

December 7, 2022

# NEWS FROM THE BEARS DEN

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## From the Principal..

We have some great news to share with our school families this week. If you recall, we had received an EANS Covid grant to the tune of \$261,000. I had to compile a wish list of items to spend the money on and hope that they all would get approved-and they did!! We will be purchasing a large number of tech/STEM/science lab materials, such as a microscopes, glassware, 3D printer, lab furniture, large interactive TV/white boards, VR headsets, and much more! We will also be purchasing a large number of math manipulatives, additional lunch room tables, classroom furniture as we plan to open up another room next year, online programs for both teachers and students, and again, much more! This is very exciting for all of us as it is probably a "once in a lifetime" opportunity for a school such as ours.

And now back to our regularly scheduled newsletter announcements/reminders .

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- We have had several students bringing cough drops to school. While this is okay, students DO need to sit in the office when taking a cough drop (this is Diocesan policy). If your child can make it through the day without them, then please do not send them in as students have to leave class in order to take them.
- **Gum... Not allowed...** Please do not allow your child to bring gum to school. I'm catching a few "regulars" lately with it, as well as a few newbies who think it's okay since they see others with it.
- **THERE IS NO AFTERCARE ON FRIDAY DEC. 9.** YDC has a training that day.
- There is Mass tomorrow (Thursday) due to the Immaculate Conception holy day.
- Friday is a Pura Vida color day.
- Our Christmas Program is next Thursday, Dec. 15 at 5:30 PM at SH high school's Listiak Auditorium. If your child has a specific part to play involving costumes or readings, you have been contacted via a separate email. Our program won't be long but it will be festive and cute. :)

Have a great week!

Camille DeLano

**Saint Basil**



**Catholic School**

## EVENTS

**School Mass**  
**12/8**

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**Pura Vida Color Day**  
**12/9**

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**No Aftercare**  
**12/9**

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**Coloma FTC Event**  
**12/10**



## **PROTECT YOUNG EYES**

Did you know that in just 5 minutes a day you can create digital trust, prepare, and protect your kids? Use our school's access code to download the Protect App for FREE! Our code is: raqk43. You can download this to your phone from the App Store or Google Play.

## **A FEW NOTES FROM THE OFFICE**

Office staff availability during lunch: Due to office staff needed in other places to assist and monitor students during lunch, the office is closed from 11:20 until 12:10. If you need to pick up a student or drop off items, please arrive by 11:20.

## **VIRTUS TRAINING**

If a parents would like to volunteer in the classroom, drive for field trips, or go on field trips, they must be VIRTUS trained and complete a background check. Please contact Mrs. Andrea and/or go to [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org).

## **CHECK OFF SHEET**

Please fill out and return the check off sheet as soon as possible. If you have multiple students only one sheet needs to be filled out with all their names on it.

## **HEALTH APPRAISALS**

Health appraisals are due for all Preschool, Kindergarten, 7th Graders, and New Students.

## **FINANCIAL AID**

If you are interest in financial aid please fill out the form that is attached. You will also need to turn in a copy to the office of the previous year's IRS Tax form and current pay stubs.

## **AFTERCARE**

An application for aftercare must be filled out before any child can attend. Forms can be dropped off in the office or emailed to Ms. Andrea.

## **REMINDERS!**

- Please turn in sign off forms and other paperwork your child might be missing.

## **SAVE THE DATE**

Save the date!! Our Christmas program will be held on Thursday, Dec. 15, 5:30 PM. We have rented Listiak Auditorium for the occasion. More details later as we get into December.

## **STUDENT COUNCIL BAKE SALE**

Thank you families for supporting our school and helping us raise money! We were able to raise \$143. We appreciate all your help.

## **TOY DRIVE!**

We are participating in a Toy Drive in conjunction with We Care this season. There is a box by the main doors and another by the South double doors. Please consider contributing NEW and UNWRAPPED toys, socks, winter wear, hair clips, etc. for those less fortunate in our area. All donations must be here by Dec. 16.

## **A NOT SO SILENT NIGHT**

K-5 Families: Need to finish that holiday shopping, but don't have a babysitter? Great news! SHHS invites all kindergarten - 5th grade Rams to the second annual A Not So Silent Night fundraiser on December 16th from 5:00 - 9:00 PM for \$10 per child. Don't miss out! Sign up today as space is limited: <https://forms.gle/46iHWg5YkaYVjTaNA>

## **K OF C PERMISSION FORMS**

If you haven't return the permission form please send those in as soon as possible.

## LOST AND FOUND BIN!

As you can see in the picture below, our lost and found bin is over flowing with lost items. Please if your child is missing anything come check out our lost and found bin. We would greatly appreciate it!



## FAITH FORMATION

Saint Basil has a subscription to many online faith formation offerings through the Franciscan University. Since we have a subscription, this is also available FREE to our parents. If interested, please go to: <https://franciscanathome.com/>

From there, select the Diocese of Kalamazoo from the Partnering Diocese list at the top. Once on the D or K page, select the second blue box under "register online"-the box that says the school is already registered and that you'd like to create a free account. From there, create your account. After you create your account and log in, you'll be taken to a "dashboard" that shows various offerings. Feel free to explore all that is available!



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**ST. BASIL PARISH - UPPER LEVEL  
STARTING WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 5  
10:00 AM OR 6:30 PM**

**FOR MORE INFO AND TO ORDER THE BOOK:**  
<https://www.saintbasilcatholicchurch.org/walking-with-purpose>

Questions? Contact Bobbie Otto at  
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**Saturdays 7:30 a.m. Upper Level**

All men of the parish are welcome. Our fall semester is entitled "All Things New." Don't miss the video presentation by Scott Hahn at 7:30 on

Saturday morning October 1st on a more complete understanding of how the Old Testament relates to our Eucharist! We will be looking at themes such as: covenant, Eucharist, why God?, why Jesus?, why the church?, and other topics relevant to being a Catholic today! Contact Deacon John at [jlhorstorfer@yahoo.com](mailto:jlhorstorfer@yahoo.com)