



Good News from Dr. Bennett... Oct. 14th,

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Fall Fest Sausage Left

There is still some of the sausage left from the "Wurstmart" meal at Fall Fest. It has been packaged in 2# zip bags and placed in the freezer. The price to buy some of this great sausage is \$6.00 for the 2 pound package. Anyone who wishes to purchase a package or more should contact the school office to make arrangements. Checks may be made out to Cathedral Parish.

Thanks to everyone who helped to make the Fall Fest such a fun event. The weather was great and the guests seemed to enjoy all the events and activities. Hopefully, we can try this again next year.

Scholar Bowl to Begin

We will be sending home a letter next week to see how many students would be interested in being a part of our Scholar Bowl team this year. I know we will be competing with sports practices, so I will need to check on a good day each week that may not conflict so much with other activities. Last year, our small group had a great time and did quite well for the few times we were able to practice. This year we hope to get a good start to prepare a super team.

We will be looking for interested students from grades 5-8 who wishes to learn about and practice for Scholar Bowl matches with other schools. It would not be necessary to be at every practice, but the more times we work together, the better we will be. I hope you will encourage your child to give it a try.

Dress Code Extension

Since the weather has been so nice and warm, I would like to extend the wearing of shorts until Nov. 1st. The handbook says that it normally would end on Oct. 15th, so I trust that this will make many of you very happy. One thing I would caution about --- I have noticed several boys with CARGO shorts (with all the pockets on

the outside) and these are NOT allowed. Trouser style pants are the only type of shorts permitted.

Also, I am noticing that some boys are not wearing BELTS with pants that have belt loops. This is also part of the dress code and should be observed.

Playground and Lunchtime Volunteers

I can't say enough THANK YOU's to those parents who have been coming to help with lunchroom and playground duty. This is really a help so that the teachers can have some time to sit with their lunches and have some discussion about schedule issues, curriculum topics and help for students. I think that parents have enjoyed their time with the students and get to see another side of school during those times. Again, thanks for your extra care and support.

Fire Prevention Month

We had our "formal" fire drill, observed by the Belleville Fire Dept., this week and we were out of the building in less than a minute. That is a super exit time, considering we have 3 and 4 yr. olds to get out to the fence. I am so pleased that the students are very serious and treat each drill like the real thing. Of course, our episode with the electric panel burning out did get everyone attention, so all are conscientious about being safe above all else.

Next week, the Fire Dept. will return with their ESCAPE program and the smokehouse for the students. This is always a good time to remind families to develop a plan for each home. This plan should include ways to get out of a burning or smoky house safely and a place for all to gather after their escape. Working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are also critical for families to be safe. This is just a good time to remind everyone of this project.

End of First Quarter

It's hard to believe that next Friday is the end of the first quarter already. We will be scheduling parent conferences for Nov. 10. We will try to accommodate the needs of all working parents.

Trunk or Treat Next Saturday

Trunk or Treat will be a great event again this year and will be held next Saturday, Oct. 22, starting after the 4:00 Mass. Cost is \$15.00 per family and includes hot dogs, a drink and much more. If you are a new family, I assure you that you will find this night to be as much fun for adults as it is for the children. Many parents wear costumes and enjoy the treats just like being a kid again! This activity is safe in that all the gates will be closed once the "trick or treating" starts.

I also need to mention that on that day, there will be a Respect Life and Pro Life group at the 4:00 Mass on that evening. That will, I'm sure, be the theme for the day. I also want to remind those attending Mass to use good taste with costumes they choose to wear at church.

Enjoy the fall colors,

Dr. Bennett