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ST. BARNABAS SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 24, 2009



A NOTE FROM MRS. BARNES

Dear School Families,

This will be a busy weekend for all of us! Please join us for our first Student Council assembly this Friday at 1:45 in the gym. Our ever-popular money machine is back. We will be lead in cheers for our teams with a pep rally. Cheer our teams on at Sunday's football games

Football players may wear their jerseys. The cheerleaders may wear their cheerleading outfit. Everyone else can wear his or her gym clothes.

I hope to see all of you at the Fall Festival this Saturday. Let's pray for good weather!

We welcome Lorraine Lynskey from the UK who will be visiting our school next week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, This is part of a partnership between the Catholic Schools in Birmingham, England and the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Our students are doing a great job at showing respect and in being responsible. We are proud of them!

Hard to believe we will be entering October next week. With a good month of school completed, if you have any questions in regards to your child's progress, please make sure you contact the teacher or teachers directly.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lenore Barnes

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPT 24

Band Recruitment
6:30 to 8:00pm
O'Connell Hall
Grs 4 thru 8

SEPT 25

8:45 am Mass
Grs 1 & 2

SEPT 25

Homecoming Pep
Rally/Assembly
1:45 pm

SEPT 28

School Board Mtg
7:00 pm

A Note from...

The Computer Lady

September 24, 2009



Dear Parents:

A few words on SchoolNotes... We realize that sometimes the site is very slow or a page is not appearing. Please be patient. And we will continue to look for a solution.

In the meantime, we know SchoolNotes has been a very helpful communication tool for students, parents and teachers.

Listed below are the direct address you can type in for a particular teacher. It's much easier than doing a search at the SchoolNotes website.

One other tip is to access SchoolNotes through the parish website (www.stbarnabasparish.org). Click on the School link, click on SchoolNotes and then click directly on the particular teacher's name.

Preschool: new.schoolnotes.com/Preschool

Kindergarten/Mrs. Reynders: new.schoolnotes.com/breynders

Kindergarten/Mrs. Hooker: new.schoolnotes.com/LyndaH

Gr.1/Mrs. Butcher: new.schoolnotes.com/gbutcher

Gr.1/Mrs. Aleman: new.schoolnotes.com/MaryAleman

Gr. 2/Ms.DeLacey: new.schoolnotes.com/caradelacey

Gr. 2/Mrs. Singer: new.schoolnotes.com/csinger

Gr. 3/Mrs. Hannigan: new.schoolnotes.com/lhannigan

Gr. 3/Miss Gallagher: new.schoolnotes.com/kgallagher

Gr. 4/ Mr. Folliard: new.schoolnotes.com/RFolliard

Gr. 4/Mrs. McGlinchey: new.schoolnotes.com/tmcglinchey

Gr. 5/Ms. Louis: new.schoolnotes.com/jlouis

Gr. 5/Ms. Cuevas: new.schoolnotes.com/lcuevas

Gr. 6/Mrs. Becker: new.schoolnotes.com/kbeckerbarnabas

Gr. 6/Mrs. Thomas: new.schoolnotes.com/rbthomas

Gr. 7/Mrs. Gerk: new.schoolnotes.com/rgerk

Gr. 7/Mrs. Cullina: new.schoolnotes.com/francullina

Gr. 8/Mrs. Shader: new.schoolnotes.com/susanshader

Gr. 8/Mrs. Thielen: new.schoolnotes.com/kathielen

Resource/Mrs. Fruth: new.schoolnotes.com/dlfruth

Resource/Mrs. Krukowski: new.schoolnotes.com/vlkrukowski

Math Resource/Mrs. Wittenberg: new.schoolnotes.com/kwittenberg

Library/Mrs. Stahl: new.schoolnotes.com/mstahl

Music/Mr. Noffsinger: new.schoolnotes.com/dnoffsinger

Spanish/Mr. Tapia: new.schoolnotes.com/etapia

P.E./Ms. Perazzolo: new.schoolnotes.com/mperazzolo

Accelerated Reader List

Students and parents may access our Accelerated Reader List on the parish website (www.stbarnabasparish.org). Click on the School tab, then click on Academics, and McDonald Learning Center. The Accelerated Reader List is on the right side of the page. Titles are listed in alphabetical order.

Wanna catch the spirit, get inspired and get involved?

