



PRINCIPAL'S WEEKLY LETTER: December 12, 2018
FROM: Mrs. Ruiz

Today's Learners, Tomorrow's Leaders

"The Lord will always guide you." Isaiah 58:11

Dear Families,

Today, **Wednesday, December 12th** is the **Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe**. Our **December Faith Family Groups** were focused around **Our Lady's** message of love and peace. Students created flowers out of tissue paper in honor of **Our Lady** that can be seen on the bulletin board just outside of the church. Additionally, this **Friday, December 14th** we will dedicate our 8:45 AM School Mass to **Our Lady of Guadalupe**. Students are invited to wear traditional Mexican clothing on this day. Thank you, **Lizzy LaBelle and Luz Medina** for coordinating this special celebration!

Today, is also the **Geography Bee** which is an educational competition for grades 5-8. Qualifying classroom competitions have determined class champions for each participating grade as follows:

5th Grade: Addison Russell

7th Grade: Eva Frenchowics

6th Grade: Simon Mehari

8th Grade: Andrew Beyer

Additional qualifiers include:

Isaiah Dimond, Andrew Wood, Riley Halili, Jude Santos, Eliab Alula, and Maili Maritnez

Congratulations to the 10 qualifiers and to the soon to be school champion! Thank you also to our **Geography Bee** coordinators **Ms. Grimes** and **Mrs. Harrington!**

As you may know, **Student Council** is busy running our **Advent** fundraiser, the paper ornament sale. **Student Council** creates the simple paper ornaments and sells them for \$1 each. The proceeds from this student sale go towards **Mary's Meals**, a global group of supporters and volunteers with the mission of providing a meal and an education for the most impoverished children in the world. Thank you **Student Council** for leading this effort!

With the holiday season upon us please consider shopping through **Amazon Smile**, [smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile). Simply choose **Parish of St. Bernadette and School in Seattle**, under the Amazon search bar and you are good to go. Every time you shop at Amazon through the [smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile). Amazon donates a portion of the purchase to **St. Bernadette School**. If you share this information with family members they may also help our school when making their usual purchases. Does your business shop at Amazon? If so, **St. Bernadette** can benefit from those purchases too. Thank you for your support of **St. Bernadette** students and teachers, we are grateful.

Finally, report cards are scheduled to come home this Friday! This gives you a full week to contact teachers with any questions or concerns before Christmas break.

Advent Week 2, Peace

Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the-best-version-of-ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. Amen.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Ruiz
Principal



SLE Winners



Student learning expectation winners for the week of December 3rd – December 7th are as follows:

Johnnie Wells (Preschool) – Christian Responsibility, Perseverance, problem solving, Citizenship;
Kennedy Howe (PreK) – Christian Responsibility, Perseverance, Problem Solving & Citizenship;
Dylan Fischer (K) – Christian Responsibility;
Sophia Manstandrea (1st) – Christian Responsibility, Perseverance, Problem Solving & Citizenship;
Dominic Szeibert (2nd) – Christian Responsibility, Perseverance, Problem Solving, Citizenship.
Solianna Dawit (3rd) – Christian Responsibility & Citizenship;
Jeslyn Ngo (4th) – Christian Responsibility, Problem Solving & Citizenship;
Issac Martinez(5th) – Christian Responsibility & Problem Solving;
Simon Mehari (6th) – Citizenship;
Dian Ocsan (7th) – Christian Responsibility & Problem Solving;
Noel Mehari (8th) – Christian Responsibility, Citizenship & Problem Solving.

Thank you students, for modeling our school SLE's!

ATTENTION

Application Deadline: January 4, 2019



2019-2020 FULCRUM FOUNDATION TUITION ASSISTANCE
THROUGH FACTS



The Archdiocese of Seattle, through the Fulcrum Foundation, offers tuition grants to qualifying families at participating Catholic Schools. To obtain a grant, **the family must complete a confidential Grant & Aid Application through FACTS. FACTS Grant & Aid Applications must be completed online.** Please note that families requesting financial assistance from St. Bernadette Parish School **must** also have this application on file to be eligible for aid in the 2019-2020 school year.

