

# The Bulldog Bugle



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## Dates to Remember

**October 7**  
Spiritwear Day

**October 11**  
8:30 to 12:30 Benilde-St. Margaret field trip-6th grade

**October 12**  
8:45 Mass-3H  
Mid-Trimester

**October 13**  
Individual Pictures: K-6, Full Day  
Preschool, 1/2 Day Preschool  
and 3 year olds  
Group Pictures: Full Day Pre-  
school 1/2 Day Preschool and 3  
year olds

**October 14:**  
Individual Pictures: 4/5 year olds  
Group Pictures: K-6; 4/5 year  
olds

**October 20-21**  
No school, MEA

**October 25:**  
6:30pm-PTO meeting

**October 26**  
8:45 Mass 2H

**October 28**  
MN Arboretum field trip

**October 29 & November 5**  
1st Reconciliation Retreat

## Notes from Mrs. Volkenant

Although I was a good student and loved school, very early on I grew to dread Math class. It was hard and confusing and I never felt successful or competent. I knew I was dumb in Math. My anxiety about Math, carried me all the way to college where I entered my "Math Sampler" (read: kids who are bad at this) class with much fear! I had a wonderful teacher and to my great surprise, I found myself enjoying class, feeling good about my assignments and even looking forward to that class period each day. One day, in the middle of a calculus lesson, I got so excited that I stood up and yelled, "Hey, I get it!!" From that moment on, my confidence grew and I began to enjoy the challenge of Math.

I hope this story about my childhood experiences helps you understand how wonderful it is for me to see Singapore Math being implemented at St. Bart's. I am fascinated with the way it works and have spent a lot of time hanging around classroom doors listening and watching. Students and teachers alike are engaged. Everyone in the class is busy learning. Students are excited and feeling confident that they will "get it." They are having fun. Teachers are having marvelous conversations about what works in their classes and are happy to share ideas with each other. I could not ask for more!

I am thankful to the teachers for all the studying and preparing they did last spring and summer in order to have a smooth transition this fall. Hundreds of hours were logged prior to the first day of school and many teachers take their Math books home each night to study. I can't wait to see our test scores over the next few years. Bravo, students and teachers, for your awesome accomplishments in Math class!

**Homerooms-***To easily identify classrooms, we use the homeroom abbreviations listed below. Please use them when completing an orange dismissal slip.*

|                      |                   |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| KA=Cathy Anderson    | KS=Robin Super    | 1K=Maggie Krueger |
| 1KI=Melissa Kirkvold | 2H=Megan Hoxmeier | 2M=Maggie McLoone |
| 3H=Steve Hanson      | 4W=Caryn Wickland | 5A=Deb Anderson   |
| 5D=Kim Diederichs    | 6P=Berny Peterson |                   |

## Lunchroom Schedule (10:55 to 12:30)

|   |                           |
|---|---------------------------|
| <b>10-6:</b> K. Gratton, D. Lewis,<br>J. Fayfield | <b>10-12:</b> J. Marquis  |
| <b>10-7:</b> M. Sinning, T. Maxwell               | <b>10-13:</b> T. McCarthy |
| <b>10-10:</b> S. Resseman                         | <b>10-14:</b> D. Benson   |
| <b>10-11:</b> K. Doyle                            |                           |

## Playground Schedule (10:50 to 11:55)

|                                       |                                   |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>10-6:</b> B. Trujillo, T. McCarthy | <b>10-12:</b> S. Adams, B. Benson |
| <b>10-7:</b> T. Sussner               | <b>10-13:</b> M. Frank, B. Hasper |
| <b>10-10:</b> J. Thies                | <b>10-14:</b> Kapler, C. Shafer   |
| <b>10-11:</b> M. Cassidy              |                                   |

## Picture Days

**Thursday, October 13th and Friday, October 14th**

**All K-6 grade students** will have their individual pictures taken on Thursday, October 13th. Students may choose to be in "free dress" all day Thursday for individual pictures.

On Friday October 14th, **K-6 grade students** are to wear their dress uniforms for classroom pictures.

**3 year olds, Full Day KR and 1/2 day KR students** will have both their individual and classroom pictures taken on Thursday, October 13th.

**4/5 year old students** will have both their individual and classroom pictures taken on Friday, October 14th.

If you have any questions, please contact Jane Otto in the school office at 952-473-6189 or visit the Lifetouch website at [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com) (orders may be placed online).



*Mark Your Calendar!*

### **PTO Meeting - Tuesday, October 25**

6:30-8pm@ the school

Do you still have questions about the new math curriculum or the new grading system? If yes, plan on attending the meeting. Teachers will be on hand to further educate us on these topics as well as go over the frequently asked questions.

We will also discuss our regular PTO business and recap the results to date from recent fundraisers like the Gathering and the Rake-a-thon.

All parents are invited to attend. Hope to see you there!