FSA is currently seeking 2-4 volunteers to help develop and/or coordinate the St. Barnabas Theater Arts Program. No theater experience necessary! Just have a desire to facilitate a fun and creative environment, and to put on a great show! For more information, please contact Camilla O'Keefe at (773)779-2397 or email camillajoe@sbcglobal.net.

St. Barnabas Respect Life

On Sunday, October 4, our church will celebrate **Respect Life Sunday** at the 12:00 noon Mass. This will mark the beginning of National Respect Life month. All are invited. Also, in support of the pro-life movement, our church will once again participate in **The Baby Bottle Project** benefiting The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland. This non-profit organization directly assists mothers and families experiencing crisis pregnancies by offering emotional, financial, material, and spiritual support. Please take a Baby Bottle home with you after any of the weekend masses next week, fill it with your spare change over the following five weeks, and return it the weekend of November 7 and 8. The bottles may be found at all of the exits as you leave Mass next weekend.

This is a simple, but crucial fundraising effort for The Women's Centers. Last year, St. Barnabas raised over \$4,000 for the Baby Bottle Project! Thank you for helping to promote a culture of life, and please remember to keep all pro-life efforts in your prayers, especially during Respect Life Month. See the attached flyer, or contact Beth Devane (773-239-2639, bdevane@aol.com) for more information.

~ Spare Change Saves Babies ~

Your nickels and dimes make a difference!

Please participate in the St. Barnabas Respect Life
Group's Baby Bottle Project



It's as easy as one, two, three:

1. Pick up a baby bottle in Church after any Mass on October 3 or 4;
2. Take it home and drop in your spare change for five weeks;
3. Return the bottle to Church before any Mass on November 7 or 8.

All proceeds will benefit The Women's Center, which offers crisis pregnancy counseling, medical and social service referrals, and materials goods assistance to mothers in need.

St. Barnabas FSA
After-School Enrichment Program
Fall 2009 Schedule

The St. Barnabas Family and School Association (FSA) is once again offering fun and enriching classes to our students. The following classes are now available for the FALL 2009 session only. *More classes may be added.* For more information or questions, contact Heather Cleveland (779-1179 or mhcleveland@ameritech.net).

- **Class sizes are limited**, so sign up soon! Classes are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.
 - Fees must accompany the sign up form to reserve your spot in the class.
 - Please send form with fees to the school office in an envelope marked "After-School Enrichment." Make checks payable to: St. Barnabas FSA.
 - All class teachers have completed background checks with the Archdiocese.
 - If a class is full or cancelled due to low enrollment, you will receive a refund.
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SPEECH COMPETITION with Ms. Pat Byrne & Mrs. Mary Ann Corrigan

Who: 3rd – 8th grades
When: Wednesdays 2:50 – 4:15 pm (*Please note: **NEW DAY!!!**)
How Long: 7 weeks (Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28, Nov. 4, 11 and with the Competition on Nov. 18)
Class Fee: \$10.00/ student

Help your student to be comfortable in front of their peers during oral presentations. This course includes a series of workshops using improvisational games and practice of oral presentations. It was developed by instructors with backgrounds in Speech, Theater, and Literature. The goal of the course is to prepare students to recite a memorized poem, short story, or monologue for judging by school faculty. The competition takes place during the last session where all students receive ribbons, and trophies are awarded to those who take the top score in each group. This is a great way for older students to prepare for future mandatory speech classes in high school!

TENNIS* with Ms. Kathleen Herber

Who: 3rd – 5th grades
When: Mondays 2:50 – 3:50 pm
How Long: 4 weeks (Sept. 28, Oct. 5, 19, 26)
Class Fee: \$20.00/ student

OR:

Who: 6th – 8th grades
When: Wednesdays 2:50 – 3:50 pm
How Long: 6 weeks (Sept. 30, Oct. 7, 21, 28)
Class Fee: \$20.00/ student

The Junior Tennis Program will be serving up **fun**-damentals of the lifetime sport of tennis! Our players will learn the forehand stroke, backhand stroke, and be introduced to serving and volleying. Games to increase racquet control abilities will provide added enjoyment! Scoring and game play will round out the season! (* Racquets will be provided, if necessary.)