If you wish to submit a **FACTS Grant & Aid Application**, go to the St. Bernadette website at www.stbernadettesea.org and follow the directions on the front page, which also provides the **FACTS** link.

PLEASE NOTE: The deadline to submit your 2019-2020 Fulcrum Foundation Tuition Assistance Application is **Friday, January 4, 2019**. St. Bernadette School will still be on Christmas Break when the application is due, **so please plan to submit your 2019-2020 Application early while the office staff is still available to answer questions.**

CURRICULUM

- **BAND (from MISS McKAMEY)** – Attention St. Bernadette Band Members, there will be **no band on Wednesday, December 12, 2018.**

Information regarding **Honor Band** auditions have been handed out to all band students, gr. 6-8. Auditions will be held at **Kennedy Catholic High School** on **January 14th** and **15th** from **5:00 - 7:15p.m.** In addition, all 8th graders have received details about the **Cambronero Band Scholarship to Kennedy Catholic High School.** Those auditions occur in conjunction with the **2019 Honor Band** auditions.



- **STUDENT OF THE WEEK** – The tradition of honoring **8th graders of the week** continues. Each week an 8th grader receives a certificate and gets a huge candy treat from **Mrs. Ruiz.**

Week of December 10th – **Dzuy Hoang**



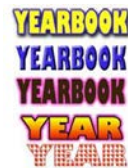
- **CHRISTMAS TREE PAPER ORNAMENT SALE** – To raise money to reach our goal of a \$1,000 donation to **Mary's Meals**, we will be once again selling paper **Christmas ornaments** for **classroom Snow Globes.** Ornaments are **\$1 each.** Ornaments will be sold through **Friday, December 21st.** The **top selling class** (by average) who sells 250 or more ornaments will get a pizza and pop party. **Start decorating your class Snow Globe!**



- **CUPCAKE SALE** – In order to raise funds for their 5th grade **Outdoor Education Experience**, students are selling cupcakes for **50¢ each.** The **Cupcake Sale** is held every **Thursday during lunch time.** All money brought to school should be in an envelope labeled with the child's name and the purpose for the money.



- **2018-2019 YEARBOOK ORDER FORMS** – 2018-2019 Yearbook Order Form was sent home in last Wednesday's Envelope. Yearbooks are \$22.00 and the deadline to order is **December 31, 2018.**



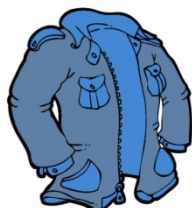
PEAK 7 SNOWSHOEING EXPERIENCE! Friday, February 1st (Non-School Day)

Registered 6th thru 8th Grade Students

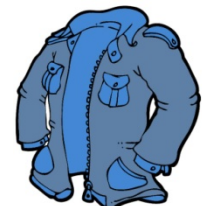
There will be a **mandatory "Informational Session"** for parents of participating students on **Tuesday, January 15th**, from **5:30-6:30 p.m.** in the St. Bernadette Parish Hall. (There is a limit of 12 students for this event.)



FREE COATS Offered By Knights of Columbus



The **Knights of Columbus** have boys and girls coats available in sizes small, medium and large, for students in grades 6-8th. If your child or someone you know are in need of a winter coat, please complete the attached **"Cut & Return"**.



FROM THE OFFICE

- **2018-2019 FAMILY HANDBOOK** – According to our records, the following families have not returned the **Parent/Student Signature Sheet** with respect to the **2018-2019 Family Handbook**. The signed and dated yellow **Parent/Student Signature Sheet** was due in the office by **Monday, October 15, 2018**. We ask the following families to sign and return the **2018-2019 Family Handbook** signature sheet, a copy of which has been placed in your Wednesday Envelope for your convenience.



