

## November 2013 Newsletter

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### ***Bingo Schedule***

November 8	Bastian	Beck	Beckert	Beegan	Bender	Besters	
November 15	Biris	Blasé	Bonham	Bowler	Bratton	Bryner	Byrne
November 22	Campbell	Carr	Clarke	Connolly	Conroy	Conway	
November 29	Coone	Corona	Corrigan C.	Corrigan L.M.	Coyle	Cvitkovich	D'Alessandro

### ***VIRTUS***

Families new to SBS, **who have already taken the Virtus course**, are required to be re-fingerprinted and sign new policy forms to maintain compliancy, per the Diocese of Cleveland, to volunteer at the school, coach, and/or work with students/children in any capacity. In order to make this transition as efficient as possible, we will offer the following days/times to come and have your fingerprints taken (driver's license needed) and to sign the policy forms. There is no cost to the parents.

\*Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> 9:00-11:00am

\*Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> 6:30- 8:00pm.

### ***Monthly Calendar***

In a continued effort to save paper, a hard copy of the monthly calendar will no longer be sent home. It is available on the school website and may be also be accessed through a smartphone. You may request a hard copy through the school office if you do not have access to the aforementioned.

### ***St. Edward High School Musician Scholarships***

St. Edward is offering scholarships for musicians. Incoming freshman are eligible to apply for the scholarship. Auditions are in early December for band and orchestra instruments and singers. You can call the school office for an application or go to <http://sehs.net> and click on the "ARTS" tab.

### ***November 6, 2013***

Holy Name High School jazz band, marching band and choir will perform for the school on Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-10:00am. All are welcome to join us for this special event!

### ***Parent – Teacher Conferences***

Reminder: conferences will be held on Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> & Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 3-7:00p.m. The conference is by **appointment only**. We look forward to the opportunity to meet with you.

### ***The Holy Name Society***

We would like to express a heartfelt thank you to the Holy Name Society for sponsoring the breakfast at *Dads & Donuts* held on September 20, 2013. Your generous contribution is greatly appreciated and helped make this event possible.

### ***Pro Orantibus Day***

Catholics around the world are encouraged to honor those called to serve the cloistered and monastic life on Pro Orantibus Day, on November 21, 2013. The students will be writing letters of support and thanks to the cloistered women in the Diocese of Cleveland: Carmel of the Holy Family (Cleveland Heights), Poor Clare Collettines (Cleveland/Rocky River Drive) and the Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration (Cleveland).

Family members that would like to submit a note of support could send it in to the school office marked *Pro Orantibus Letter* by Monday, November 11, 2013.

### **Mission Week Update**

\*Thanks to all the students who donated money to the MCA (Missionary Childhood Association.) We were able to raise \$354.53, which included the money from the Cleveland Indian's Dress Down Day.

\*A special thanks to Grade 7 who had 18 of their 20 students donate to MCA. Way to go 7<sup>th</sup> grade!

\*The Mini Mission posters were outstanding! Thanks to the families for participating. Please stop to visit them displayed on the hall walls during parent teacher conferences.

\*The prayer chain strips, made by the students, have been transformed into a world mission rosary. Please check it out in the main hall under the TV monitor.

\*Thanks to all for making Mission Week a huge success.

Julie Onacila/Principal  
Anne Osiecki/Mission Moderator

### **2013 Veterans Essay Contest**

The Veterans from North Olmsted's VFW Post 7647 presented the awards for the annual *Patriot Pen* essay contest to 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Along with the cash prizes for the top 3 award recipients in each grade, the veterans provided a pizza lunch for the classes. Congratulations to the following:

#### **7<sup>th</sup> grade essay winners**

1<sup>st</sup> Dominic Beck  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tommy Fenton  
3<sup>rd</sup> Parker Reiss

#### **8<sup>th</sup> grade essay winners**

1<sup>st</sup> Jack Bryner  
2<sup>nd</sup> Kathryn Rajniecek  
3<sup>rd</sup> Brigid Kilbane

### **Give-A Christmas**

The students will once again participate in the Give-A-Christmas Program sponsored by the Parish. Students/families are asked to donate paper products (***paper towels, tissue, and toilet paper***). The collection will take place from November 11-25<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance for your generous support of this program.

