

# The Bulldog Bugle

## Notes from Mrs. Volkenant

We are looking forward to our Catholic School's Week celebration, which kicks-off with weekend Masses and the Pancake Breakfast-Open House on Sunday! We have many activities planned, as you will see on the updated schedule on the back page of this Bulldog Bugle. Many thanks to PTO for all their work in helping to put the week together. Please plan on joining us for some or all of the festivities. All students, whether performing a ministry or not, should come to Mass this weekend in their dress uniforms.

If you have not yet turned in your registration for the 2012-13 school year, please do so. We have already begun planning and budgeting for next year, and our plans need to reflect an accurate enrollment number. This is also the time of year when I give a lot of tours. Encourage friends, neighbors, and relatives to attend the Open House, or call me for a personalized tour.



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### Dates to Remember

#### January 26

Grades 4, 5 & 6  
Mid Trimester  
Reports home with  
students

#### January 27

No Buses

#### January 29

Catholic School's Week  
Kick-off Open House &  
Pancake Breakfast

#### January 31

2:15 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.  
Band Concert

#### February 1

8:45 a.m. Mass  
  
1st Eucharist  
Parent Night

#### February 2

1:30 p.m. Spelling Bee

#### February 3

7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Annual  
Fund Pasta Dinner  
  
Staff & Student  
Volleyball Game

#### February 6

8:30 a.m. PTO Board  
Meeting

#### February 8

8:45 a.m. Mass - 4W

## Spaghetti Dinner

Celebrate St. Bart's at the  
Annual Fund Kick-off  
& Pasta Dinner.

**February 3, 7:00 p.m.**

RSVP to Krystal Schultz at  
(952) 473-6189 or  
[kschultz@st-barts.org](mailto:kschultz@st-barts.org)

by **January 27.**

**It's ideal to have 2  
volunteers in the lunchroom  
and on the playground daily.  
Please call if you can help on a  
day where only 1 person is  
scheduled. Thank you!**

Playground Schedule (10:50 to 11:55)	
1-30:	T. Galle
1-31:	B. Trujillo
2-1:	J. Marquis L. Ingram
2-2:	T. McCarthy J. Wock
2-3:	T. Sussner
2-6:	T. Galle
2-7:	M. Price

Lunchroom Schedule (10:55 to 12:30)	
1-30:	<b>Help Needed</b>
1-31:	T. Maxwell
2-1:	K. Gratton D. Lewis
2-2:	<b>Help Needed</b>
2-3:	M. Sinning
2-6:	E. Heinz
2-7:	MB Viers

## SAVE THE DATE

All parents are invited to attend the next PTO meeting

**Tuesday, February 21**

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Social hour and preview the new uniforms (light dinner available)

6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Tips for Navigating and Managing Your Family's Online World

Guest Speaker: Monica Bongart, Solutions Consultant & Owner of MPowered Solutions.

*Follow Monica on Facebook & twitter@monicabongart.*

Feel free to bring iPads and laptops to the meeting.

*This meeting is being sponsored by St. Bart's PTO & SEAC.*



### Calling All Health Care, Fitness & Nutrition Professionals

#### Health & Wellness Fair

Thursday, February 16

This year's theme is PLAY60.

If you have any questions or are interested in participating, please contact

Rene Leaseburg at [rene@leaseburg.net](mailto:rene@leaseburg.net).

We will be collecting Box Tops, Kemps milk tops and Campbell's soup labels now through February 3. Please send tops and labels in a baggie or envelope to school with your child.

We would appreciate if you could please rinse the milk caps and trim the box tops and labels to the dotted line.



### St. Jude's Ranch for Children Recycled Card Program

Recycle your holiday cards by donating the front covers! The patients and volunteers at St. Jude's raise money every year by making new cards for the coming year from your used card covers.

Turn in your used card covers to the school office during the month of January and we will pass them along for you! Questions? Contact the school office at (952) 473-6601 or visit [www.stjudesranch.org](http://www.stjudesranch.org), 'Shop', 'Recycled Card Program'.

**Note:** Only covers accepted. We cannot accept Hallmark, Disney or American Greeting cards

### Catholic School's Week

#### Pancake Breakfast & Open House

**Sunday, January 29**

following 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Masses

Join us for our annual pancake breakfast after both Sunday Masses and take a tour of St. Bart's School. This is a wonderful opportunity to share our community and school with your friends, family and neighbors. See you there!

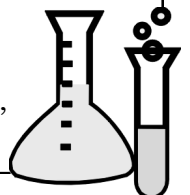
Can't make it on January 29? Call the school office at (952) 473-6189 to schedule a private tour!

If you are interested in volunteering at this event, contact Mary Ortizcazarín at (612) 735-6483 or [Mary\\_OC@mac.com](mailto:Mary_OC@mac.com).

### 4 - 6 Grade Parents!

Your child received information about the Science Fair before Christmas break. The Approval Form is due by **January 27**, which means they need to first turn in the signed form to receive the packet which contains the Approval Form.

Once students receive the Approval Form back, signed by Ms. Diederichs or Mrs. Peterson, they may begin their project.



