



From the Principal

We're only two weeks out!

We are getting very excited to welcome everyone back to 45 Harvard Street. I, myself, am very happy everyone is coming back because it means I don't have to move furniture anymore 😊.

I know the faculty and staff are excited to have you in the building, too. Although summer is well-deserved and needed, it is our vocation to see each of you grow into amazing young adults. It is because of all of you we love our job; summer helps us remember that.

Schedules will be arriving this week. They are about 95% done; we are just putting on the finishing touches. This year looks to be very exciting, with our new faculty additions and new electives that will help make our school better positioned to prepare each of you for the future. As I have been telling everyone, our Science and STEM program has grown 100-fold from last year. There is already a plan to include many more lab experiments and experiences than in previous years. We have turned another corner in our history and continue to move toward academic excellence.

Last year I was very excited to start the school year and begin my new journey. This year I am even more excited to start. Not because I have a year under my belt and understand better (although that is true and it seems a little less scary), but because we have made it a priority to enhance your education, update your facilities, and continue to build community, which is what happened this summer with the board's and the faculty's help.

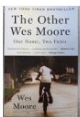
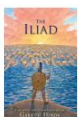
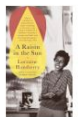
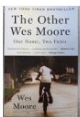
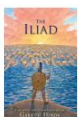
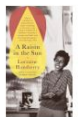
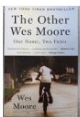
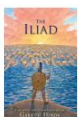
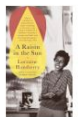
Make sure you take these last two weeks to rest up and read. I hope you are excited to start as we are; it's going to be an amazing year in the life of STB. See you all soon!

God Bless STB

News And Information

For the first newsletter, I want to bring to your attention some important information for the upcoming year.

Summer Reading

ST. BERNARD'S HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER READING 2026-27 ALL SCHOOL  I HEARD THE OWL CALL MY NAME BY MARGARET CRAVEN Summer reading is an important part of preparing for the school year ahead. Students are expected to arrive on the first day of school ready to discuss their assigned book(s) in class. - As you read, consider taking notes, highlighting key passages, or annotating in a way that helps you engage with and remember the text. - On the first day of school, students must submit a personal reflection for each assigned work. Reflections should be 1-2 pages, double-spaced, and demonstrate an understanding of why the book, as a whole, was written. Please note that teachers may also assign additional assessments related to the summer reading selection(s). Happy reading, and enjoy your summer! <table><tr><th>FRESHMEN</th><th>SOPHOMORES</th><th>JUNIORS</th><th>SENIORS</th></tr><tr><td> THE OTHER WES MOORE BY WES MOORE ALL LEVELS </td><td> THE ILIAD GRAPHIC NOVEL BY GARETH HINDS ALL LEVELS </td><td> A RAISIN IN THE SUN BY LORRAINE HANSBERRY FOR JUNIOR AP LANGUAGE AND COMPOSITION: TWO NON-FICTION WORKS WITH LITERARY MERIT OF THE STUDENT'S OWN CHOOSING </td><td> THE LORD OF THE FLIES BY WILLIAM GOLDING FOR SENIOR AP LITERATURE: PLEASE SEE MR. GILLIS' PAGE ON GOOGLE CLASSROOM FOR AP LITERATURE BOOK CHOICES AND ASSOCIATED ASSIGNMENTS. </td></tr></table>	FRESHMEN	SOPHOMORES	JUNIORS	SENIORS	 THE OTHER WES MOORE BY WES MOORE ALL LEVELS	 THE ILIAD GRAPHIC NOVEL BY GARETH HINDS ALL LEVELS	 A RAISIN IN THE SUN BY LORRAINE HANSBERRY FOR JUNIOR AP LANGUAGE AND COMPOSITION: TWO NON-FICTION WORKS WITH LITERARY MERIT OF THE STUDENT'S OWN CHOOSING	 THE LORD OF THE FLIES BY WILLIAM GOLDING FOR SENIOR AP LITERATURE: PLEASE SEE MR. GILLIS' PAGE ON GOOGLE CLASSROOM FOR AP LITERATURE BOOK CHOICES AND ASSOCIATED ASSIGNMENTS.	Please Read I know this list was given out later than expected. I apologize for this oversight. There will be some extra time given for the assignments. However, (this is for the students), it makes sense to try and finish before school starts. Here is a link to the summer list: I love to read
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New Schedule

- This year, we will introduce a new daily schedule that will allow for more class time, more passing time between classes, and additional time at lunch.
- School will start at 8:10 am** - we will all begin in homeroom where attendance and cell phones will be collected (more about cell phones later). Homeroom will serve as an “academic advising” point where students and their teacher can connect. Homerooms will remain the same throughout the student's 4-year experience to help build mentorship and community.
- School will end at 2:30**; we will keep our optional after-school study hall open to allow students who want a quiet place to get their homework done. This will also give athletes the opportunity to get homework done before practice.
- Part of our new schedule will feature a flex period once a week that allows students to get extra help, meet with clubs, attend Mass on holy days and school masses, and offer a space that helps build community and student interaction during the school week without missing class time or sports.
- For a look at the new daily schedule, click here: [Daily Schedule](#)
- Additional schedules (flex/mass, 2-hr delay, and half-day) will be coming in later newsletters.

Dress Code

- Dress code will be monitored more closely this year. We will be looking to keep both male and female students in compliance with the dress code.

