Today’s Learners, Tomorrow’s Leaders

“Smile and laugh, a lot! Thank God, daily!”

Dear Families,

Welcome to another school year! We are so happy to have your children back to school! As the weather will conveniently change this week, we’re reminded that Fall is in our midst and that the new school year has commenced!

Our teachers have been busily preparing for this new exciting school year and all were ready to go when the first bell rang to receive your children. Thank you for bringing your children to school on time, rested and ready to learn!

Our first school Mass of the year is this Friday, September 8th at 8:45 AM. Our 8th graders will be receiving their “Lights of Leadership” as a symbol of their leadership responsibilities throughout the year. We will also be recognizing our newly elected 2017-2018 Student Council members who are also tasked with student body leadership responsibilities. As our school motto states, our students are Today’s Learners and Tomorrow’s Leaders and we are always looking for ways to provide leadership opportunities for all our students, especially our 8th graders and student council members who are the leaders and role models of our entire student body. Thank you to Mrs. LaBelle and Miss Grimes for organizing our first school Mass!

As a reminder, upcoming events and/or changes to the calendar can be found on our school website. Current student homework assignments can also be found on your child’s teacher webpage located under the Faculty page. Logging onto your PowerSchool Parent Portal and/or PowerSchool Mobile APP will help you stay informed on how your child is performing academically. Your child’s teacher will be uploading homework assignments and grades each week in an effort to keep you up to date on your child’s academic progress. New families will be receiving parent portal login information soon.

We hope everyone has a great first week back to school and we look forward to strengthening our partnership as the school year progresses!

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Mendoza and Mr. Budde

Beginning Year Mass

Friday, September 8th – 8:45 a.m.
(Students wear Full Uniform/Red Sweaters)
Families are encouraged to attend.
PRAYER IN TIME OF NATURAL DISASTERS

Compassionate Lord, we pray for those who have been devastated by recent natural disasters. We remember those who have lost their lives so suddenly. We hold in our hearts the families forever changed by grief and loss. Bring them consolation and comfort. Surround them with our prayers for strength. Bless those who have survived and heal their memories of trauma and devastation. May they have the courage to face the long road of rebuilding ahead.

We ask your blessing on all those who have lost their homes, their livelihoods, their security and their hope. Bless the work of relief agencies and those providing emergency assistance. May their work be guided by the grace and strength that comes from You alone.

Help us to respond with generosity in prayer, in assistance, in aid to the best of our abilities. Keep our hearts focused on the needs of those affected, even after the crisis is over.

We ask this in Jesus’ name,

Amen.

*To donate to victims of Hurricane Harvey, please follow this link: https://app.mobilecause.com/vf/CCUSADISASTER
Catholic Charities Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund: 100% of the proceeds collected will go directly to those affected by Hurricane Harvey
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
BACK TO SCHOOL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a “Back to School Pancake Breakfast” on Sunday, September 17th in the St. Bernadette Parish Hall immediately following the 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Masses. They will be serving pancakes, sausage, eggs, fresh fruit, coffee, orange juice and tea. The Knights of Columbus are looking for 7th and 8th grade student and parent volunteers. If you are wanting to volunteer to help at the “Back to School Pancake Breakfast”, please fill out and return the attached “Cut and Return”.

Adults/$8.00  
Seniors/$7.00  
Children 4 to 12 years old/$4.00  
Children under 4/Free with paying adult  
Family/$24.00

MISSING RECORDS

If we are missing necessary records from your child’s school file, such as completed immunization records, copy of baptismal certificate, or copy of birth certificate a letter requesting the needed materials was mailed to you over the summer. It is very important that our files be complete in order to comply with requirements of the Archdiocese of Seattle and the State of Washington.

EMERGENCY COMFORT KITS

On the first day of school each student should have brought an Emergency Comfort Kit to school. Those parents who purchased an Emergency Comfort Kit before the first day of school, your child’s kit has been delivered to the classroom.

For those students who do not have an Emergency Comfort Kit presently in class, a kit will be provided for them at a cost of $20.00 per Emergency Comfort Kit. Those parents who did not provide or purchase an Emergency Comfort Kit will be receiving a bill for $20 per kit provided by the school.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Armstrong at 206-244-4934.

WASHINGTON STATE FAIR TICKETS!

Enclosed is a free ticket to the Washington State Fair in Puyallup for each child. The Washington State Fair runs through September 1 to 24, 2017.

