

## Saint Brendan School 2010/2011

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS – (FAQ'S)

**Q. *What curriculum does the school follow?***

A. The curriculum is in alignment with the State of Ohio standards. Our Catholic tenets, social peace and justice and religious instruction are infused through the Diocesan Course of Study.

**Q. *How is our Catholic faith instilled and permeated throughout the school day?***

A. The overall curriculum is *Anchored in Faith*. The students have daily formal Religious instruction in grades K-8, attend mass twice a month, pray the Stations of the Cross during Lent, focus on the Blessed Mother and the Rosary during the months of October and May, celebrate the Saints on a regular basis, participate in a yearly, class retreat and are involved in many Christian community service projects.

**Q. *How can I enroll my child(ren) at Saint Brendan School?***

A. For students entering Preschool – Grade 8, please refer to the information on the Registration Process form included in this packet.

**Q. *What is the Holy Family Program?***

A. The Holy Family Program is the sacramental preparation program for St. Brendan Parish. Families with children who will celebrate First Eucharist (traditionally 2<sup>nd</sup> graders) participate in this year-long family preparation program.

The parish supports parents in their role as primary educators of the faith (the role parents agree to at their child's Baptism) with parent meetings, family retreats, and other materials. Preparation for the two Sacraments takes place at home and involves the whole family. Religion classes support and reinforce what is being taught at home.

**Q. *What is the school's homework philosophy?***

A. At Saint Brendan school, we look forward to being a true partner in the faith based education of your child. As such, we are counting on you for support of your child's homework assignments.

Homework is given with purpose and meaning on a regular basis in grades K-8. Homework is an effective means of reinforcing skills (practice) structured around content; it provides preparation for class and it also allows for extending learning opportunities.

**Q. *How will I know when I am scheduled to work Bingo?***

A. Bingo is held on Friday evenings to help subsidize the school tuition. Parents are scheduled to work 4-5 Bingo assignments a year. A letter from the Parish Office is sent home indicating the bingo schedule, as well as it being posted in the weekly Church "News From the Pews" and the monthly school newsletter.

**Q. *How much is tuition for my child?***

A. See information sheet provided.

**Q. *What forms of tuition assistance are available?***

A. Contact the Church Office at (440) 777-7222.

**Q. *How much are school fees?***

A. The registration fee for Grades Preschool through Gr. 8 is \$50 per student.

**Q. *What services are provided for the students?***

A. We offer services provided by North Olmsted City Schools and Partners for Success and Innovation Personnel (PSI). A tutor provides individual and/or small group instruction for students who qualify for Title I reading, the learning disabilities program, and/or remedial instruction. Our faculty also includes a school nurse, school psychologist, and a speech therapist on a part-time basis.

**Q. *Do you offer Before and After School Care?***

A. We offer After School Care (ASC) from 2:15 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Monday through Friday on days the school is open. Specific details are available within the ASC Handbook.

**Q. *Where can I purchase the school uniform?***

A. School uniforms may be purchased through:  
Schoolbelles  
4747 West 160<sup>th</sup> Street  
Cleveland, Ohio 44111  
(216) 898-5500

It is recommended that uniforms be ordered early in the summer so that they may be available to the student at the start of the school year.

**Q. *Where can I purchase the physical education uniform?***

A. The physical education uniform may be purchased through:  
Jim Mayer Sporting Goods  
22078 Lorain Road  
Fairview Park, Ohio 44126  
(440) 979-9170

**Q. Where can I purchase St. Brendan spiritwear?**

A. Cleveland Printwear  
13300 Detroit Avenue  
Lakewood, Ohio 44107  
(216) 521-5500

**Q. What is the morning procedure?**

A. Students may enter the building at 7:30 A.M. The car riders may form a line in the parking lot along the side of the school to drop students off. Upon their arrival, students report to the lunchroom and are supervised until the 7:50 A.M. bell.

**Q. What is the routine in the parking lot for student pick-up?**

A. The car line begins in front of the church and lines up around the parking lot. After the buses have departed the school premises, the cars pull up to the side door of the school and students get into the cars with faculty assistance.

**Q. What is the daily schedule for Kindergarten through Grade 8?**

7:50 A.M. – first bell  
8:00 A.M. – second bell; school begins  
2:10 P.M. – bus riders depart  
2:15 P.M. – car riders and walkers depart

**Q. What is the Preschool schedule?**

A. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday (8:30 A.M. – 10:45 A.M.)  
The preschoolers are dropped off and picked up at the side door of the school in front of the John R. Kenney Center sign. The preschool teacher and aide greet them and dismiss them there with parent assistance

**Q. When are compressed school days?**

A. Compressed school days usually occur every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month due to teacher meetings. Dismissal is at 1:00PM and no hot lunches are served on these days. See the yearly calendar for additional compressed days.

**Q. What is the dress code?**

A. The school uniform is required to be worn from the first day of school in August to the last day in June. This applies to all students in Kindergarten through Grade 8. The uniform guidelines can be found in the Parent Student Handbook.

A uniform is also required for physical education. The uniform guidelines can be found in the Parent Student Handbook.

Preschool students do not have a required uniform.

**Q. Is a Hot Lunch Program available?**

- A. Lunches are provided and offered daily at school through North Olmsted Central Kitchen. Menu's are sent home with the monthly school newsletter. See the Parent Student Handbook for details.

The lunch, recess times for students is:

**KINDERGARTEN - Grade 4**

11:15 A.M – 11:55 A.M

**GRADES 5-8**

12:00 P.M. - 12:30 P.M

**Q. *How will school policies and procedures be disseminated?***

- A. The Parent Student Handbook is given out at the beginning of the school year and a Parent Orientation is held for all parents. Classroom policies and procedures are also distributed by the teachers. Policies and procedures may be revised throughout the school year. Parents are notified of the changes through the Monthly School Newsletter.

**Q. *What is provided at the end of the school year?***

- A. The supply list and yearly school calendar is given out at the end of the school year.

**Q. *How are progress reports and grades communicated to the parents?***

- A. We utilize an Internet based program called *Edline* to communicate grades and a record of homework assignments submitted. Each parent and student is given a user identification code and can access grades via the Internet. Teachers update the grades every two weeks so that you have a regular report. Parents may also email teachers through this system.

**Q. *Are there opportunities to volunteer?***

- A. There are many opportunities to volunteer, at the school, that are communicated through the monthly newsletter (i.e. classroom assistance, grant writing, after school clubs, office support, recess "band aide", and more).

**Q. *Are you going green?***

- A. Edline will be used as much as possible to disseminate the monthly newsletter. Communicable reminders, deliver updates and messages and to give school closing information.