STB DRESS CODE Shorts must have a standard inseam that is consistent with standard business expectations, which is an inseam of 7-9 inches 9 in ✓ 7 in ✓ < 5 in ✗	STB DRESS CODE The length of skirts and skorts is consistent with standard business expectations, which is no shorter than 3 inches above the knee 1 in ✓ 3 in ✓ 5+ in ✗
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- To align with our “standard business expectations,” we will look to families and students to help maintain our uniform standards. We understand that dress code violations sometimes occur; however, this year we will be calling on parents to help enforce these rules at home. If dress code violations happen, parents will be required to bring in the correct adjustments (more to follow).
- All shorts and pants must have belt loops. Athletic shorts or string-tied clothing are not permitted.
- Shoes must have a full back that covers the heel. *Crocs, UGG clogs, slippers, sandals, and slides are not permitted.* This is a safety issue.
- The Student Handbook will outline all these uniform expectations (coming soon)

Cell Phones & Technology

- Cell phones will not be permitted at STB from Bell to Bell**
- This year, we bought lock boxes; each homeroom will have one, where students' phones will be placed for the whole day (cell phones will be turned off).
- Teachers and Admin will have keys to enter the lock boxes.
- Lock boxes are portable and can be easily moved in case of emergencies, allowing phones to be returned to students if needed.
- If your student is being dismissed, they will be asked to leave their phone with Ms. May in the office. Parents will need to arrange dismissal with Ms. May, as outlined in the handbook (coming soon).

- Headphones, AirPods, and earbuds are not allowed at any time during the school day.
- If parents need to dismiss their student, or get in contact with them. Parents will be asked to call the main office, and we will get the message to your student. Likewise, if students need to call parents, we have a landline phone in the office for student use. Please make sure your contact information is up to date in FACTS.

New Classes

- This year, we have many new electives and classes that will help us pursue a more rigorous academic education.
- We have new Biology, Chemistry, Intro to Engineering, and Coding faculty members who will help elevate our science curriculum by offering more hands-on labs and activities to make science fun and exciting.
- We will offer about 25 electives this year to make the course offerings more exciting and fulfilling for our students.
- Seniors will take our new “Senior Seminar” that will help them navigate the college application process, research opportunities to help with college, real-life training, mentoring, and many other opportunities to make their senior year more meaningful - they will still have senior privileges, too.

Drop-Off & Pick-Up

- Drop-off begins at **7:15 AM**.
- Pick-up begins at **2:30 PM** and ends at **4:00 PM (Monday – Thursday) and 3:30 PM (Friday)**. The AC will follow the same schedule.

New Student Orientation

- Monday, August 31st
- This event for parents and students will help our new Bernardians see the school and feel more comfortable on Tuesday, when everyone returns.

Ice Cream Social

- Wednesday, September 2nd - 5:30pm
- Come and kick off the new school year with ice cream. Parents and students can meet the faculty, staff, board members, and eat ice cream.

For more information, visit our new year webpage: [STB New Year](#)

2026 - 2027 School Calendar

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2026-2027 ST. BERNARD'S HIGH SCHOOL

FIRST-QUARTER

Mon.-Fri., Aug 24-28th

Prof. Development (NO SCHOOL)

Mon., Aug. 31st

New Student Orientation

Tues., Sept. 1st

First Day for Students

Fri. Sept. 4th & Mon., Sept. 7th

Labor Day Break (NO SCHOOL)

Thurs., Sept. 17th

Curriculum Night (6-8 pm)

Fri., Oct. 9th

Enrichment Friday (NOON DISMISSAL)

Mon. & Tues., Oct. 12-13th

Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day
(NO SCHOOL)

Fri., Oct. 30th

End of 1st Quarter

SECOND-QUARTER

Fri., Nov. 6th

Enrichment Friday (NOON DISMISSAL)

Wed., Nov 11th

Veterans' Day (NO SCHOOL)

Mon., Nov 23rd and Tues., Nov 24th

Parent/Teacher Conference
12 pm Dismissal

Wed., Nov 25th-Fri., Nov. 27th

Thanksgiving Break (NO SCHOOL)

Fri., Dec. 4th

Enrichment Friday (NOON DISMISSAL)

Mon., Dec. 21st - Sun., Jan 3rd

Christmas Break (NO SCHOOL)

Fri., Jan 15th

End of 2nd Quarter

THIRD-QUARTER

Mon., Jan 18th

MLK Day (NO SCHOOL)

Fri., Feb. 5th

Half-Day (NOON DISMISSAL)

Mon., Feb. 15th - Fri., Feb. 19th

February Break (NO SCHOOL)

Fri., March 5th

Half-Day (NOON DISMISSAL)

Fri., March 25th

End of 3rd Quarter

FOURTH-QUARTER

Fri., March 26th

Good Friday. (NO SCHOOL)

Mon., March 29th

Easter Monday. (NO SCHOOL)

Fri., April 9th

Enrichment Friday (NOON DISMISSAL)

Mon., April 19th - Fri., April 23rd

Spring Break (NO SCHOOL)

Fri., May 7th

Last Day of Class for Juniors & Seniors

Tue., May 10th - Thurs., May 13th

Junior & Senior Exams

Fri., May 14th

Junior Internship Program Begins

Thurs., May 27th

Half-Day (NOON DISMISSAL)

Graduation Ceremony

Fri., May 28th - Mon., May 31st

Memorial Day Holiday(NO SCHOOL)

Fri., June 4th

End of 4th Quarter

Jr. Internship Presentations

(NOON DISMISSAL)

Mon., June 7th - Thurs., June 10th

Freshman & Sophomore Final Exams

(NOON DISMISSAL)

Junior Internship Presentations

Fri., June 11th

Last Day of School - Final Exam Make-ups

(NOON DISMISSAL)

Mon., June 14th - Tue., June 15th

Prof. Development for Teachers/Staff

Faculty and staff are looking forward to the upcoming year. Let's make this one the best one yet!!
See you soon.