**St. Barnabas After-School Enrichment Program
Fall 2009 Sign-Up Form**

MONDAY

Tennis (3rd-5th)

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

Speech Competition
Tennis (6th-8th)

THURSDAY

Parent name(s): _____

Phone/Cell #: _____

(Numbers where we can reach you during class time)

People who will be picking up your child: _____

**** For safety reasons, we can not allow young children to walk home alone.**

Child's name: _____ Grade: _____ Room # _____

Class: _____ Day: _____ Fee: _____

Dismissal Method: (please circle)

- Walking home
- Being picked up by those listed above
- To be taken to After School Program
- Going to athletic activity in the school

Child's name: _____ Grade: _____ Room # _____

Class: _____ Day: _____ Fee: _____

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5th Annual Progressive Holiday Mixer

** Save the Date**

The St. Barnabas Men's Club is hosting its 5th Annual Progressive Holiday Mixer on Friday, December 4th at 6:30 pm sharp at the St. Barnabas Gym. Doors open at 6:00 pm.

Ticket costs are \$55 per person (payable to the St. Barnabas Men's Club) and include food, drinks and transportation. The proceeds of the event will be donated to the Family School Association's Teacher Gift Fund.

Tickets are limited and we expect to sell out, as we did the last four years.

Please contact any of the individuals listed below for ticket information or if you would like to assist with the event.

Mark Murphy (mamurphy@comcast.net) (773) 233-5655

John Harrell (johnharrell@mac.com) 773-233-2222

Dave Borkovec (db92@sbcglobal.net) 773-429-0199

Michael Macander – (michael.macander@sbcglobal.net) 773-233-9929

Rob McDonald (rjmcdjr@gmail.com) 773-972-7875

We Need Your Help

We are looking for volunteers to assist as Group Leaders. As a Group Leader, your sole function is to assist in getting your group on/off the appropriate bus at the appropriate time. That's it, there is nothing else required. This is a vital function in the success of the event and we need your help.

Please contact any of the above individuals if you can help.

Thanks for your time, and we hope you can attend.

Sincerely,

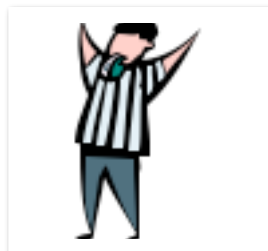
The St. Barnabas Men's Club

St. Barnabas Alumni: Congratulations! Mount Carmel and St. Barnabas graduates Martin Boyle, Jack Tangel and Andrew Tracy earned AP Scholar Awards. We are very proud of them.

Family Gym Pass

The Athletic Board is selling Family Gym Passes for \$60. The pass gains you free entrance to all games at St. Barnabas and applies to all immediate family members. The money you save on admission fees can be used at the new concession stand!:)

If you want a Family Pass, send in a check made payable to St. Barnabas Athletic Board. Please address the envelope to Terry Conroy, AB Treasurer. Please note the cost is now \$60 rather than the earlier cost of \$75. Anyone who paid \$75 should have received a refund. Thanks and we look forward to seeing you at all the Buckeye games this year! GO BUCKEYES!!!!



SAINT BARNABAS ADULT COMPUTER EDUCATION CLASSES



St. Barnabas will again be offering a number of computer classes in the school computer lab this fall. All classes will be taught by Mr. Alan Gbur, St. Barnabas parishioner and computer science professor at Daley College. All are welcome. Early registration and payment guarantees a spot in the class. Checks are to be made payable to St. Barnabas School and can be mailed along with the registration form to the school office at 10121 S. Longwood Drive, Chicago 60643, Attn: Della Cushing. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Cushing at 445-7711 (Ext. 315) or email her at stbtechnology@yahoo.com.

Introduction to Computers and the Internet

Date: Monday, October 19
Time: 7-9:00 p.m. Cost: \$25

Word I

Date: Tuesday, October 20
Time 7-9:00 p.m. Cost: \$25

Word II

Date: Monday, October 26
Time: 7 – 9:00 p.m. Cost: \$25

Word III

Date: Tuesday, October 27
Time: 7 – 9:00 p.m. Cost: \$25

Excel I

Date: Monday, November 2
Time: 7 -9:00 p.m. Cost: \$25

Excel II

Date: Tuesday, November 3
Time: 7-9:00 p.m. Cost: \$25

Excel III

Date: Monday, November 9
Time: 7-9:00 p.m. Cost: \$25

Adult Computer Class Registration Form

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Class: _____

Date of Class: _____

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Date of Class: _____

Congratulations to...

Maggie Maloney, one of our eighth grade students. She won the Southside Catholic Conference Christian Leadership Award. She will be honored this evening at a Mass at Most Holy Redeemer at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to attend .