### **Molly Murphy and Luke Goetz Know Their Geography!**

After taking a written classroom geography test, two students from each grade 4-6 classroom were qualified to participate in the school geography bee on Friday, January 20:

Molly Murphy, Joseph Cassidy (6P)

Ben Bissen, Luke Goetz (5D)

Samantha Stocking, Jack Marquis (5A)

Casey Stocking, Stefan Anderson (4W)

Students were asked a variety of questions by our moderator, Mrs. Volkenant. Among the questions:

*"Toledo, a major port on Lake Erie, is located in which state?" (Ohio)*

*"The city of Scranton is known for a museum devoted to anthracite coal mining in which state?" (Pennsylvania)*

*"Bristol Bay, one of the richest salmon fishing areas in the world, is located off the coast of which state?" (Alaska)*

*"Name the Asian country at the eastern edge of the South China Sea that includes about 7,100 islands." (Philippines)*

*"Timbuktu, a center of caravan trade for almost a thousand years, is located north of the Niger River in which landlocked country?" (Mali)*

The contestants were certainly challenged and all did an excellent job preparing for this event. There were several rounds before Molly Murphy was declared the winner and Luke Goetz the runner up. Molly will now take a written qualifying test which will determine if she will be qualified to participate in the state geography bee and possibly the national bee!



Congratulations to all the participants!

Earlier this week, the students listened to a presentation from Impact Lives on hunger vs. starvation. They learned that nearly 3 billion people are suffering from starvation. They also learned that there are many reasons for starvation and that just \$10 - 15 can provide hundreds of meals to those in need.

On Wed. Feb. 1, the students will have the opportunity to work with Impact Lives right here at school. They will pack up boxes of food that will be sent to starving people throughout the world.

Each meal that the students will help pack is made up of fortified soybean protein, rice, chicken broth, vegetables, and 21 essential vitamins and nutrients.

These boxes of food will feed a family of 6 one meal a day for one month. A full box of food costs \$40.

PTO has committed funds to cover the cost for each student to pack 50 meals, for a total of approximately 1,000 meals! If you would like to add to this amount by making a donation, please send it in an envelope to school marked **"PTO/Food Packing Event"** by Monday, January 30.

We are also seeking volunteers to help us with this service learning project. If you can help out during the day on Wednesday, Feb. 1, please email Sheila Goetz: [sjgoetz5@hotmail.com](mailto:sjgoetz5@hotmail.com)

And, finally, don't be surprised if your child suggests you skip your typical latte and order the coffee of the day instead. This was one example the students heard of how we can cut back on something and put those funds towards others in need.

## **St. Bart's Family Tubing Night** at Elm Creek Park

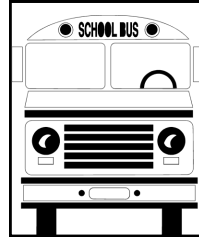
**February 4, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

Sign up sheets and waiver forms were sent home with students last Wednesday. Please keep in mind that students must have a signed waiver form the day of the event in order to participate. If you sent your waiver form back to school, it will be brought to Elm Creek for you. If you did not turn in your waiver form, please make sure you bring it with you to Elm Creek!

**RSVP by January 30**

IGLOO ALERT! I have approximately 150 gallon milk jugs and need 100 more in order to begin construction. Please send your gallon jugs to my Kindergarten room (rinsed well, no caps or Costco jugs). Thank you!

- Mrs. A.



## **Reminder For All Parents!**

There will be

**NO BUSES**

**this Friday, January 27.**

## Catholic Schools Week 2012 Faith, Academics, Service

### **Sunday, January 29 – Faith, Academics, Service: in our parish**

- Students will be ministers at all three weekend Masses
- Attend the Pancake Breakfast and Open House after the 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. Masses. See our CSW display in the hallway case.

### **Monday, January 30 – Faith, Academics, Service: in our community**

- 1:00 p.m. Historical Perspectives performance in the gym (Martin Luther king Jr.)
- Service Alert! All week, teachers and students, under the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Life Crusaders leadership, will make cards and treats to honor our neighbors and helpers across the street at the fire and police stations.
- Dress Uniforms required.
- School photo in the gym following program

### **Tuesday, January 31 – Faith, Academics, Service: in our students**

- Band Concerts 2p.m. and 6:30p.m. (participants must bring dress uniform for the concert).
- Match-up Day 10:15 a.m. in the gym

### **Wednesday, February 1 – Faith, Academics, Service: in our nation**

- 8:45 a.m. School Mass
- Service Learning with ImpactLives in afternoon, more details coming

### **Thursday, February 2 – Faith, Academics, Service: in our vocations**

- Kick-off for the health Fair 8:45 a.m. in the gym—students and staff may wear athletic clothing
- Spelling Bee 1:30 p.m. - participants must bring dress uniforms for this event

### **Friday, February 3- Faith, Academics, Service: in our faculty, staff and volunteers**

- Spirit Wear Day
- 1:45 p.m. Students vs. St. Bart's Faculty/Staff volleyball game
- **7:00 p.m. Pasta Dinner and Annual Fund Kick-off in the gym**- adult alums, parents and friends of the school

### **Saturday, February 4 – Family Fun Event**

- Tubing at Elm Creek Park Reserve in Maple Grove 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.