

The St. Boniface Blaze

Events, Updates and News from St. Boniface School

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**WELCOME BACK
TO SCHOOL**

It's hard to believe, but we have been back in school for 2 ½ months now. We loved seeing so many familiar and new smiling faces when classes resumed on Thursday, August 16th. On the following Thursday, August 23rd, we were able to spend a little more time together at our annual "Back to School Breakfast" before all of the students headed off to class. We enjoy this tradition of our school community gathering and reconnecting at the start of each school year and we appreciate those of you who were able to make time in your day to join us (and your students). Then, on Friday, August 31st, we celebrated our Opening School Liturgy at 8:30AM in the church, asking our Lord to bless all of us and our endeavors during this next school year.

Welcome Back to all of our returning students and families!

AND

We'd like to extend a special welcome to our new students and their families!



ROLL OUT THE RED CARPET

This year we have a number of new additions to our staff and we'd like to give you a bit of an introduction to all of them. Please join us in welcoming the following staff members to the St. Boniface School.

Ms. Lakeberg, Pre-K

Hello everyone! My name is Chelsea Lakeberg. I am the lead teacher in the Preschool room at St. Boniface this year. I recently graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a Bachelors Degree of Science in Early Childhood Education with a minor in Psychology. Some fun facts about me are that I danced for 15 years and my favorite color is blue. I look forward to this school year with the preschoolers and developing a charismatic, safe, and fun relationship with the St. Boniface Community.

Ms. Mckenzi Monday is the new Writing and Expression 6,7, and 8 grade teacher. She holds a BA in English and MA in professional writing from Xavier University. Mckenzi enjoys reading and writing, and sings professionally with St Peter in Chains Cathedral in her free time.

Ms. Danielle Murtha, Grade 2

Miss Steffanie Vajgrt, ESL

Mrs. Patty Loreto, Health Clinic

Ms. Chris Siciliano, Intervention Specialist

Ms. Beth Stewart, Title I Reading

Ms. Ann Schrott, Title I Math

Ms. Kristin Oxman

Mr. Jeff Helsinger, Maintenance

These new staff members will be highlighted in subsequent issues throughout the year.

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We continue to be blessed by the presence of many individuals who help our students and staff on a regular basis. Once again, we are happy to have a Mercy Volunteer and Dominican Novitiate Brothers on our team!

Miss Beth Lounsberry, Mercy Corps Volunteer

Brother Benedict

Brother Jude

Brother Luke

Brother Samuel



Now that October has come and gone...
It's time to put those uniform shorts away until next Spring!



St. Boniface School Fall Conferences

Wednesday, October 24th & Thursday, October 25th

It was highly recommended that all parents/guardians attend their student's Fall Family Teacher Conference. We hope you took this opportunity to get to know your child's teacher(s), check on your student's academic progress and to discuss any concerns that you might have regarding your student. Family-Teacher communication is vital for student success. If you were unable to attend Conferences, you have the option to see your child's teacher by appointment. Contact the school office to make a request.



Mercy McAuley Blazin' Wolf Pup Buddies !

The "Buddies" made their first visit of this school year on Wednesday, October 10th. Students in grades K-4 had a chance to meet/get acquainted with their new "Buddies". Then, everyone had a sack lunch in the Gym, played games, worked on projects and just enjoyed each other's company! Our students will visit Mercy McAuley High School on Friday, November 30th.

THANKS, BUDDIES!



The St. Boniface Anniversary Garden

The weather this summer proved to be a real challenge in the garden...extreme heat and lots of rain made for an unusual growing season. Of course, the weeds were never hampered by either! Current garden chores include some clean-up and possibly harvesting onions and potatoes with the kids.



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News from Pre-K

The month of October has been busy in the Pre-K. We had a visit from the Northside library and we had our first visit of the year from the Cincinnati Zoo. Lastly, the fire fighters came for a visit to talk to us about fire safety! Each student was able to sit in the fire truck and hold the hose!

We've been learning a lot and having tons of fun!

We also purchased brand new tricycles which the 8th grade students put together and then presented to us.

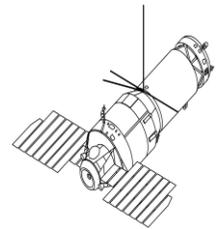
Finally, we do have openings in our Pre-K. If you know anyone who has a 4 or 5 year old, please have them give us a call. We'd love to have them learn more about our program. 513-541-5122, ext 14.