FAMILY IN FAITH MASS

First Grade
Parents and children
are invited to participate
in the St. Barnabas Family Mass

Sunday, October 4
10:00 AM

First graders have just begun the formal study of their faith and the long term preparation which will lead them to First Eucharist in second grade.

At this liturgy, they will be specially invited to the children's Liturgy of the Word. At the end of the Mass, parents will be invited to give their children a special blessing to mark this step in their lives.

When you come to church, sit where you would like.

If you have any questions, please contact. Sr. Julie 773-445-3450

Scholarships

We have information on two scholarship programs.

The Link scholarship is specific to African American eighth-grade students who possess high academic potential, strong personal character, and cooperative parents. Applicants must have a desire to attend a private high school and financial need such that they might not be able to afford it without it.

The Daniel Murphy Scholarship is currently soliciting applications from eighth grade students who are interested in receiving a four year scholarship to attend either an independent/Parochial school in Chicago or a boarding school. These scholarships are awarded to students who demonstrate financial need, academic ability, and leadership potential.

On Monday, October 19, 2009 DMSF will host a High School Fair at St. Ignatius College Prep, located at 1076 Roosevelt Road from 5:30-8:30 PM.

For more information, please call Mrs. Jeanne Conway at (773) 445-7711.

Be on the lookout for...

There is a report of a man in a White Mini Van, license plate #H173693, trying to lure children into his van. He was spotted on 104th street near St. John Fisher.” If we get any more information we will let you know.

Hot Lunch notice...

Do not count on extra lunches being available in the lunch room. If you did not order lunch for your child/ren please send them to school with a lunch. There are only a couple of lunches extra unless we have a lot of students absent. Thank you for your cooperation.



The St. Barnabas School Advisory Board is sponsoring a fundraiser for the school. This Football Mania fundraiser is for the second half of the season, which begins on October 29 and runs through the end of the regular NFL season. Tickets are \$20 each.

The school advisory board asks for your support by purchasing tickets and also distributing tickets to areas outside the parish.

Football Mania offers weekly opportunities for you to enhance your enjoyment of the NFL season. All proceeds from this fundraiser will go directly to the St. Barnabas School. These funds will be used to provide additional materials and educational opportunities for the students.

How does it work?

Each ticket contains different 3-team combinations that are randomly generated and assigned to each of the last 10 weeks of the NFL season. Prizes are awarded after each week based on the combined total points of the teams assigned to each individual ticket. Each ticket is unique and everyone has the same chance to win. The weekly prizes are: \$500 for the highest points scored, \$200 for the 2nd highest, \$100 for the 3rd highest, \$50 for the 4th highest, \$50 for the lowest total points scored, and \$25 for the 2nd lowest. You do not have to follow the games to know if you won. You can check the website and enter your number for the results. Last year there were \$5,000 worth of winners.

To get Football Mania Tickets – Complete this form and turn-it into the office. All donations and unsold tickets must be returned by October 25, 2009.

Parent Name: _____

Student Name: _____ Classroom: _____

Number of Tickets: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

School board only:
Ticket Numbers: _____

Let's all enjoy the NFL season and support St. Barnabas School.

Questions? David Mangano – 773.238.8859
Dan Devane – 773.239.2639
Mark Kelly – 773.445.3082

Manna News:

From: Kim Capozzi

Many of you know that we are using a new company for manna called **shopwithscrip.com**. We now have the ability to order online. There are two different ways: one is to pay by check, the other is called Prestopay (deducted out of your checking account).

In order to use either of the online methods I need to get an account set up for you. All I will need is your email address and phone number. You can then go to the website shopwithscrip.com and place your order. Your username will be your email address and the password will be your phone number. (You can change the password once this is set up using the prompt on the left of the screen).

If you choose to pay by check, you will still need to send it into school office by 9am on Monday's. If you choose prestopay, it takes about 2-3 days to set up and there is a \$.39 convenience charge each time you choose to use that method. Once prestopay has been set up, it will deduct immediately from your account. This form of ordering should also be done by 9am on Monday's.

Some of you are already set up because you have provided me with your information. You can still choose to send in your order forms that are printed off the school website on Monday's or stop by Check & Carry on Thursday nights from 6-7:30.

This is a great new option and I hope you will all use one form or the other for participating in the manna program. Once your account is set up, you will also be able to see and keep track of the credits you will be receiving! Just remember that the amount you see is the FULL amount, you receive 80% of that twice a year.

Any questions please email or call Kim Capozzi at 551-7856 or stbmanna@yahoo.com