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October 2012 Newsletter

Anchored in Faith

October Bingo Schedule

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Edline

As you may be aware, there were some problems with Edline last week (sending and receiving emails/newsletters). I am still experiencing difficulties. Please use the following email address to contact me: jonacila@stbrendannortholmsted.org.

Thank you, Julie Onacila

Blessing of Animals:

St. Francis of Assisi, whose feast day is October 4th, was the founder of a religious community of men, The Order of the Friars Minor, dedicated to a life of poverty. Honored as a saint who loved all living things, St. Francis is frequently surrounded by animals.

St. Brendan Parish will celebrate his feast this year with a blessing of animals on Sunday, October 7th following the noon Mass, in the church parking lot. All are invited to bring their pets and join in prayer on behalf of God's beautiful creations. You will want to make sure that your pet is properly supervised at all times.

School Picture Day:

School Pictures will be taken on October 24, 2012. All students will be photographed for the class photo. Jeans and t-shirts are not acceptable attire. Girls are not to wear make-up, excessive jewelry or high-heeled shoes. Preschoolers are asked to be at school at 9:00 A.M. for both the class and optional individual photograph.

Get Active Get Fit Challenge

This challenge begins on October 1st and is sponsored by Radio Disney and Anthem Blue Cross. All students in grades K-6 are being asked to get active for at least 20 minutes per day from October 1st - November 14th for the chance to win a Radio Disney Dance Party with a DJ at SBS!! Students in grades 7-8 are welcome to join in on the challenge if they would like. Each student has been sent home with their very own sheet to record their activity during the challenge. Activity sheets need to be turned in no later than November 15th. Don't forget that it is recommended that all children and teens are active for at least 60 minutes per day to achieve optimal health. If extra copies of the data sheet are needed, they will be accessible from Physical Education class pages on Edline as well as Mrs. Morrison's website at <http://morrisonpe.com>

St. Jude Give Thanks Walk

Mrs. Morrison has started a St. Brendan School and Parish Team to walk in this event held on Saturday November 17th. All students, parents, parishioners and friends are welcome to join the team in participating in a 5K walk beginning at Quickens Loans Arena on this day. 100% of all donations raised will go to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. To register as a team participant, or to donate to our Team click the link on your child's Physical Education Class Page on Edline, or click on the link at Mrs. Morrison's website at <http://morrisonpe.com>

Pack 630 Popcorn Fundraiser

St. Brendan Cub Scouts are currently selling popcorn to raise money for their scouting activities. A variety of flavored and microwave popcorn ranging from \$10 to \$50 are available. They will be selling at Drug Mart on October 5th and 6th, at the North Olmsted Giant Eagle on October 13th from 9:00 A.M to 1:00 P.M. and at Walmart from 10:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. Thank you for supporting Pack 630.

School State Accreditation Update

The next step in the school accreditation process is for an *Internal Validation* visit from the Diocesan Western Area Assistant Superintendent, Ms. Anne Marie Woyma. Ms. Woyma will complete a thorough review, of required materials for the Ohio Department of Education. After this visit in November, we will have the *External Validation* Visit (EVT).

The EVT Team includes a trained OCSAA (Ohio Catholic School Accrediting Association) chairperson from another Ohio Diocese and four team members, which will consist of area principals. Their role is to scrutinize our School Improvement Plan: the goals, steps, means and documentation of the assessments. Their advice and suggestions will help us in fine-tuning our plan before we send it to the ODE. More to come...

Health News - Head Lice

Remind your children to not share combs, hats or any hair accessories to reduce the spread of head lice. Please commit to checking your child (children) on a weekly basis looking for small white nits attached to the hair shaft. These nits are generally found behind the ears and at the nape of the neck. Rest assured that getting head lice are not a reflection on you, as lice usually like clean hair. Calling the school to report a case is important, and we can screen the other students and control the situation.

Summer Uniform

October 31st is the last day for the summer uniform. Please refer to the Parent Student Handbook to review the policies.

Giant Eagle Program:

The Giant Eagle Apples for Students Program has begun. This is a great way to help St. Brendan School earn rewards. To participate simply register your Giant Eagle Advantage Card in the Program. Then every time you shop and use your Advantage Card St. Brendan will earn points to purchase valuable educational tools for the school. Simply follow these steps:

- ❖ Apply for a Giant Eagle Advantage Card or use your current card.
- ❖ Register at 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.

Market Day

The next orders need to be submitted to school by October 19th. Internet orders are due by 11pm on October 23rd. Pick up is on October 27th from 9-9:30am.

Thank you for your support!

PTU NEWSLETTER

Letter from Wendy Lynch, PTU Point of Contact

Hi everyone and welcome back to another great year at St. Brendan's! We have already had a couple events: Skating Party and our first PTU meeting.

Coming up: Family Mixer (Oct. 20), All Saints Day Reception, for the 1st graders (Nov. 1), Parent Teacher Conferences (Nov. 8 & 9), our next PTU meeting (Nov. 14, at 7pm), Skating Party (Nov. 19), and the Holiday Shop (Nov. 27 & 28)!!!

If you haven't joined PTU, please consider it! It is only \$5.00 to join, we will keep you informed about what is going on, your child(ren) get a Spirit Wear certificate, and you will be involved with a great group that is all about helping our students thrive here at St. Brendan's.

The directory will be posted on Edline this year, but if you would still like a paper copy please send in a note to request one.

Hope to see many of you at the next meeting, Wednesday, November 14, 2012, at 7pm, in the Religious Education Room.