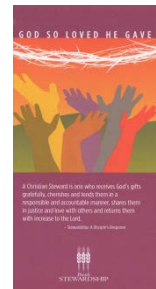
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ARCHDIOCESE OF SEATTLE CALL TO SERVE AS CHRIST CAMPAIGN

It is that time of the year when we ask all of our parishioners to consider their financial stewardship to the parish in thanksgiving for all that God has bestowed on us. You should have already received a special packet with information about the **Archdiocesan Called to Serve as Christ Campaign** and the annual parish stewardship drive. *Please be aware that the Parish Finance Council is asking everyone to consider a pledge increase of at least \$2.00 per week in order to help the parish and school at this time of financial challenge.* School families are required to submit a new stewardship card every year in order to maintain the privilege of in-parish tuition.

Stewardship

It is at this time of year, that we are asked to think about our stewardship of all those gifts that God has placed in our trust. Not just how we are taking care of those gifts, but how we are sharing those gifts with our parish and our community. In the coming weeks we will be asked to consider if we are returning a proper portion of those gifts to the Lord through His instrument on earth, the Church, for the building up of His Kingdom.



2019 ST. BERNADETTE MUSICAL

Announcing our 2019 school musical.....Winnie the Pooh! Please mark your calendars for our **mandatory parent meeting** on **Wednesday, February 20th at 6:30 PM** in the Parish Hall. *Welcome to the Hundred Acre Wood, where Winnie the Pooh is once again in search of honey. Along the way, he meets his pals, Tigger, Piglet, Rabbit and Owl, but soon discovers that Christopher Robin has been captured by the mysterious Backson! As they prepare for a rescue operation, the animals learn about teamwork, friendship and, of course...sharing snacks.*



Auditions will begin on **March 1st** for all interested **3rd-8th graders**. Thank you to our **Parent Producer: Caroline Simerly** and our **Set Designer: Shannon Wood** who've agreed to serve these roles again this year! More parent volunteers are needed to make this another great production! We currently need a **volunteer for Costume Coordination**. Schedules and additional volunteer opportunities will be discussed at the parent meeting. We hope to see you there!

SCRIP NEWS

As the holidays approach, it is a great time to order Scrip! Help boost your family's profit for the school by purchasing Scrip. There are several ways to do this.

1. Scrip is sold every day at the parish office during normal business hours. It is also sold on Friday mornings at the school.
2. You can pre-order Scrip using a Scrip order form.
3. You can register for "**Shop with Scrip**", and download Scrip cards directly to your phone for immediate use.

Please see the attached order forms and Shop with Scrip registration steps. These can also be found on the school website under the Parents' Club Tab/Scrip. Questions? Contact Shelly Coggeshell scoggeshell@yahoo.com or Teresa Mansanarez tmansanarez@comcast.net

SMILE.AMAZON

Greetings Panther Families!

The holiday season is upon us and if you shop at [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com) you have the ability to easily support our school.

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ATTACHMENTS:

- Peak 7 Snowshoeing Adventure Informational flyer & Permission Slip
- 2018 Advent Calendar

ENCLOSED:

- City of Burien Recreation Guide – Winter 2019



Let's go on an ADVENTURE!

Friday, February 1st

SNOWSHOEING

EXPERIENCE!

Who: 6th, 7th & 8th grade students ONLY

When: February 1, 2019

Where: Gold Creek

Cost: \$45

Drink Hot Chocolate!

Hang out with Friends!

Engage your Spirit!

PERMISSION SLIP
Peak7 Snowshoeing Adventure

Yes, my 6th/7th/8th grade student, _____ has my permission to participate in the Peak7 Snowshoeing Adventure. I agree to attend the informational meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 15, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. in the 6th grade classroom.

Parent Name (Please Print)

Parent Signature

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Yes, please send me a:

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| Boy's coat/size S (8) | _____ | Girl's coat/size S (7) | _____ |
| Boy's Coat/size S (10/12) | _____ | Girl's Coat/size M (8/10) | _____ |
| Boy's Coat/size M (14/16) | _____ | Girl's Coat/size L (12/14) | _____ |
| Boy's Coat/Size XL (18) | _____ | Girl's Coat/size XL (16) | _____ |

Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print)

Day Time Telephone

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