

The Bulldog Bugle



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Dates to Remember

January 10

Health Screening

4th Grade Field Trip -
Bakken & Pavek
Museum

January 11

8:45 Mass - 5D

Fr. Beckman

January 16

No School - Martin
Luther King, Jr. Day

January 20

Mid 2nd Trimester

1:00 Geography Bee

January 25

8:45 a.m. Mass - 6P

January 26

Grades 4, 5 & 6

Mid Trimester Reports
home with students

6:30 p.m. PTO & SEAC
sponsored meeting

Guest Speaker - Stay
tuned for details!

January 27

No Buses

Notes from Mrs. Volkenant

Yesterday was a somber day at St. Bart's School as we mourned the loss of colleague and friend, Cheryl Vochko. In addition to being a school parent, Cheryl was the school health paraprofessional. All of the children came to know and love Cheryl as she ministered to their bumps, bruises, colds, and flu. The staff and children will miss her terribly. Tuesday morning, the teachers and I gathered for a morning prayer for Cheryl, and for us as we help the Vochko family, especially Quinn, get through the coming weeks and months. In the afternoon the entire school met for a prayer service in the narthex. As always, I was touched by the generosity of spirit, shining from students and staff. I know the children will be a great comfort and help to Quinn when he returns to school. Their care and concern is so very tender and sincere. I thank God every day for putting your children in my life. Thank you for sharing them with all of us.

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!

Save the date for our annual
**Catholic School's Week
Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, January 29**
following 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Masses

We invite you to attend this wonderful tradition at St. Bart's. If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please contact Mary Ortizcazarin at (612) 735-6483 or Mary_OC@mac.com.

Playground Schedule

(10:50 to 11:55)

1-9: J. Thies
L. McLean

1-10: M. Cassidy

1-11: S. Adams
B. Benson

1-12: M. Frank

1-13: T. Kapler
J. Kapler

1-16: No School

1-17: S. Goetz

Lunchroom Schedule

(10:55 to 12:30)

1-9: S. Resseman

1-10: MB Viers

1-11: J. Marquis

1-12: T. McCarthy

1-13: M. Ortizcazarin

1-16: No School

1-17: Help Needed!

5th Grade Taxation and Boston Tea Party

On December 16, 1773 the “patriots” and “loyalists” of Boston debated the tea tax imposed by King George III of England. The patriots opposed the tax and the loyalists defended it, arguing that all colonists should be loyal to the king.

In preparation for this, earlier in December, fifth graders were “taxed” a nickel for such things as their desk, chair, using textbooks, getting a drink of water, using the word “like” inappropriately, and many other things. This was to help them experience what it feels like to pay taxes for things they use, whether they think those things fair or not fair. They voted to have the money (over \$70) donated to the “Pay It Forward Fund.”

December 16, 2011 was the date the fifth graders celebrated this as part of social studies. Mrs. Mary Tucker, former St. Bart’s parent, presented the history of tea, types of tea, and how to “brew tea properly.” While many fifth graders didn’t appreciate the taste of the tea Mrs. Tucker prepared for them, perhaps as they get older, they’ll remember the information she imparted and develop a taste for it.

Then the students provided a “living history date” as they debated with great passion the tea tax as “patriots” and “loyalists.” Although they did not throw tea into a harbor to simulate that historical event, the debate helped the students and those attending better understand the different sides of debates on taxes.

Students, parents, and grandparents enjoyed a “tea party” with tea, punch, scones and cookies before departing for the Christmas holiday. Thank you to all the parents and grandparents for joining the fifth graders for this special event and to those who prepared the refreshments, helped serve and clean up!

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, ‘Shop’, ‘Recycled Card Program’.

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

St. Bart’s Basketball

Last 2 Home Games!



Saturday, January 7

Boys - 9:00 a.m.

Girls - 10:00 a.m.



Thursday, January 12

Boys - 6:00 p.m.

Girls - 5:00 p.m.

Sports Wednesdays December 7 - February 22

There are 5 spots remaining. If you would like to join, contact Mr. Miller or turn in your registration form to the school office.