOD DRIVE

\$35 IN ADVANCE/\$40 AT THE DOOR QUESTIONS? UNCORKED@WOWWAY.COM OR WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/STBARNABASUNCORKED



BIGGER TENT THIS YEAR! MORE FOOD, MORE FUN!

& CRAFT EER EVENT

- More than 100 wine and 50 beer tastings from 7-10pm
- Live music and delicious small bites
- After party includes DJ, dancing and cash bar

ADVANCE TICKETS NOWAVAILABLE AT WWW.STBARNABASPARISH.ORG AND TOWN ARMANETTI LIQUOR, 10000 S.WESTERN

St. Barnabas School Family Directory 2014-2015 is coming!!!

The new School Family Directory's are being distributed next week. Every school family will receive **one free copy** compliments of FSA. If you have not received yours, please check your child's backpack first! Our school families find the Directory to be an indispensible source of all school related contact information.

If you would like an additional copy for your car, work, home office, babysitter, etc., you may now order as many as you need, **while supplies last**. Complete the form below with payment to the school office. You may send cash or check made payable to <u>St. Barnabas FSA in an envelope marked FSA.</u>

For questions, contact Jennifer George Lee at 773.615.4214 or Maura Barron at 773.716.5917



Family Name	
Send with student	Room

No. of copies_____x \$ 3.00 each = \$____enclosed



FAMILY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

NEEDS YOU THIS YEAR!

ARE YOU A NEW PARENT? THOUGHT ABOUT IT BUT JUST HAVEN'T GOTTEN INVOLVED YET?

THIS IS YOUR TIME!!!!

Please come to our next meeting and see what it is all about

Date: Tuesday, November 11th at 7pm

Place: St. Barnabas Convent

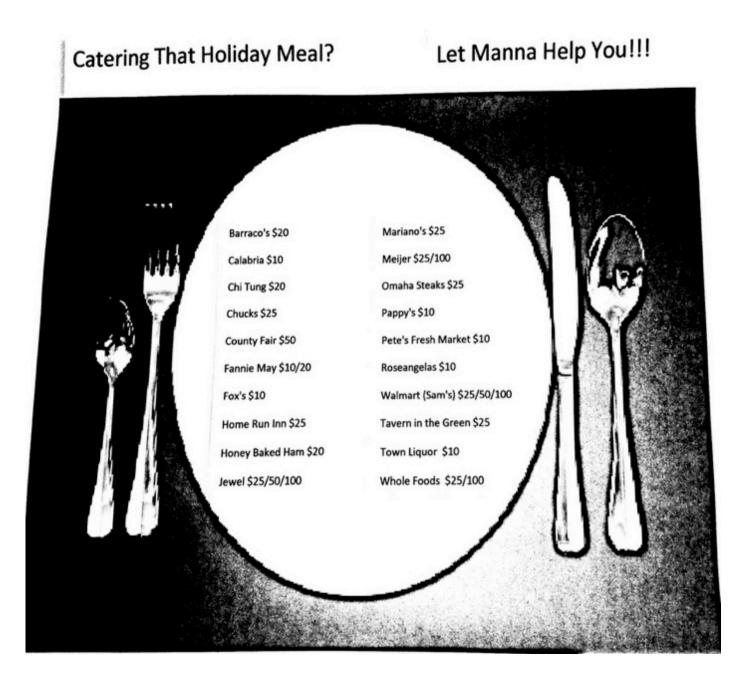
Questions??? E-mail Shannon Foster, scronin3@icloud.com

We want to meet you and see if you would like to help us out!

LOST AND FOUND

OUR LOST AND FOUND TABLE GROWS DAILY...please have your student check for lost items, or parents are welcome to come in and check for themselves...there is much school clothing.

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MANNA NEWS

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING? DON'T FORGET TO BUY MANNA! SHOP NOW...BE REWARDED IN JANUARY!

ATTENTION UNCORKED ATTENDEES!! GET YOUR TOWN LIQUOR MANNA NOW TO USE FOR ORDERING WINE, ETC. FROM THE UNCORKED EVENT

CHI TUNG CERTIFICATES WILL ONLY COME IN \$20 INCREMENTS FROM NOW ON.

AVAILABLE TEMPORARILY

VICTORIA SECRET \$50 GIFT CARDS @ 10%!!!

NOW UNDER THE REGULAR MANNA TAB

MANNA ORDERS WILL GO HOME TODAY WITH YOUR STUDENT; PLEASE CHECK YOUR STUDENT'S BACKPACK FOR MANNA ORDERS TODAY, THURSDAY NOVEMBER 6, 2014.

THE NEXT MANNA ORDER WILL BE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2014. PLEASE HAVE ORDERS/PAYMENTS IN ONLINE OR TURNED IN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY 9:00 AM

MANNA USERS PLEASE NOTE: Online ordering is the way to go. Contact Sheri Jendra for a step-by-step and you will be a believer. Use the Manna program for all your shopping to receive credits on your tuition. Get your giftcards now and stay on budget. Place orders online or on paper, submit by Monday morning 9:00 am, get your order on Thursdays in your child's backpack...and get a tuition credit in July and January! It's that easy. Any questions, contact Sheri Jendra @ stbmanna@yahoo.com.

St. Barnabas Lunch Volunteers Week of 11-10 through 11-14

Monday 1st: Mary Lausch; Jennifer Lee

2nd: Jennifer Lee; Mary Lausch; Natalie Williams

Tuesday 1st: Kathy Malloy; Sally Courtney; Mary Callaghan

2nd: Griselda Garibay; Kathy Malloy; Pearl Doody

Wednesday 1st: Maura Barron; Kelly Wright

2nd: Maura Barron; Natasha Perry

Thursday 1st: Bernadette Barsch; Tracy Burke; Jessica McCarihan; Kristen Lake; Jennifer O'Malley

2nd: Tracy Burke; Kristen Lake; Debbie Duggan

Friday - 1st: Bonnie Flannery; Marilyn Sullivan; Dawn Pfeiffer 2nd: Dawn Pfeiffer; Bonnie Flannery

Amazon.com donates .5% of eligible purchases to charitable organizations. Parents are encouraged to sign up for Amazon Smiles and to select St. Barnabas School as their charitable organization of choice. Please follow the directions below to sign up today:

Go to https://smile.amazon.com/ If you are an existing Amazon customer, sign in as you would at Amazon.com. Otherwise, create an account. Once you sign in it will ask you to pick a charitable organization. Scroll down a little and there will be a search bar. Type in St. Barnabas Parish and click search. Choose St. Barnabas Parish, Chicago, IL (there is another St. Barnabas Parish listed).

In order for STB to benefit, all orders have to be placed through <u>https://smile.amazon.com/</u> and not <u>www.amazon.com</u>.



Girden Subord Thursdays 4:45 - 5:45 pm November 13, 20 December 4, 11, 18 January 8, 15, 22 Time Just for girls to stretch, strengthen and relax

\$96 for 8-week session | \$15 drop in

10 spaces available For girls in grades 6th, 7th and 8th

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