

March 22nd , 2023

NEWS FROM THE BEARS DEN

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From the Principal..

Six and a half more school days until Spring Break and boy do we need it! We seem to have a perfect storm of Spring Fever and Cabin Fever converging all at once, with everyone a bit on the "punchy" and "crabby" side. As you've noticed from various emails, we're dealing with some behavior and attitude issues of late-I REALLY appreciate the parent support on helping us work through these. It takes teamwork to keep everyone on the right and positive path, so thank you! We have great students here at Saint Basil, but they do sometimes require some redirection.

So, Spring Break begins with a HALF DAY next Friday, March 31. There will be NO AFTERCARE and NO LUNCH. Dismissal will be at 11:30 AM. It will also be a regular color day. School resumes on Monday, April 10.

The end of the 3rd quarter is this Friday; report cards will go home next Wednesday.

One final reminder: THERE IS NO AFTERCARE THIS FRIDAY, MARCH 24.

Thank you-have a great rest of the week and weekend!

Camille DeLano

Saint Basil



Catholic School

EVENTS

NO AFTERCARE
3/24

Pura Vida Color Day
3/24

Daddy Daughter
Dance- 3/25

Spring Break
4/3-4/7

Popcorn for sale
every Friday until
the end of the school
year



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.

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.

LUNCH MENU

Here is the lunch menu link for your reference. The lunch menu is updated every month on here. **Nutritional Menus**

READING BUDDIES

Mr. Dennison (our 4th grade teacher) is in the process of organizing a Reading Buddies program for some of our Saint Basil's students (1st-4th) and is looking for volunteers! Volunteers will be paired with an individual student to read a book together. No teaching or literacy experience required, just patience and a willingness to ask and answer questions, help decode tricky words, and talk about reading! The program will take place on Wednesday's mornings after Mass (10:00-11:00am) to start, with possible Friday morning slots starting later this month! Please reach out to Luke Dennison with any questions or to volunteer!

PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN

It's time for Preschool and Kindergarten enrollment!

We are beginning our early enrollment for 2023-24 Preschool and Kindergarten. If you have a child who will be in preschool or kindergarten next year, please complete the attached form and return it to school by Monday, Feb. 13. We want to make sure that we get our school families taken care of before opening slots up for parishioners and others. If you would like a hard copy to fill out, please stop by the office. Thank you!

CHEERLEADING

We are planning to offer cheerleading next year as long as we can find a coach.

CRS RICE BOWL

This year CRS Rice Bowl invites you to journey to Honduras, the Philippines, and Kenya to learn about the root causes of hunger and how individuals and communities—with the support of CRS and faith communities like ours—are making sure they have the right nutritious food to thrive. With prayer, fasting, and almsgiving we can continue Jesus' mission to care for all in need. Visit www.crsricebowl.org.

LENTEN FISH FRY

Prepared and served by St. Basil Knights of Columbus

Fridays in Lent 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Church basement (not on Good Friday)

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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10:00 AM OR 6:30 PM
FOR MORE INFO AND TO ORDER THE BOOK:
<https://www.saintbasilcatholicchurch.org/walking-with-purpose>

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www.walkingwithpurpose.com



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