

## Saint Brendan School (**SBS**)

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### **2012 September Newsletter**

*Refer to the Parent Student Handbook that was sent home, August 29<sup>th</sup> for policies and procedures.*

*Like us on facebook and get the latest and up-to-date school information.*

#### **MASS FOR ALL FAMILIES BEGINNING THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR**

Parents and families please mark your calendar now: Saturday, SEPTEMBER 8. All parents, families, and students are invited to attend 5:00 P.M. Mass together to ask for God's blessing on our children as they begin another academic year. A simple reception will follow in the Kenny Center.

ALL our students will be asked to walk in the opening procession. Please be present for Eucharist as we come to encounter God's presence and wisdom in our faith lives.

Peace to you all,  
Fr. Tom

*Volunteers are needed to: set-up the refreshments prior to Mass, maintain the tables during the social and for clean up.*

#### **PTU**

##### **Directory Form Correction:**

The school directory will publish parent email addresses that are provided. If you do not want your email address published with your other contact information, please contact Mrs. Arth in the school office at 440.777.8433 or [jarth@stbrendannortholmsted.org](mailto:jarth@stbrendannortholmsted.org).

##### **Forms**

Please submit all completed forms (that were sent home last week) by Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. Additional forms are located in the school office.

##### **Meeting**

All parents are welcome to the first PTU meeting of the year. It will be held on Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. This is a great way to get involved and to meet fellow SBS parents.

**DRESS CODE:** The school dress code guidelines are stated in the Parent Student Handbook. The policy on wearing tennis shoes, *which is not new*, states that they need to be solid white. The trendy, neon tennis shoes are not part of the dress code.

The **AFTER SCHOOL CARE (ASC)** PROGRAM has a position open to work Fridays and for substitutes, Monday-Friday. Applicants need to: be at least 18 years of age, have completed (or will pursue taking) the VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children course (offered at no cost), and have a background check. If you are interested or would like additional information, contact Julie Onacila at 440.777.8433 or email at [jonacila@stbrendannortholmsted.org](mailto:jonacila@stbrendannortholmsted.org).

### ***MOMS "BREAKFAST WITH ST. BRENDAN"***

Moms (grandmothers and aunts) are invited to attend a special breakfast with their child(ren) on Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. The occasion will be held from 7:00-7:50 A.M. Come and enjoy a light breakfast with family and friends. Raffles will also be included in the morning's festivities!

If you are interested in volunteering with this event, please see the end of the newsletter for more information.

***SPIRITWEAR*** forms have been sent home with all students, and are also available in the school and parish offices, the back of the Church, and on the school website. Orders are due to the school office by Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. Spiritwear can be used for school "spiritwear days and birthdays" or just to show your school spirit in the community, and also make a great gift for family members.

### ***WAY TO GO, NAVIGATOR***

We'd love to recognize the accomplishments of members of our school community on the school facebook page. If you or your child has a significant achievement outside of the school day, please send a photo (if possible) and brief description to Julia Tullos - [jtullos@woio.com](mailto:jtullos@woio.com). Unless otherwise directed, we will only identify students by first name on the facebook page.

***SIGN LANGUAGE*** classes begin on Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. Classes are held after school from 2:15-3:30 P.M. There is no charge for the class and there are no age restrictions. Parents are welcome to attend. If your child would like to join the class, please bring in a note on Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup> giving permission for your child to attend and to stay after school. For more information contact our instructor, Mrs. Christie Kort: [Kkort3@aol.com](mailto:Kkort3@aol.com) / 440.734.7217.

The first ***SKATING PARTY*** of the school year will be held at Brookpark Skateland on Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> (6:30PM). St. Brendan's P.T.U sponsors this fun-filled event.

The ***WINDY CITY PLAYERS*** will be presenting a production of *Beauty & The Beast* on Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> for students in grades K-8. This National Touring Company provides an educational and entertaining live performance that stresses positive moral values and character traits. Thank you, PTU for sponsoring this high quality event.

### ***HOMEWORK TIPS***

We plan our extra-curricular activities and appointments into our schedules, why not homework? Make a homework calendar for the week to help keep after school time organized.

- Provide a space where homework is done regularly.
- Keep the space well lit.
- Avoid distractions (i.e. TV).
- Keep the area neat and organized.
- Have necessary supplies in the homework space (i.e. pencils, sharpener, pens, paper).

Sunday ***MASS COLLECTION ENVELOPES*** are available through the school office if you would like your child(ren) to receive a box. Send in the clip & return located at the end of this news letter or email Mrs. Arth ([jarth@stbrendannorthholmsted.org](mailto:jarth@stbrendannorthholmsted.org)) by September 7<sup>th</sup> if you would like the envelopes sent home with your child(ren).

***VOLUNTEERS*** are needed daily to serve as **Band-Aide** parents during lunch/recess (11:15am-12:30 P.M.). This role involves assisting students who may need minor medical care; i.e. band aids, ice packs. If you are able to help on a regular or semi-regular basis, please contact Mrs. Arth.

The SBS ***Birthday Book Club*** allows students to donate a hardbound book of their choice or donate \$5.00 and choose from our selection of Birthday books to enhance the book selection in the library. Contact Mrs. Anne Osiecki, school librarian, for additional information.

**BUS TRANSPORTATION** questions or concerns should be expressed to the Transportation Department directly. They are able to contact the drivers directly if there is a need.

**THANK YOU** to the **many** volunteers who were instrumental in making the following events possible and successful: Athlete Mass, Uniform Swap, Family Movie Night, North Olmsted Homecoming Days Booth, Homecoming Parade and the Parent Orientation.

If you would like to get involved in school events, there are plenty of opportunities with a variety of commitment levels. Contact Julie Onacila at [jonacila@stbrendannortholmsted.org](mailto:jonacila@stbrendannortholmsted.org) or at 440.777.8433 to discuss volunteer options.

The annual **MAGAZINE FUND RAISER** kick-off will be held on Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 P.M. in the Kenny Center. Parents are welcome to join us for the assembly.

### **NORTH OLMSTED "SITES" STUDENTS**

Two former students are completing their senior project at SBS. The students are at school on Tuesdays and Thursdays assisting faculty and staff; taking on a variety of tasks and opportunities that will provide a well-rounded experience.

### **ON-GOING FUND RAISERS**

- Giant Eagle Apples for Education
- Box Tops for Education
- Campbell Soup Labels
- Heinen's School Donation Program
- Market Day
- Ink Cartridges, cell phones, digital cameras

### **St. Brendan Parish Mass Offertory Envelopes**

Please submit by Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup> if you would like your child(ren) to receive Mass collection envelopes.

Please send home \_\_\_\_\_ boxes of church offertory envelopes with my youngest child at SBS.

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Print Family Name

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Name of Child

**Mom's "Breakfast with St. Brendan" – Friday, September 28, 2012**

Submit by Friday, September 21, 2012

I will volunteer to:

- Donate a raffle item
- Co-organize the raffle
- Help set up / serve the morning of the event
- Clean up after the event

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Print Name

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Email Address / Phone Number