



June 19th, 2019

Dear Parents,

With the last day of school only 6 school days away, the school is starting to prepare itself to close for the summer. I am very grateful for the year we had together. There are so many highlights and great moments that I will cherish as I am sure you will too. I appreciate how everyone contributed to helping their child find personal achievement and success this year and how everyone contributed to the many events that occurred throughout the year. I feel that each year we grow stronger as a family which allows us to celebrate who we are, find strength when we are faced with challenges and conflict and give support to those who need it the most.

I find June to be a bitter/sweet month because it is a time when we say goodbye to families who are moving away or who are moving onto high school while we say hello to the new families who are eagerly anticipating joining our school in September. In that spirit, we have already begun preparing for next year. As we look to next year, there are a few items that we believe to be of an important note to returning and new families.

1. School Calendar

For our 2019-2020 school year, we will once again only be using the Google Calendar in our school. We ask families to go to our website to view our calendar that is updated regularly. You can add our calendar to your own Google calendar. You can find it under our “School Life” tab. Our Google Calendar is a living document and dates will be added and changed throughout the year, so please check the calendar often.

2. Office Hours

Our office will be open until Thursday, July 4th. The office will re-open again on Tuesday August 27th. During the first week of July and the last week of August the office will be open from 9am to 3:00pm. The office will be closed from noon – 1pm for lunch.

3. Summer Maintenance

Over the summer the school undergoes maintenance that typically is difficult to accomplish while the students are in session. There is a need to do deep cleaning and minor maintenance that needs to be accomplished during the summer. If you would like to earn parent participation hours by helping out with summer maintenance, please contact Cecilia Chow at maintenance@stbernadette.ca to arrange a time and date



4. Stingers Activity Club

We are very excited to have Ms. Sheila Vader return as our coordinator along with Ms. Rochelle D'Costa and Ms. Manuela Pimentel who help run the Stingers Activity Club. The stingers club is open to all students of St. Bernadette's and it offers fun activities and learning opportunities beyond the classroom. For more information, please contact the office or Ms. Vader at stingersclub@stbernadette.ca.

5. Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting our 4th annual Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast from 9:00am – 10:00am on the first day of school, Tuesday September 4th, 2018. We are thankful to the Knights for their donation of the food and time for this event. Everyone is invited to attend. Immediately following the breakfast students will head to class for attendance and we will gather for the flag raising ceremony lead by Fr. Paul. Just a reminder that the first day of school is a half day and students from grade 1 – 7 will be dismissed at 12pm sharp. Come early as the lineup for pancakes does tend to get long.

6. Save the Date – Casino Night October 5th

On Saturday October 5th, the school, in partnership with the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a fun Casino Night. The theme is Casino Royale (James Bond type theme). There will be poker, blackjack and an over/under wheel along with many great prizes. We are expecting a fantastic turn out and tickets are only \$25.00. They will be on sale at the pancake breakfast, so get your tickets there before they sell out! And.... a special added feature is that all the dealers for the games will be the staff of St. Bernadette School! It is going to be a fantastic and fun night!

7. Waste Free Lunches

Once again children will be required to pack in and pack out their lunches. Students will bring their leftovers and wrappers back home. A benefit of this program is that parents will have a much clearer idea of what their child is eating on a daily basis.

8. 2019-2020 Teaching Assignments

We are welcoming 4 new staff members to our team next year. Ms. Roxanne Symak will be working 2 days in grade one, while the other 3 are Educational Assistants. Ms. Christiannell Flores and Ms. Monika Melo did their practicum at our school this year. We are still in the interview process for the 3rd EA position. We also want to take this opportunity to say goodbye to Ms. Lisa Boerescu who has worked at the school for the past 9 years. We wish her all the best for the future.

The next page has the classroom teaching assignments for next year.



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Grade 2 – Ms. De Sousa
Grade 3 – Ms. Misiti
Grade 4 – Mrs. Stuart
Grade 5 – Mrs. Bourassa
Grade 6 – Mrs. Peck
Grade 7 – Mrs. Kosman
Music – Ms. Heaman
French – Mrs. Fraser
Learning Resource – Mrs. Bennett
Physical Education – Ms. Heaman

Once again, I would like to thank you for a wonderful year. I wish you and your family a safe and blessed summer. I look forward to seeing you in September and hearing all about your summer adventures!

Yours in Christ,

Michael van der Pauw
Principal