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The Weekly Buzz

December 15, 2011

St. Bernadette School, 80 University Blvd East, Silver Spring, MD 20901 (301) 593-5611 voice

From the Principal

Thank you to the Beginning and Advanced Band for their beautiful concerts yesterday. It is wonderful to see the growth over such a short period of time that a band program provides. Learning to read and play music is an important ingredient for school success and creativity. We look forward to seeing everyone at our Christmas Pageant next Wednesday as we close out 2011 with our traditional songs and goodwill. Students will be in school all day wearing their Christmas finery.

Student will return to their classrooms at the end of the pageant to retrieve their backpacks and belongings and we will have dismissal, as usual.

You might notice a few small changes in the pageant this year, primarily being that any junior high student who wanted to perform will sing with the Chorus. Other students have volunteered to serve in the tableau, assist with costumes or lighting, or serve as ushers. We think the committee has done a great job of building the program around our K-5 music classes and the Chorus and Drum Ensembles, so please come join us to enjoy the Christmas story in scripture and music, and then sing along on many carols as we will be in our final week of Advent to prepare for the birth of Jesus!

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Silent Night

Angels We Have Heard on High

O Come, All Ye Faithful

We Three Kings

Joy to the World

Quick reminders about Secret St. Nick

1. Students will provide a special small gift (\$5 to \$10, only, please) and card (preferably home-made) for the Secret family member. Please have your child sign the card.
2. The Students should give their gift to the family teacher (or have it put in their box at school) between Friday, Dec. 16th and Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 20th. The gifts will be given to the students on Dec. 21st by their family teacher.
3. We have plans in place to help ensure that every student receives a gift and that they all make it home on the 21st. Please let us know, if you are unable to participate, so we can meet these goals.

As we continue to prepare for the coming of Jesus, the St. Bernadette Faculty and Staff wish all the joy and blessings to you and your family for the Holiday Season.

'Tis the Season of Advent

Hosanna! This year's theme for our school Christmas Tree is the carol "*O Holy Night.*"

In the spirit of Advent, our student council members have each decorated a star ornament with gems and have written one word that describes to them the season of Advent; some words include "Hope," "Prepare," and "Peace."

Our 12 foot tree, covered in shining gold stars, reflects the night sky when Christ was borne. Angels and the Star of Bethlehem also appear at the top of the tree. Please take a moment to appreciate the beauty and thoughtfulness put into these special star ornaments created by our student council body.

If you are interested in helping with school decorating and garden beautification this year for *tier credit*, please contact Mindy Sippel at mindsip@yahoo.com or Jerry McNamara, Tier Credit Volunteer Coordinator at mcnamail@verizon.net



2012 GALA NEWS:

Want to boost Advertising & Marketing for your Business??....Know someone who would??

• Be a 2012 Gala Sponsor!

- Your Business receives valuable Advertising & Marketing to over 450 St. B's families, faculty & friends who reside and do business in your market!
- Your Sponsorship will directly benefit the students of Saint Bernadette School!
- Contributions are tax-deductible!
- St. B's is a loyal community -- many past Sponsors have received increased business due to their contribution!

• Where have Gala profits gone in the past?

- Tuition vs. actual education cost difference - Tuition assistance, so all can benefit from a St. B's education
- Second playground - Accelerated Reader reading program
- Mobile computer lab - Web-based parent/school portal
- AC in original building & school hall – a favorite of course!

• What are the 2012 Gala Sponsorship Levels?

- Triple Crown Sponsor \$5,000

- Kentucky Derby Sponsor \$2,500
- Preakness Sponsor \$1,000
- Belmont Sponsor \$750
- Jockey Club Sponsor \$500

• What kind of Advertising & Marketing does my Business receive by being a Sponsor?

- - Lots of cool stuff! We will make you shine!
 - For a full description, please see the attached SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES form.

• Where do I sign up to be a 2012 Gala Sponsor?

- - So simple....just complete the attached SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES form and return to either contacts below.
 - Contact Shelby Whittier at gala@st-bernadettelem.com or Gala Chair, Patrice Weddington at pwedd65@hotmail.com.