Thank you,

Ms. L and Mrs. Finamore

ST. BONIFACE NASA NEWS

Ever want to learn more about space, NASA, or going on a future Mission to Mars? Some of our St. Boniface teachers did just that this past summer. Mrs. Childs, Ms. Thompson and Mrs. Chandler attended the National Science Teacher's STEM Conference in Cocoa Beach, FL where they went to Kennedy Space Center and learned all about NASA and the future Mission to Mars. They participated in a Robotics Challenge where they built and programmed a robot that they named Bonnie, short for Boniface, and competed against 18 other schools, taking 4th place. The highlight of the week was when they got to meet Astronaut, Joe Acaba, who was also a teacher, but then was accepted into the astronaut program. He has completed seven Space Missions to the International Space Station, and had a lot to share about his experiences. Mrs. Childs, Ms. Thompson and Mrs. Chandler learned many new and exciting things to share with their students.



It's "All in the FAMILY" Our **FAMILY** groups had their first meeting on Friday, November 2nd. Each **FAMILY** is made up of students in each grade with 8th Grade Leaders, as well as, a staff monitor. Meetings will include a theme based on character, values or a Holiday with appropriate activities and snacks, of course. This is a great way for our entire student body to bond and for our older students to serve in a leadership role. Be sure to ask your student(s) about their **FAMILY**. A **FAMILY** Thanksgiving (lunch) meal will be celebrated on Friday, November 16th.



GRADE 3 NEWS *from Mrs. Perkins*



The third and fourth grade students went to the Cincinnati Observatory. They had a chance to look at the sun through the oldest telescope in the Western Hemisphere! They also saw sun flares!

The third grade has a class pet named Little Rascal. He is a Panda Bear Hamster! We also met with our new Mercy McAuley Buddies!

High School Placement Test (HSPT)

The HSPT (High School Placement Test) prep has begun for students in Grade 8. It is being taught by Sr. Ann and Mrs. Childs.

Saturday, November 17th is the scheduled test date.

Kids in Action 2018-19 *from Mrs. Kampel*

We are so excited to have 28 middle school students join Kids in Action this year! This is a record number. KIA had a planning meeting in September to decide what social action projects that they would do throughout the year. During the meeting they created a beautiful bulletin board for the school cafeteria encouraging students to BE.... all kinds of amazing!! A Car Wash originally scheduled for Wednesday, October 17th had to be cancelled due to the sudden arrival of cold weather...BRRRRR! As an alternative, the KIA'ers put POST-ITS throughout the school with positive and encouraging messages.



Blazer Band

The BLAZER BAND is off to a great start this year at St. Boniface. We have added an exciting group of new band students in our Beginner Band. Our band groups meet on Wednesday after school getting ready for a Christmas Band Concert, the La Salle Festival of Bands, and our Spring Band Concert. Students were invited to Grade School Band events at both Moeller High School and LaSalle High School to enjoy the exciting

experience of being with the high school bands at a football game.

Unlike other Catholic grade schools in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, we are doubly blessed with Sponsorship help that eliminates the semester band fees for families and have some LINKS band instruments so students can participate in band whether or not a family can provide an instrument for their child to learn and play. This reduces the cost for being in band to just \$25 a year to help cover the cost of maintenance and repair of our band instruments.

We are very glad to welcome **Skye Mc Daniel** on flute, **Isabella Browning**, **Santo Luis Munoz**, and **Jayla Nixon-Hale** on clarinet, **Emmanuel Hayes** on alto saxophone, **Tramaine Morales** and **Adonis Munoz** on trumpet, **Shane Farley**, **Jacob Heis**, **Sage Oehlof**, and **Marley Wardlow** on trombone, **Donte Hayes** on baritone, plus **Jadon Barnes** and **Jazmine Heis** on drums.

Our Blazer Advanced Band includes the following returning young musicians:

Tatum Wharton on flute, **Tyler Sipe** on clarinet, **Arielle Barnes** and **Nia Buchannon** on alto saxophone, **Kehaulani Newman** on trumpet, **Andrew Browning**, **Zalman Myrick**, and **Zach Nintrup** on drums.

If you have any questions about our band program, please call the school office and leave a message for me so I can phone to talk with you or we can exchange emails (mine is orbylady@gmail.com) with each other!

Thanks.

Mrs. Dianne Schreck, Band Director

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The LaSalle Big Brothers meet with their “Littles” every Tuesday after school. They have been having fun together playing board games, kickball, dodge ball, and making crafts. They are going to be cooking together next week, making tacos!

Our Ursuline Big Sisters are here on Thursday afternoons. The Big and Little Sisters spent a recent Saturday at Blooms and Berries in Loveland. Despite the rain, mud and cold weather, the girls had a great time spending the day with their Big Sisters. They fed the animals, took a hay ride, played on the playsets, and had a great lunch.