### **Christmas Cards**

The students are making Christmas cards for soldiers overseas. Mrs. Drozd (grade 6B) is organizing this effort to bring some cheer, smiles and prayers to those who protect and serve. God Bless!

### **Faculty Update**

Mrs. Ellen Trepanier, our K-5 computer teacher is home recovering from surgery. Mrs. Trepanier had pins put in her leg to help heal from her broken leg. At this time she is not able to put any weight on her leg and is laid up. Mrs. Caroscio will be substituting until Mrs. Trepanier is able to return to school. Please keep her in your prayers that she has a healthy recovery!

### **Technology Update**

- A. The Rooted in Faith, Forward in Hope SBS grant proposal was submitted to the Diocese last month. Funds for the grant are limited and only a portion of the schools that apply will be awarded. Our grant was written for \$75,000.00:

Wireless access to allow sufficient #'s of devices simultaneously	\$21,000
Server upgrade	4,000
Macs for the computer lab	26,000
Computer lab MacBook upgrade	2,200
*MacBook upgrades	10,100

\*Installation of the ActivBoards

12,000

B. Internet service provider has been upgraded to Time Warner Cable

1. Service line trenched and installed
2. Final connection complete
3. Settings configured with Sonic Wall

C. Technology purchased

1. Ten Ziggi-HD's purchased with SBS auxiliary funds (document camera)
2. Twelve iPads/cart purchased with SBS auxiliary funds
3. Twelve iPads purchased with money from the Walk-a-thon fundraiser
4. Fifteen MacBook Pros purchased for the faculty
5. Two MacBook Pros purchased for the school office

The technology received from the North Olmsted Board of Education (\*\*\*) auxiliary funds) will be installed when the funding is available to make the upgrades needed for the equipment to be classroom ready. Mr. Patera is diligently working on the laptops to determine their functionality. Each laptop takes about 30 minutes of maintenance. The *School Advancement Technology Team* is examining the technology to determine what is needed for the installation.

### ***On-going Fundraisers***

The following on-going fundraisers help the school to purchase school/art supplies and recess equipment

- Campbell Soup Labels\*\*\*\*
- Box Tops for Education\*\*\*\*
- Ink cartridges and toner recycling
- Target: Take Charge of Education

\*\*\*\* For your convenience labels may be brought to school or the church. There are wicker bins for the box top labels and Campbell's labels in the church are located in the gathering area, under the information table.

### ***Giant Eagle Apples for the Students Program***

To participate simply register your Giant Eagle Advantage Card in the Program. Every time you shop and use your Advantage Card St. Brendan will earn points to purchase valuable educational tools. To enroll for the Giant Eagle Card simply follow these steps:

- ❖ Apply for a Giant Eagle Advantage Card or use your current card.
- ❖ Register at [www.gianteagle.com](http://www.gianteagle.com) or call 1.800.474.4777.
- ❖ Provide the 12-digit number found on the back of your Advantage Card
- ❖ Enter the St. Brendan School ID# 2814
- ❖ Shop at Giant Eagle using your advantage card to support the school.
- ❖ Previously registered St. Brendan supporters do not need to re-register.

### ***Heinen's ABC School Donation Program***

Go to [www.heinensrewards.com](http://www.heinensrewards.com) to enroll and become a member to support St. Brendan School. Please contact Heinen's Customer relations with any questions regarding registration in the program (216.475.2300 ext. 2337).

Up to 1% of your qualified purchases made now through April, will be donated by Heinen's, to St. Brendan School.

### ***Coming in December 2013***

- 2<sup>nd</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> Scheduled confessions for grades 3-8
- 2<sup>nd</sup> North Olmsted City Tree Lighting Ceremony (Sign Language Club performing)
- 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Holiday Shop & Scholastic Book Fair
- 4<sup>th</sup> First Reconciliation for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade
- 7<sup>th</sup> Breakfast with St. Nicholas
- 9<sup>th</sup> Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)
- 16<sup>th</sup> School Band Concert
- 18<sup>th</sup> Christmas Program