Don’t miss your chance to “Do the Puyallup!”
WE BEGIN AND CELEBRATE

Introducing Our –

Preschool: Charlee Bennett, Kennedy Howe, June LaBelle, Minh-Chau Pham, Santiago Quezada, Nathan Trinh


Please Welcome Our New Students and Their Families:

Grade 1: Joseph Engdaw, Jonathon Howe, Nahom Surafel
Grade 2: Solianna Dawit, Diego Gonzales
Grade 3: Jesse Gil, Grace Louie
Grade 4: Samuel Dawit
Grade 5: Theresa Johnson
Grade 6: Diane Ocsan
Grade 7: Matthew Johnson

ATTENTION BAND MEMBERS & PARENTS!

Band Started Today -- Wednesday, September 6.
Only band members may enter through the Parish Hall doors.
Evening Instrument Rental Meeting is on Monday, September 11th at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall

IMPORTANT FORMS TO FILL OUT!

Thank you for taking the time to complete and return all emergency forms by Monday, September 11th.

1) AID CARE RELEASE (per child)
2) EMERGENCY CLOSURE DIRECTIONS (PER FAMILY)
3) EMERGENCY INFORMATION SHEET (PER FAMILY)

ALSO

4) FAMILY DIRECTORY 2017/2018 PRINT OUT – Please make any corrections or deletion requests in writing by Monday, September 18th.
FROM THE OFFICE

- **PRINCIPAL’S WEEKLY LETTER** – Each week (with the exception of Parents’ Club Newsletter week), our principal, Mrs. Mendoza, puts out a weekly letter which you are currently reading that contains information regarding the school. As we did last year, we will be emailing the Principal's Weekly Letter to EVERY family starting today, September 6, 2017. The “Principal’s Weekly Letter” is an important part of the communication process. The Principal’s Weekly Letter will continue to be posted on the St. Bernadette website: www.stbernadettesea.org.

- **WEDNESDAY ENVELOPE** – This envelope is sent home each Wednesday with important information. **PLEASE RETURN THE ENVELOPE BY FRIDAY OF EACH WEEK.**
  If the Wednesday Envelope is not returned, your family will not receive the important information for the next week. For those families with more than one student attending St. Bernadette School, please circle the name of the student that will be transporting the Wednesday Envelope.

- **SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM** – School lunches began today, Wednesday, September 6, at a cost of $4.00 per lunch. Please note: Milk is **NOT included**!

  **ATTENTION – HOT LUNCH BILLING PROCEDURE:**
  Families will be billed at the beginning of each month for the previous month’s lunches via SMART. You will receive a notice from SMART indicating your tuition balance, and the hot lunch fees incurred by your student(s) for the previous month.

- **MILK** – Milk is $15 for the year per student and began today, Wednesday, September 6.
  If you wish your child(ren) to receive milk on a daily basis, please send $15 (per child) to the office as soon as possible.

- **STUDENT PLANNERS** – Every student in grades 4-8 is required to purchase our St. Bernadette Catholic School planner. Please send $5.00 to the school office in an envelope with your child’s name on it and marked “student planner”, if not previously purchased.

- **ILLNESS AND HOMEWORK** – Parents/guardians are asked to call the office by 10:00 a.m. to request homework/books. Teachers will gladly see that these assignments/books are prepared and in the office by 3:00 p.m. (2:00 p.m. on Thursdays). Requests may be picked up in the office from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. This is only for illnesses, not extended vacations. **Homework will not be provided when extended vacation is taken voluntarily throughout the school year.**

- **CALENDAR REMINDERS** –
  - Families are encouraged to attend all Masses.
  - Families are always welcome to attend assemblies and prayer services.
  - Band began, **Wednesday, September 6**
    - 7:45 a.m. – Band for grades 6-8
    - 8:30 a.m. – Band for grade 5
  - Grades 6-8 are asked to arrive **NO LATER THAN 7:40 A.M.**
  - Miss McKamey works miracles with very little practice time.
  - Band instrument rental, **Monday, September 11th**, 5:30 p.m. in hall.

- **SENDING MONEY TO THE OFFICE** – When sending money to the school office, please make certain that it is in an envelope clearly marked with: (1) what the money is for; (2) who the money is from; and (3) the amount of money.

- **MEDICATION & MEDICAL FORMS** – If your child has special medication and/or medical needs, please make certain all medications (in the original prescription container) and medical forms filled out by the doctor are on file in the office by **Friday, September 8th**. Medical forms are available in the school office.
● **PE T-SHIRTS 6, 7 & 8** – PE Uniform Order Forms are due into the school office by Friday, September 15th. Any PE Uniforms ordered after September 15th will be charged an additional $2 per shirt due to the “late fee” charged by the manufacturer.

