



WEEKLY PANTHER NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

IN THE SACRED HEART, EVERY TREASURE OF WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE IS HIDDEN. IN THAT DIVINE HEART BEATS GOD'S INFINITE LOVE FOR EVERYONE AND FOR EACH OF US AS INDIVIDUALS.

ST. JOHN PAUL II



Dear St. Bernadette Families,

Our first full week of school is underway, and it has been so good to see the building full again – students settling into classrooms, reconnecting with friends, learning new routines, and getting to work.

These first days are about so much more than schedules and procedures. They are about helping students feel known, welcomed, and ready to learn. They are also the beginning of the habits we hope to grow all year: curiosity, kindness, responsibility, perseverance, and care for one another.

Our theme, *Grow in Wisdom. Lead with Love*, feels especially fitting right now. Wisdom grows little by little – through questions, effort, reflection, and experience. Love is shown in the way we treat the people beside us. My hope is that both will be visible throughout our school this year.

I also have a [new video message](#) for families this week with a quick look at some of the exciting events coming up at school. I hope you'll take a few minutes to watch.

Thank you for all you are doing to help us get the year off to a strong start. It is really good to have everyone back.

Blessings,
Ms. Vidal-MacKay

 **Volunteer sign-ups are posted! [go here](#) to volunteer** – there are many activities and times and we need help BEFORE school begins.

CALENDAR [The school year calendar is here](#)

September 3 2:00 Dismissal – we dismiss every Thursday at 2:00 PM for faculty meetings

September 4 8:45 First School Mass – please join us. Students remember to wear red sweaters

September 4 12:00 Noon dismissal – after school care open

September 7 Labor Day School Closed

September 8 First [Panther Fund](#) Free Dress for students with Free Dress Passes. Need a pass? [Donate here](#) by Friday

September 9 @ 7:30 AM in Parish Hall First day of BAND – all 6-8th graders are welcome to join!

September 12, 9-11:00 Band instrument rentals at Kennedy Catholic.

September 13 Transform Burien service opportunity – see flier with info on last page

September 17 5:00-6:30 PM Back to School for **PARENTS** – meet teachers and room parents, and learn about your student's curriculum and class routines

September 18 Jog-a-Thon get your sponsors [here](#). [sign up to help here](#)

September 23 CYO dress day – wear your CYO gear and show your spirit

September 24 Dress Down for Donations – students may have free dress for \$2 or 2 cans of food for the pantry.

September 26 6:00-8:00 PM 6th – 8th graders are invited to Youth Night. See last page for registration info

[2026-27 Calendar is here](#) [St. Bernadette Family Handbook](#) [Friday Pizza Order Form](#) [School Supply List](#)



Room Parent helpers are needed for grades PS, PK, 1, 2, 3, & 5.

[Sign up here](#) to help your teacher, connect with families, and build community.

St. Bernadette Parish School teaches Gospel values in a Catholic environment by nurturing academic excellence, fostering diversity, and developing compassionate stewards in our community.

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Parent Club News

Welcome Back, Panther Families!

We're excited for another great year at St. Bernadette! Thank you to everyone who stopped by to meet us at **Meet the Teacher Night**. It was wonderful seeing returning families and welcoming so many new ones. We have a busy year ahead with lots of ways to have fun, build community, and get those volunteer hours!

Jog-A-Thon | September 18

Our first fundraiser of the year is almost here!

Register your student on **GiveButter**: <https://givebutter.com/STB-jog-2026>

- Our Suggested Fundraising goal: \$300 per student,
- **TIP:** Record a quick video of your student sharing how many laps they plan to run and their fundraising goal! Send it to friends and family by text, email, or social media, and don't forget to include their GiveButter donation link. [Volunteer Hours here](#)

Autumn Carnival | October 23

Boo-nadette has a new name! Join us for our **Autumn Carnival on October 23**.

Volunteer sign-ups are OPEN, including our popular Trunk-or-Treat spots, which fill quickly! [Volunteer Hours here](#)

We are adding a Fall-themed Bake and Soup sale this year!

Can't help during the carnival? Join our setup crew on October 22 and earn volunteer hours before the event even begins.

Parent Club Meeting | September 14

We normally meet on the first Monday of each month, but because of Labor Day, our September meeting will be Monday, September 14. Join us in the Parish Hall or via Zoom. Everyone is welcome, and attending earns 1 volunteer hour!

Reach out to parentclub@stbernadettesea.org to be added to the calendar event.