Calendar Updates

Spelling Bee

Our first round of the Scripps Spelling Bee was held on Friday, December 9th. Each homeroom held their own elimination rounds. The school wide spelling bee will be held in January. Congratulations to all our students for participating.

3rd grade winners

1st Victoria Mulugeta
Haanes-Olsen
2nd Jacklyn Dang
Moreland
3rd Scott Tran

1st Thomas Mesafint

2nd John Talbott

3rd Catalina Scheider

4th grade winners

1st Anna Werwinski 1st Colleen

2nd Ryan Luetjen 2nd Andrea

3rd Matthew Murphy 3rd Grace Hibey

5th grade winners

1st Holly Greenleaf
Werwinski
2nd Isabella Cavagna
Sebastian Schelenz
3rd Sophia Hill
Zanger

1st Graham Haederle

2nd Job Sarwal

3rd Maria Shepp

6th grade winners

1st Ciara Collins 1st Jack

2nd Caroline David 2nd

3rd Ryan Krawczewicz 3rd Benjamin

7th grade winners

8th grade winners

1st Nicholas Warner
Saunders
2nd Alexis Von Utter
Birkenes
3rd Theresa Rogers
Tracey

1st Leigh –Anne Worthington
2nd Faith Frayman
3rd Katie Kemp

1st Connor Higgins
2nd Lexy Costanzo
3rd Anna Flood

1st Serena
2nd Adele
3rd Annie

Sally Foster – Deadline Extended

Sally Foster Online Sale extended to December 31, 2011 -- **Time to still get the birthday wrapping paper you want!**

Help St. Bernadette Middle School out today!

Go to www.sallyfoster.com and put in the St. Bernadette code 505069
Orders over \$50 have free shipping.
Some previously out-of-stock items may now available!

Thank you for your support.

Questions?: Contact Sally Foster Chair: Lise Tracey at 301-520-1587 or lisetracey@yahoo.com

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Winter Break Camps

Join HoopEd for it's signature Winter Break Hoops Basketball and All Sports & Games Camps.

HoopEd specializes in small and intimate camps where learning and fun go hand in hand. Each participant will receive the time and attention they need to have a great experience learning and playing the games they love.

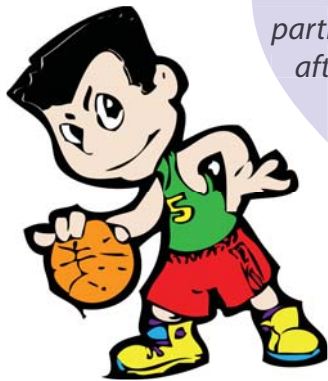
WHEN: December 19-23
December 26-30

FOR: Boys And Girls, Ages 6-13

TIME: 9:00am-3:00pm

COST: \$210 per week session
(After Care available \$50)

*partial weeks and
aftercare are available!*



**5 days of basketball,
sports, friends, and fun.**

December 19-23

- BASKETBALL** Maret (Woodley Park)
- BASKETBALL** St. Bart's (Bethesda)*
- ALL SPORTS** St. Elizabeth (Rockville)*
- ALL SPORTS** Lafayette (Chevy Chase)**
- ALL SPORTS** Oyster (Woodley Park)**
- ALL SPORTS** Stuart-Hobson (Capitol Hill)**

* December 21-23 only / \$155

** December 21-22 only / \$110

December 26-30

- BASKETBALL** Blessed Sacrament (Chevy Chase)
- BASKETBALL** Stoddert (Glover Park)
- BASKETBALL** St. Bart's (Bethesda)
- ALL SPORTS** St. Elizabeth (Rockville)
- ALL SPORTS** Lafayette (Chevy Chase) (just Olympics*)
- ALL SPORTS** Oyster (Woodley Park)
- ALL SPORTS** Stuart-Hobson (Capitol Hill)

* This week will be a camp of olympic competitions only

HoopEd is founded and directed by Jonathan Scribner. Coach Scribner also serves as Head Girl's Varsity Basketball Coach at St. John's College High School in Washington DC. In 2011, he led the Lady Cadets to a 33-2 season, finishing ranked 13th in the nation by USA Today and was voted WACAC Coach of the year.

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