**RAKE-A-THON  
VOLUNTEERS!**

Join the fun! Many parent volunteers are needed on Wednesday, Oct. 19th to help with the school's first annual Rake-a-thon. Parents will assist with raking, bagging, supervising, serving lunch and games in the afternoon. Come and help out for an hour or for the day. You will find a volunteer sign-up form in today's Wednesday Folder. Please fill out the form and return it to the school office by Monday, October 10th. Questions? Please contact Sheila Goetz at [sjgoetz5@hotmail.com](mailto:sjgoetz5@hotmail.com).



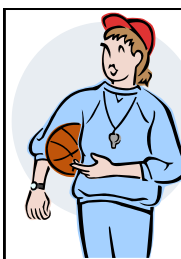
### **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

The regularly scheduled hot lunch will not be served on Wednesday, Oct. 19. Instead, PTO will be serving lunch to the students in conjunction with other Marathon activities. The menu is: Beef Hot Dog, Baby Carrots, Apple/Strawberry Sauce, Chips and Milk or Water. Yum!!

A vegetarian lunch option is being tested during the month of October. The goal is to make this available – school-wide – in November! We'll keep you posted.

The lunchroom volunteer calendar has been sent to parents via the classroom liaisons. If you have not already volunteered in the lunchroom, will you please consider doing so?

Any questions about the food program can be directed to Denise at [ddidier@st-barts.org](mailto:ddidier@st-barts.org). Thanks!



**Coaches needed for St. Bart's Basketball teams:**

**If interested, contact Mr. Miller as soon as possible either by cell at 651 398 3885, or email [jmiller@st-barts.org](mailto:jmiller@st-barts.org)**

### **Used Uniforms**

If you are in need of specific pieces, Terri McCarthy or Bea Anderson would be happy to assist you.

Bea: 763-257-9966

Terri: 763-404-1952

We always appreciate your school uniform donations. Please note that all donated items must be clean/dry cleaned /and folded. Items that are faded, stained, or needing repair cannot be accepted.

# Maha! Gives back to St. Bart's School and Pay It Forward

Use your Scrip cards on Mondays in October at Maha!  
They are giving back 10% of all proceeds on Mondays to Pay it Forward.

Maha! is a local boutique specializing in women's activewear.  
Each month, Maha's owner selects a do-gooder to be featured on their website.  
This featured Maha customer selects a charitable organization whose work inspires them.  
Maha then donates 10% of all proceeds from all purchases made every  
MONDAY of the month to the selected charity.

Maha's Customer of the Month for OCTOBER is St. Bart's own Martha Eckerline. The charity Martha selected is Pay It Forward. Pay It Forward was founded by St. Bart's parents Michelle Morey and Scott Bissen. Pay It Forward is a non-profit organization that helps patients pay their bills while they undergo treatment for women's cancers.

Maha scrip cards are available in denominations of \$50.

To make scrip a habit, go to [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com). Check out Presto Pay and Scrip Now!  
Firm deadline for ordering is Mondays at 10 AM with delivery that Friday.

Scrip is sold every Wed & Thurs & Fri morning before school and THIS weekend after all masses.

Questions? Contact

Debbie Benson at [debbieannmariebenson@gmail.com](mailto:debbieannmariebenson@gmail.com) 952-404-3833  
or Sara Welch at [sarawelch12@gmail.com](mailto:sarawelch12@gmail.com) 612-991-2227.



## Order your Spirit Wear online!

Remember: the first Friday of each month is Spirit Wear day for the students and school staff! And this year it's easier than ever to place your spirit wear order - online!

Simply click on the "St. Bart's Spirit Wear" link in the For Our Families section on the school website to view available items.

Orders are made to order in 7-10 business days and shipped directly to your home or office.

We'll be changing the selection of items at the end of October for the holidays so, order now!

**Please remember:** Spirit Wear is a fundraiser for the school and, as always, a portion of all sales goes back to the PTO to help us support school programs.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions about St. Bart's Spirit Wear, please contact: Val Fazendin, [vfazendin@gmail.com](mailto:vfazendin@gmail.com) or Amy Dailey, [amydailey@mchsi.com](mailto:amydailey@mchsi.com)



## St. Bart's School Shirts Available

T-Shirts are \$10  
Sweatshirts are \$15

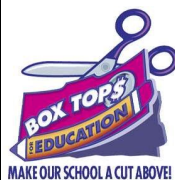
All shirts are available in youth small (6-8), medium (10-12), large (14-16) and adult small, medium, large, x large.

To place an order, please contact

Julie Weninger ([jmweningen@msn.com](mailto:jmweningen@msn.com))

or

Maureen Wersinger ([mwersinger@gmail.com](mailto:mwersinger@gmail.com))



MAKE OUR SCHOOL A CUT ABOVE!



We will be collecting Box Tops, Kemps milk tops and Campbell's soup labels from now through October 14th.

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.

