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Saint Basil



Catholic School

EVENTS

**FRIDAY, OCT 8TH –
BEAR WEAR DAY**

**THURSDAY, OCT 14TH –
PICTURE DAY
REGULAR COLOR DAY**

**FRIDAY, OCT 15TH –
PAID COLOR DAY**

From the Principal

While it may not be feeling quite like fall yet, it is certainly starting to look like it! This is the time of year when I really enjoy my drive home-the view is just gorgeous.

Now that the rush of "back to school" is behind us, we're directing our focus to something new-at least new to our current students. A couple of 8th graders approached me over the summer wanting to "restart" a student council here at Saint Basil. And with the help and direction of Carole Peterson, we are doing just that! This is a great leadership opportunity for our older students, and there will be student representation from our other classrooms. I look forward to watching this group grow and develop their ideas over the course of the year. If you have any suggestions for service projects or other thoughts that would be appropriate, please pass them along! Elections for officers will be held in a couple weeks.

Picture day is coming up next week! Please watch for additional information from the office (okay, Ms. Minnie ;) This will be a regular color day for students.

We are still waiting for some back-to-school paperwork to be returned from a few families. Please return the necessary forms to the office as soon as possible as some of these items are required per state law and/or our compliance requirements. Thank you!

Enjoy the rest of the week!

Camille DeLano



PICTURE DAY – REGULAR COLOR DAY

Picture Day is coming up on Thursday, Oct. 14. Order forms will be going home today. You can Pre-Order Online by using your child's web-code listed on the order form (your child will still have to bring the order form just mark "I have pre-ordered online!" or send in the order form with check, money order, or cash. Please enclose exact amount. It will be a Regular Color Day for staff and students. Parents of preschoolers that normally do not come on Thursdays, you are welcome to bring your child that morning at 9:00 AM.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

You still have till the end of this week to make your final purchases at our School's Scholastic Book Fair. The fair will end this coming Friday, Oct. 8th, 2021. Students are welcome to make purchases before school between 7:45 AM – 8:00 AM and afterschool.

SOCK BOX

We are helping our parish collect new socks for the homeless as the Afghan refugees coming to the Kalamazoo area. Look for the Green Box located on the South Double Doors to place your contribution. Please, only new items. Thank you.

THE GIVING PUMP

Now thru May 2022, every time you use either side of The Giving Pump at Broadway Shell Gas Station in South Haven, Fleming Brothers Oil will donate to Saint Basil Catholic School. See attached flyer for more information.

BEAR WEAR ORDER FORMS

Bear Wear Orders are due TOMORROW Oct. 7th, 2021. Please send in order form along with payment in full (check payable to Saint Basil Catholic School).

HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION

Halloween will soon be here, and I know students are anxiously awaiting one of their favorite holidays. After talking with the staff, we decided to take some ideas from the past and incorporate a new one for this year's festivities. Like last year, we will still have classroom parties but will forgo costumes-instead, students may wear Halloween themed clothing, hats, hair decorations, etc. Please remember to keep things school appropriate. We would still like to have parents from each classroom organize some games and/or crafts for students to do during the designated party time, but instead of bringing in a variety of food we would like to try a "Trunk or Treat". Weather permitting, parents would decorate a car trunk, one per classroom, and pass out a treat to each student in the school prior to going back to the classrooms for games and crafts. If the weather does not cooperate, this would all shift to tables in the basement. Teachers will send home additional information later, but we wanted to go ahead and share our thoughts now with everyone.

BELL SCHEDULE

The first bell rings at 7:45 AM and the second bell at 8:00 AM. While the South door may be open (for some fresh air), students should not enter the building until the first bell rings unless they are going to Before-Care in Ms. Sue's room. Students after 8:00 AM are consider late.

REPORTING ABSENCES, EARLY PICKUPS, & LATE ARRIVALS

Please contact Ms. Minnie, as well as your child's teacher, if your child will be absent, late, or leaving early. Ms. Minnie's email is minniesalgado@saintbasilcatholic.com

TRIP (TUITION REDUCTION INCENTIVE PROGRAM)

Saint Basil Catholic School participates in TRIP program that allows families to obtain credit to be apply to their tuition accounts, reducing the amount of tuition owed. If you are interested in more information, please go to our school website, and click on the "Current Families" tab.

A FEW NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

VIRTUS Training (required for all staff and volunteers) is currently available online.