Thanks,

Wendy Lynch, POC

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FAMILY EVENTS & NEWS

Family Mixer, Classroom Basket Raffle & Silent Auction: Saturday, October 20th will be the 12th Annual PTU Mixer, "*The Monster Mash!*" This event is PTU's biggest fundraiser of the year and is enjoyed by all! Where else can you get dinner, crafts, DJ & Dancing, and of course, our Classroom Basket Raffle & Silent Auction, for only \$5 per person? Children & Adults can come in "Family Friendly" costumes, if you dare! Please see the flyer, which will be coming home October 1st with your child, for more details! We could use a few extra volunteers to lighten the work load that morning/afternoon to turn our Kenny Center into a *spooktacular* sight! If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please email Katherine Petrilla at kathp@sbcglobal.net or call 440-779-0523.



Skating Party: Our first skating party was held on September 10th and was attended by 72 skaters! Our next party is Monday, November 19th, at Brookpark Skateland (13445 Brookpark Road). The doors will open at 6pm and skating is from 6:30 – 8:30pm. Admission is \$2.50 for child and adult skaters with skates available to rent for \$3; rollerblades are \$5. You may bring your own skates if you wish, but remember to remove any black stoppers. Parents who do not skate will *not* be charged admission. We look forward to seeing you there! For any questions, please contact: Sara Wheeler 440-777-4648.

IN-SCHOOL EVENTS & NEWS

Fall Welcome Back Celebration & School Lunch: Wednesday, October 31st, the PTU will be sponsoring a Halloween pizza lunch for all the classes. Volunteers are needed to help set up/clean up and to distribute food and drink to the kids! Please email Katherine Petrilla at kathp@sbcglobal.net or call 440-779-0523 if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.

IN-SCHOOL EVENTS & NEWS (Continued)

Holiday Shop: The PTU and 6th graders will be hosting the annual Holiday Shop for our parish families and school children on November 27th & 28th. Families can shop on Tuesday evening from 6-8pm; and school children will be able to shop during the school day on Wednesday. The merchandise is provided by GPS Gifts, as it has been the past few years, and will include many sports/team items such as shirts, placards, banners, blankets, mugs and decals at reasonable prices. The 6th graders will assist the younger grades to shop and provide gift-wrapping. Help is needed to set-up Tuesday afternoon, November 27th and cashier/re-supplying most of the school day on Wednesday the 28th. Please contact Lynn Schulte at 440-777-7331 or lmschultecpa@sbcglobal.net if you can help.

Family Night – Holiday Shop, Book Fair & Bake Sale: Family Night is an opportunity for parish families to shop together at our Holiday Shop (see above) and our school's Scholastic Book Fair on Tuesday night, November 27th, from 6-8pm. There will be tasty treats for parents to buy and enjoy at our bake sale as well.

ROOM PARENT EVENTS & NEWS

Room Parents: Thank you to all those who have signed up to be room parents and helpers this year. If you were unable to sign up on Orientation Night and are still interested in helping the room parents, please contact: Colleen Hayes 440-250-0474.

Classroom Theme Baskets: Please be on the lookout for your child's classroom basket theme that was voted on by the students. We are asking that each student donate an item to include in the basket to be raffled-off at the Family Mixer on Saturday, October 20th. A form will be coming home with an item your child has chosen to donate. Good Luck to everyone! Thank you all in advance for your participation.

Spirit Wear: Thank you to all those who placed orders for Spirit Wear. We anticipate delivery of your items this week or next which will be sent home with your designated child. If you missed out on ordering this time, we will be making another order in the near future. More information and order forms will be sent home at that time. If you have any questions about Spirit Wear, please contact: Mary Welch 440-777-0358.

Bake Sale: We are unable to have a bake sale during the school day this year, but fear not! We will be having a bake sale at the Holiday Shop and Book Fair Night, Tuesday, November 27th. Look for more information coming in November.

Box Tops for Education and Campbell's Soup Labels: Detailed information about these fundraising activities was sent home with the children last week. Our goal this year is to raise \$1500 in support of our school and we need everyone's help! If you have any questions or need more information, please contact: Judy Molnar 440-979-1366.

HOSPITALITY EVENTS & NEWS

Parent/Teacher Conferences: The Hospitality Committee will be providing a dinner for our teachers to enjoy during our parent/teacher conferences being held on November 8th & 9th. If you would like to help in any way, please contact: Ann Moennich 440-686-0107 or Denise Booth 440-979-1137.

Hospitality Committee Chair and Co-Chair Needed: The Hospitality Committee organizes and sets-up refreshments at various receptions throughout the year. They plan and serve meals to our teachers a few times a year. They also help to make graduation day special for our 8th graders by providing a graduation reception following the evening ceremony. Our current committee chairs both have 8th grade students this year and will be stepping down in 2013. If you would like to become involved in these activities or help to chair this committee, please contact: Ann Moennich 440-686-0107 or Denise Booth 440-979-1137.

Upcoming PTU Events: Mark your calendars!

"The Monster Mash" Family Mixer, Basket Raffle & Silent Auction – Saturday, October 20

Fall Welcome Back Celebration & School Lunch – Wednesday, October, 31

All Saints Day 1st Grade Celebration – Thursday, November 1

Parent/Teacher Conferences – Thursday & Friday, November 8 & 9

PTU Meeting – Wednesday, November 14

Skating Party – Monday, November 19

Family Night: Holiday Shop, Book Fair & Bake Sale – Tuesday, November 27

Holiday Shop – Wednesday, November 28