● **WALKING STUDENTS** – Students were asked if they will be walking to or from school this year. If your child indicated he/she will be walking, enclosed please find a “Safety Letter” from Mrs. Mendoza. Parents/guardians must fill out the bottom portion of this letter and return it dated and signed to the office by **Friday, September 15.** If your child walks and a “Safety Letter” is not enclosed, please notify the office immediately. **ONLY** those students with a dated and signed “Safety Letter” acknowledgement on file in the office will be allowed to walk after Monday, September 18. Thank you.

● **FRONT PARKING LOT PICK UP REMINDER** – Students **may not cross** in the middle of the front parking lot by the parish hall during carpool pick up times. **ALL** students **MUST** cross by the “Big Field” playground west of the church, in direct sight of the Carpool Supervisor.

---

### GENERAL

● **HEARING TESTING** – Hearing Testing will be Tuesday & Wednesday, September 12th & 13th. We are in need of volunteers to assist in supervising students to and from the hearing testing area. If you are interested, please complete the “Cut and Return” section attached or contact Mrs. Armstrong in the school office at 206-244-4934. **Theresa Armstrong** will be contacting you regarding assistance in supervising students to and from the hearing testing area. This time will apply towards your Volunteer Hours.

● **VISION TESTING** – Vision Testing will be Wednesday & Thursday, September 20th & 21st. We are in need of volunteers to assist in supervising students to and from the vision testing area. If you are interested, please complete the “Cut and Return” section attached or contact Mrs. Armstrong in the school office at 206-244-4934. **Caroline Simerly** will be contacting you regarding assistance in supervising students to and from the vision testing area. This time will apply towards your Volunteer Hours.

---

### ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL FAIR PARKING

The Washington State Fair in Puyallup begins on **Friday September 1st** and runs through **September 24th** (note: the Fair is closed on Tuesdays and on Wednesday 9/6 this year). Help support Catholic education in East Pierce County by parking at one of the All Saints Catholic School’s fair parking lots. Our main entrance is located on 7th Ave SW between 2nd & 3rd St SW. Our paved parking lots are located on 3rd St SW between 5th and 6th Ave SW in downtown Puyallup. We are just a short distance from the main gate of the fairgrounds. All proceeds from our fair parking fundraiser goes directly to our school’s operating budget. For your convenience, you can pay your parking fee with a major credit card. Look for our friendly volunteers in red aprons to direct you to our lots. Thank you in advance for supporting our school while you Do the Puyallup!! Questions? Call Diana or Mona at **253-845-5025.**
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION NEWS:
Check out the St. Bernadette Panthers Official Website at
www.stbernadettesea.org/cyo-athletics

Cross Country
Registration is still open, please register via Sports Pilot.

Soccer - Schedules that are currently posted on Team Sideline.

Saturday, September 9
4th Grade Boys  9:00 a.m.  @  St. Monica/Mercer Island  vs.  French-American
4th Grade Girls  3:00 p.m. @  St. Bernadette Field 1 (Big Field)  vs.  Holy Rosary
7th Grade Boys  9:30 a.m. @  Villa Academy Field 1  vs.  Villa Academy
7th Grade Girls  10:00 a.m. @  St. Bernadette Field 1 (Big Field)  vs.  Lakeside
8th Grade Girls  8:00 a.m. @  Magnuson #6 Field 1  vs.  Assumption-St. Bridget

Sunday, September 10
Kindergarten  12:00 p.m.  @  St. Bernadette Field 3  vs.  Holy Rosary Team A

TBD:  1st Grade; 2nd Grade, 5th Grade Boys; 5th Grade Girls; 6th Grade Boys; 8th Grade Boys

If anyone has any questions or is interested in joining the Athletic Board, contact Sophal Hamaker at sophalhamaker@aol.com.

WORLD’S FINEST CHOCOLATE SALE
World’s Finest Chocolate Assembly will be on Wednesday, September 20th
Chocolate will be delivered & distributed that day!
Sale Ends October 6th -- Money Due – October 9th

Volunteer Opportunity – We need volunteers to help with our chocolate delivery and distribution on September 20th contact Scott Etzkorn at: scott.etzkorn@acfwest.com, if interested.