Volunteer Hours + VIRTUS

Each family is responsible for 30 volunteer hours this school year. Incomplete hours are charged at \$30 per hour. **VIRTUS training is required for anyone volunteering at school or Parent Club events. Training takes about 60 minutes and is valid for up to three years. Returning families, please check that your certification is still current before signing up.**

[Virtus training here](#)

TIP: Bookmark our Parent Club SignUpGenius page! You can easily move between events and see new volunteer opportunities as they are added throughout the year.

Thank you, Panther families. We're looking forward to a fantastic year together!

Emergency Kits

Each student needs a gallon size Ziplock bag filled with bottled water, non-perishable snacks your student likes, and a note from home, if you want. Please bring to Meet the Teacher.

2026-2027

PIZZA FRIDAY

SCAN TO ORDER



<https://archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/8827/responses/new>

*FIRST PIZZA FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 11, 2026



Parish Family 21

HELP US FEED OUR COMMUNITY AT TRANSFORM BURIEN

MEAL SERVICE: SEPTEMBER 13TH

Our parish family is preparing a hot meal at Transform Burien for people experiencing homelessness and food insecurity.

Menu: BBQ pulled pork, potato salad, green salad and dessert

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE THIS A SUCCESS

Sign up to donate a food item or volunteer your time:



<https://gqr.sh/ANvB>

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy."
Mt. 5:7



Altar Servers Needed!
If your student is in 3rd grade through 8th grade and has made First Communion, they may be an altar server.

Sign-ups are in the office.

Helpful Links

[School Calendar](#) detailed calendar information

[School Calendar](#) one page at-a-glance

[Lunch ordering information](#) you must create an account if you don't have one

[Friday Pizza order form](#) order for the year or weekly

[Daily Milk order](#) milk is \$22 for the entire year

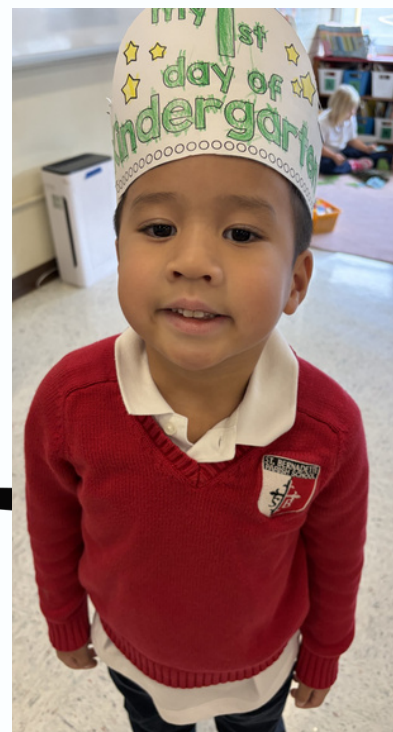
[Uniform orders](#) School code: 900199191 Ordering is through Lands' End

[Student supply lists PS-8th Grade](#) note that no paper - looseleaf or spiral - is needed thanks to a generous donation!

[MusicKids Registration](#) after school piano, violin & guitar lessons

[Karate Registration](#) after school, ages 5+, Mon / Wed in the Parish Hall

Extended Day registration is done through your Finals site account.



Register Today!

Family Faith Formation

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Thursdays 6pm-7pm

Beginning September 24th

At St. Francis of Assisi (Unity Place)

For families with children in K-8th grade seeking to learn more about their faith, to supplement school based religious education or to spend time with other Catholic families. Parents and children will separate after opening prayer. Children will separate into age groups.

Scholarships and payment plans are available. Funding should never preclude someone from receiving a sacrament or participating in faith formation. Contact Kristen for information.

For more information contact: Kristen Rogers-Prentice
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Parish Family 21 Presents
the return of

YOUTH NIGHT



OPEN TO ALL MIDDLE
SCHOOL YOUTH
6TH- 8TH GRADE



Registration Form
(required annually)

Event RSVP



**SEPT 26
2026
6PM-8PM**

St. Bernadette Youth Rm.
861 SW 126th Street
Seattle, WA 98146.

See You There!

Email for more information: krogers@stfoa-parish.org



SACRAMENT REGISTRATION

St. Bernadette and St. Francis of Assisi Students

First Holy
Communion



OCIC
Becoming Catholic



Confirmation



Please complete the registration form as soon as possible. We are excited to share these important milestones with your child.

Questions? Email: KRogers@stfoa-parish.org