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**Re : Year End BBQ**

Dear Parents,

I would like to begin by reflecting on what a wonderful year we have had thus far. Our students, your child(ren), have shown such tremendous growth. We have had many celebrations and gatherings. As a school community of students, staff, parents and parishioners we have accomplished greatness on many levels. For this, I am very grateful for your involvement and contribution to our school and I am very proud to be a member of this warm, inviting and engaging community.

We have begun a tradition where each year we welcome families into the school with a gathering of joy and food in our Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast, and each year we thank families for being a part of our community with a gathering of joy and food in our Year End BBQ. They are celebrations that bring us together, celebrate our time together, and honour our achievements.

I am writing this letter as a plea to not allow these events to fade away due to a lack of volunteers. It takes a village to ensure that an experience such as the Year End BBQ continues every year. It is our largest event both in terms of attendance and the people we need to run the event. Approximately 40 people are needed to help with tickets, cash, pre-event tasks and planning, concession, games, and the list goes on. We need the support to ensure that this event continues to be a highlight for our students and does not fade away.

In closing, I want to remind families that the Year End BBQ is the first major event where you can start earning hours for next year. The PEC has placed new deadlines for hours and this year is a unique one where June can be used for hours for this year if your are still short or for next year if you want to get a head start. Please consider volunteering for this event.

All those who wish to volunteer for the Year End BBQ please go to the OnVolunteer website and sign up for one of the positions by May 26<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions please email [fundraising@stbernadette.ca](mailto:fundraising@stbernadette.ca). If we do not have enough support at that time we will cancel the Year End BBQ. Please don't let that happen.

Yours in Christ,

Michael van der Pauw  
Principal