ENCLOSURES:
- Aid Car Release (1 per child)
- Emergency Information Sheet (1 per family)
- Emergency Closure Sheet (1 per family)
- September School Calendar
- September School Lunch Menu
- Pedestrian Safety Letter – (Students who indicated they walk to or from school)
- Band Program Letter for Grades 5-8
- Western Washington State Fair Ticket (1 per student)
- Cut & Return – Volunteer Opportunities (Vision/Hearing/World’s Finest Chocolate)
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sun</th>
<th>Mon</th>
<th>Tue</th>
<th>Wed</th>
<th>Thu</th>
<th>Fri</th>
<th>Sat</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>8:00 a.m.— Parents’ Club Social/Sale in Parish Hall</td>
<td>First Day Hot Lunch &amp; Milk</td>
<td>8:30-9 a.m.—5th Gr. Band Presentation</td>
<td>8:45 a.m.—1st-8th 1st Mass—Full Dress Uniform (Red Sweaters)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6:00 P.M.</td>
<td>LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL</td>
<td>First Day of School 1st Day — A thru M Kindergarten NOON DISMISSAL</td>
<td>1st Day-PreK/PS 1st Day N thru Z Kindergarten (K ONLY Noon Dismissal) First Day of Band</td>
<td>2 p.m. Dismissal</td>
<td>2 p.m. Dismissal</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10:30 A.M.</td>
<td>5:30 p.m.—Band Instrument Rental Meeting</td>
<td>Hearing Testing</td>
<td>Hearing Testing</td>
<td>8:45 a.m.—Mass Full Dress Uniform (Red Sweaters)</td>
<td></td>
<td>5:00 P.M. Faith Formation Registration</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8:30 A.M.</td>
<td>Fall Map Window Begins</td>
<td>Vision Testing</td>
<td>Vision Testing 2 p.m. Dismissal 6:00-8:00 p.m. — Parent/Teacher Night</td>
<td>8:45 a.m.—Mass Full Dress Uniform (Red Sweaters)</td>
<td>8:45 a.m.—Mass Full Dress Uniform (Red Sweaters)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MASS AT</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Free Dress-Goodbye Summer = $1 or 2 cans of food 2 p.m. Dismissal</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
## Allergen Information:
- **W** = Wheat
- **E** = Egg
- **D** = Dairy
- **F** = Fish/Shellfish
- **N** = Nuts

These apply to the Entrée only, and include possible trace allergens. This information is subject to changes by the manufacturer at any time; therefore, we cannot guarantee or be held responsible for the accuracy of this information. Although there are many potential food allergens, this list only addresses some of the most common ones. Although an item may not contain an allergen, it could inadvertently come in contact with an allergen during the manufacturing process.

### Hot Lunch - September 2017

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sunday</th>
<th>Monday</th>
<th>Tuesday</th>
<th>Wednesday</th>
<th>Thursday</th>
<th>Friday</th>
<th>Saturday</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>LABOR DAY</td>
<td>Noon Dismissal</td>
<td>No Hot Lunch</td>
<td>Hot Dog$^W$, Tater Tots, Veggies w/Ranch Dip, Fruit</td>
<td>Cinnamon French Toast Sticks$^{WDE}$, Sausage, Applesauce, Gogurt</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chicken Nuggets$^W$, Caesar Salad, Chips, Fruit, Gogurt</td>
<td>“Pizza Gallery” Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza$^WD$ &amp; Cinnamon Dippers, Salad, Pineapple</td>
<td>Extra Slice $1.00</td>
<td>Chicken Fettucine Alfredo$^{WD}$, Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Fruit</td>
<td>Waffles$^{WDE}$, Bacon, Applesauce or Banana, Gogurt</td>
<td>Chicken &amp; Cheese Chimichanga$^{WD}$, Chips w/Salsa &amp; Sour Cream, Fruit</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>17</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>23</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chicken Taquitos$^W$, Chips w/Salsa &amp; Sour Cream, Veggies, Fruit,</td>
<td>“Pizza Gallery” Cheese or Hawaiian Pizza$^WD$ &amp; Cinnamon Dippers, Salad, Pineapple</td>
<td>Extra Slice $1.00</td>
<td>Penne Pasta w/Sauce$^{WE}$, Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Fruit</td>
<td>Pancakes$^{WDE}$, Bacon, Applesauce or Banana, Gogurt</td>
<td>Corn Dog$^{WE}$, Tater Tots, Veggies w/Ranch Dip, Fruit</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>24</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>26</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>28</td>
<td>29</td>
<td>30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chicken Sandwich$^{WD}$, Chips, Caesar Salad, Fruit, Gogurt</td>
<td>“Pizza Gallery” Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza$^WD$ &amp; Cinnamon Dippers, Salad, Pineapple</td>
<td>Extra Slice $1.00</td>
<td>Ham &amp; Cheese Hot Pocket$^{WDE}$, Tater Tots Caesar Salad, Fruit</td>
<td>Cinnamon French Toast Sticks$^{WDE}$, Sausage, Applesauce, Gogurt</td>
<td>Hamburger$^{W}$, French Fries, Veggies w/dip, Fruit</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

1 → 30
September 6, 2017

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

In an effort to maintain the safety of all our students, we are asking your assistance in addressing pedestrian safety for students who walk to or from St. Bernadette School. “Whether walking to a friend’s house, to school or around town, children need to know how to navigate streets safely. Pedestrian injury remains the second leading cause of unintentional injury-related death among children ages 5 to 14.” For this reason, we need your help to teach our walkers the behaviors necessary to ensure their safety.

