

Gospel Action at St. Bernard of Clairvaux

Student Council Activities

We hope to have the student council organizing various activities to raise funds for charities, as well as contributing to the Catholicity of our school.



Teaching Staff

Our teachers also continue to support our parish community and various charities through dress down days and other organized activities throughout the year.

Year at a Glance

September

- Terry Fox Run

October

- Thanksgiving Food Drive for Eden Food Bank

November

- All Saints All Souls Days – focusing on the Rosary and Remembrance of loved ones who have passed away

December

- Christmas Season
 - Helping Hands – working with St. Josephine Bahkita Parish
 - Giving to needy families within our community
- Bring a canned good to Christmas Concert for the needy

January

- Acts of Kindness

February

- **Share Life Activities**
Our Student Council along with our teaching staff will work together to organize various activities to raise funds to support Share Life.

March

- Project Love

April

- Easter Food Drive and the Passion Play
- Staff involved with Daffodils for the Canadian Cancer Society

May

- Crowning of Mary and focusing on the Rosary

Throughout the year there may be other ways in which we as a school community will reach out to help those less fortunate. We thank you for your generosity and giving nature, as we demonstrate to our children the need and the responsibility we have to make our world a better place.

ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX



PASTORAL PLAN 2011 - 2012

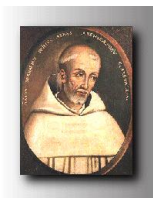
*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart;
and don't lean on your own understanding.
In all things acknowledge him,
and he shall direct your way.
Proverbs 3:5, 6”*

Prayer

We begin each day with Prayer, read by students as part of our morning announcements. We also have readings from the Bible as part of the morning routine.

Students use prayer throughout their day in various ways;

- prayer from their religion program and/or special celebrations
- formal prayers
- special prayers for events throughout the year
- students writing their own prayers
- songs from the religion program
- prayers before meals and at dismissal times

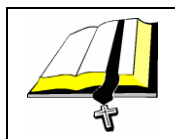


The Memorare of St. Bernard

“Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, and sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee O Virgin of Virgins, my Mother, to thee I come, before thee I stand sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate! Despise not my petitions, but, in thy mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.”

Catechesis

The formal subject of religion is only one component of how we expose our students to the Word of God. On a day to day basis religion is taught and incorporated by all we do as teachers. As we work with children to foster an atmosphere of caring, love and acceptance of all God’s children, we hope to bring to life among us the lessons Jesus taught.



Advent November 27 – December 25, 2011

In partnership with our Parish Liaison we, as a school community, hope to reach out to help needy families during the Christmas Season. We will be placing the Advent wreath in our foyer along with our Nativity scene. The Advent School Mass will be celebrated on December 14, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Bernard of Clairvaux School. As always, all are welcome to join us in this celebration.

Lent beginning on February 22, 2012 through to Easter Monday on April 9, 2012

Our morning prayers and bible readings will be reflective of the Lenten season. We will be celebrating Shrove Tuesday within our school and classrooms.

School Masses and Liturgies

Masses will be scheduled throughout the year for the primary and junior/intermediate students. Children will be involved in the planning, readings and celebration of the Eucharist. Classrooms will also celebrate liturgies within their room throughout the year and parents are always welcome to join.

Student and Staff Faith Ambassadors

Various teachers and students on our staff are Faith Ambassadors who have taken on the role of promoting Adult Faith Development within our school. They assist in coordinating staff and school liturgies throughout the year, leading students in prayer, coordinating acts of charity and modeling servant leadership.

Sacramental Years

The Eucharist will be highlighted in all aspects of the faith community in our school. Special emphasis will be given in the sacramental years. Through collaborative preparations with the parish, and parents we hope to help prepare our students to receive the sacrament of First Communion and Confirmation.

First Communion and First Reconciliation	
Registration for First Reconciliation and First Communion	September 17 & 18, 24 & 25 2011
Presentation of Names for First Communion	December 3 & 4, 2011 at any weekend Mass
First Reconciliation for Grade 2	Tuesday December 6, 2011 at 9:30 to 10:30 am at Merciful Redeemer
First Communion	Saturday May 5, 2012 at 11:00 am at Merciful Redeemer
Gatherings – Oct. 16, Nov. 6 th , Jan. 15 th , Feb. 12 th , April 15 th , all at 10:00 at St. Joan of Arc, the final gathering June 2 or 3 at any weekend Mass.	
Confirmation Information	
Registration for Confirmation	Oct. 1/2/8/9/, 2011 at any weekend Mass
Rite of Enrolment	November 26/27, 2011 at any weekend Mass
Reception of Confirmation Crosses	February 25/26, 2012 at any weekend Mass
Confirmation	Friday April 27, 2012 at 7:00 pm at Merciful Redeemer
Gatherings – Oct. 22, Dec. 3rd, Jan. 14th, Feb. 11th, March 3rd, all at 4:00 pm at St. Joan of Arc.	