BLAZER FALL SPORTS

BOYS' BASKETBALL

The first practice of the season took place on Thursday, November 1st after school. Practices will continue each Thursday with games beginning in December. A game schedule will be available by the end of the month.



Girls on the Run

Girls on the Run has 12 energetic 3rd, 4th and 5th grade girls on the team this year. Mrs. Kampel, Mrs. Hampton, Mrs. Goldick and Miss Lounsberry are assisting them as they train hard in preparation for the 5K race at Sawyer Point on Saturday, November 17th. Each participant in this program receives a pair of running shoes and they learn valuable lessons about sport, preparation and goal-setting which translate into real life. Keep up the good work Girls!



OFF TO THE PUMPKIN PATCH

On Wednesday, October 18th, students in Kindergarten and Grade 1 headed off to the Benton Family Farm. There, they were able to see and pet farm animals. Students also learned about bees and how honey is made. Then, they took a tractor Hay Ride out to the pumpkin patch to pick a pumpkin right off of the vine!

1ST QUARTER AWARDS ASSEMBLY

On Wednesday, October 24th at 1:00PM, our school community assembled in the Gym to recognize students for their grades, effort and attendance. Families were invited to join us. Check out the complete list of Honorees on the school website @www.stbonifaceschool.net !

CONGRATS TO THOSE RECOGNIZED!

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

The *Sisters of Mercy* are celebrating 175 years of service in the United States. Our amazing Sr. Ann and Sr. Mary Ann are Sisters of Mercy. In their honor, and to celebrate this anniversary, we are having a raffle for the students, with funds raised to go to the victims of Hurricane Michael. Prizes include a variety of games and toys. Chances are 5¢ each, or 6 for a quarter. The raffle will go until Thanksgiving. Two winners will be drawn each Friday until the final drawings Thanksgiving week.

FIELD TRIPS & PROGRAMS

Be sure to ask your child(ren) about the numerous and varied Field Trips they travelled to and the Programs that visited our campus. Here is a sampling:

SEPTEMBER 5 TH	Grade 7	RIVER EXPLORER PROGRAM @ Sharon Woods
SEPTEMBER 11 TH	K & Grade1	GORMAN HERITAGE FARM
SEPTEMBER 14 TH	Grade 3	CINCY DANCE @ School
SEPTEMBER 18 TH & 19 TH	Grades 6 & 8	RIVER REACH on the Ohio River
OCTOBER 3 RD	Grades 3-8	CINCINNATI PLAYHOUSE IN THE PARK presents the <i>Jungle Book</i> @ School
OCTOBER 4 TH	Grades 4 & 5	NATURE CONNECTIONS @ Parker Woods
OCTOBER 10 TH	K – Grade 4	MERCY McAULEY BUDDIES VISIT
OCTOBER 12 TH	Grades 3 & 4	CINCINNATI OBSERVATORY
OCTOBER 17 TH		ROUNDUP AT RESOURCE RANCH CONSERVATION PROGRAM
OCTOBER 23 RD	Grade 8	BRUIN ACADEMIC BOWL @DPCR HIGH SCHOOL
NOVEMBER 6 TH	Grades 3-5	PILLOWCASE PROJECT (Emergency Safety)
NOVEMBER 14 TH	All Grades	SCHOOLHOUSE SYMPHONY
NOVEMBER 15 TH	All Grades	Council on Child Abuse (COCA) PRESENTATIONS



- Breakfast is served from 7:15-7:35AM daily. We encourage you to have your students here early enough to eat and get to class on time.
- Students are required to wear their TKD black uniform pants for gym on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Red, St. Boniface T-shirts can be worn as part of the TKD gym uniform.
- Each student is given a name tag. These are to remain at school at the end of the day. If your student accidentally brings theirs home, please make sure they return it to school. Replacement name tags will cost \$3.00.

Please remember... to clip **Boxtops for Education**. Our school earns money (10¢) for each label turned in. Every little bit helps and we are grateful for whatever you can do!





BUDDY CARD SALE

This will be our one and only Fundraiser for the entire school year, so...we need your help! Please remember to ask family, friends and coworkers if they would like to purchase a Buddy Card for \$10.00. Each card is worth 14 LARGE pizzas – a great value! Just send your money into the school office with a note indicating how many cards you need and we'll send them home via your "personal courier". St. Boniface will earn \$5.00 for each card sold.

Thanks for your support of this fundraiser.



SAVE THE DATE!

In five short weeks...on **December 11th**, our students in Grades 2-4 will be performing in the Christmas Musical. Look for more information to follow in the Thursday Folders.

Mark your calendars...

November 21st, 22nd, 23rd
December 19th
December 20th

Thanksgiving Break (NO CLASSES)
END OF 2nd QUARTER
CHRISTMAS BREAK BEGINS



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