It is our understanding that your child/ren are occasional or regular walkers; therefore, it is especially important to review the following pedestrian safety tips:

**Teach safe behaviors:**
- Look left, right and left again before crossing the street. Cross when the street is clear, and keep looking both ways while crossing. Walk, don't run. It is important to make eye contact with drivers before crossing the street.
- Cross only at lighted intersections. Understand and obey traffic signals and signs.
- Walk facing traffic, on sidewalks or paths, so that you can see oncoming cars. If there are no sidewalks, walk as far to the left as possible.
- Proceed home immediately after dismissal. Do not talk to strangers.

*for more information, please visit: safekids.org*

Please return the slip below to confirm that you have received this note and have discussed pedestrian safety and proper procedures with your child/ren. Thank you! I appreciate your cooperation for the safety of your child/ren and our students!

Most sincerely,

Carol Mendoza
Principal

I have read the letter regarding pedestrian safety. Yes, safety issues have been/will be discussed and my children named below have my permission to walk home from school.

Student(s)

Signed ___________________________ Date ______________________

Parent/Guardian

Please complete the lower portion of this letter and return to the school office by Friday, September 15, 2017.
Playing an instrument is an incredible way to unlock the magic of music!

May this letter serve as a cordial invitation for families with children in grades five through eighth. Beginning and intermediate/advanced band is offered on a regular weekly basis during the school day. Kennedy Catholic High School provides the instruction under faculty member, Frances McKamey.

The students learn the basics of music, develop the skills to play a traditional band instrument, as well as experience the pride felt in belonging to a school performance group. Music is a great channel to enhance a child’s self-esteem!

Since 1984, hundreds of students have actively taken part in this program! The highlight of the academic year is the annual Band Festival. All the band members of the nine schools join forces with the Kennedy Band for a fun-filled evening of music at the high school in May. The Honor Band and a summer band camp are also additional opportunities for our young musicians! Eighth grade graduates entering Kennedy Catholic High School will find a smooth transition into the award winning high school band!

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT JOINING BAND?
1. No previous experience is needed. Grades 5-8th.
2. Tuition is based on a contract form of $135.00 per year in connection with St. Bernadette School. This covers classes from Sept. – May. No charges for June.
3. A rental program by one of our local music dealers supplies the instruments at reasonable prices. The required method book and music stand may also be purchased at the upcoming rental meeting. Although most of our band parents choose to rent the instruments, many have family owned instruments to use. Details regarding the rental meeting and a price sheet will be handed out at the band assembly.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER: FIRST CLASS – Wed./Sept. 6th
BEG. BAND RENTAL MTG. – Mon./Sept. 11th/5:30p.m/Hall

Time to open an amazing door! Let BAND be the key!

Nancy Bradish
Principal
Kennedy Catholic H.S.

Carol Mendoza
Principal
St. Bernadette School

Frances McKamey
Kennedy Catholic
Elem. Band Prog. Dir.

Dan Fischer
Kennedy Catholic H.S.
Band Director
HEARING TESTING

____ Yes, I am volunteering for assist with students for the hearing screening on Tuesday, September 12 from 8:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

____ Yes, I am volunteering for assist with students for the hearing screening on Wednesday, September 13 from 8:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Name ___________________________________________ Email ___________________________________________ Phone ___________________________________________

VISION TESTING

____ Yes, I am volunteering for assist with students for the hearing screening on Wednesday, September 20 from 8:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

____ Yes, I am volunteering for assist with students for the hearing screening on Thursday, September 21 from 8:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Name ___________________________________________ Email ___________________________________________ Phone ___________________________________________

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
BACK TO SCHOOL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

____ Yes, I am 7th and/or 8th grade parent and/or student and would like to volunteer to assist on Sunday, September 17th, for the Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast after the 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Masses.

Parent’s Name (Please Print) Student’s Name (Please Print) Phone Number ___________________________________________

WORLDS FINEST CHOCOLATE

Yes, I would like to help with the distribution of the Worlds Finest Chocolate on Wednesday, September 20. Please contact me regarding the time.

Student Name & Grade (Please Print) Student Name & Grade (Please Print) ___________________________________________

Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print) Day Time Telephone ___________________________________________