



Parent Newsletter

October 5,, 2022

Dear Parents,

Mission Statement: St. Bridget of Sweden School, recognizing that parents are the primary educators and teachers are facilitators of learning, provides an atmosphere conducive to the maximum development of all students, enabling them to become well-integrated individuals with Catholic principles, values and attitudes who are capable of living their lives according to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

### St. Francis of Assisi Day October 4th

Our students and staff brought pictures of their pets or stuffed animals to school to have them blessed by Deacon Steve Sloniker. How special to learn about St. Francis of Assisi and his love for all, including little animals of all kinds.

### Our Lady of Fatima

Our Lady of Fatima will be visiting St. Bridget October 7, 8, 9 and 10th. On October 7th, our students will be going to the church to pray a rosary to Her by grade level. If you are able to, please join them:

9:00am - 3 and 4 graders

10:00am - 1, 2, 7, 8 graders

11:00 am - Tk, K, 5, 6 graders

### This October Celebrate "Respect Life Month"

The Catholic Church in the United States celebrates respect Life Month every October. As Catholics we are called to embrace, proclaim, and defend life. This year the theme for respect life month is "Building a Civilization of Truth and Love". We ask for our Blessed Mother's intercession. As Missionary Disciples we can always look to our Blessed Mother's life as an example of faith, love and service.

We are waiting for materials from the Archdiocese to share with our students and families. For more information go to: <https://lifejusticeandpeace.lacatholic.org/respect-life-month>

### STREET PAVING

On Thursday, October 6th, Whitaker will be CLOSED from Sherman Way to Gault St.

If you are coming from Sherman Way:

You will have to take Balboa to Hart St. Then, turn left (go east) to the end of the street which is Petit. Turn left (north) and Petit becomes Gault at the curve. You may drop your child off on the north side of the street.. We will be there to ensure your child enters the school safely.

Afternoon pickup: Teachers will walk their classes out to church lawn on Gault St. When you approach they will ensure the child enters your car safely. If you are coming from Vanowen:

You will have to take Balboa to Hart St. Then turn right (go east) to the end of the street which is Petit. Turn left (north) and Petit becomes Gault at the curve. You may drop your child off on the north side of the street.. We will be there to ensure your child enters the school safely.

PLEASE DO NOT BE LATE! If you are late, you will have to call the office at (818) 785-4422 to have someone come open the gate.

\*\*If your child is staying in Boys & Girls Club, football or volleyball, please contact the coach when you arrive.

Friday is  
Baskin Robbins Day



Please join us on Friday from 11:00am to 6:00pm at the Baskin Robbins on the northeast corner of Saticoy and Balboa in the small shopping center for some scrumptious ice cream. Try a new flavor or enjoy your favorite. For every ice cream sold, St. Bridget will receive a percentage of the proceeds.

## October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month



Breast Cancer Awareness Month, also referred to in the United States as **National Breast Cancer Awareness Month (NBCAM)**, is an annual international health campaign organized by major breast cancer charities every October to increase awareness of the disease and to raise funds for research into its cause, prevention, diagnosis, treatment and cure.

As a breast cancer survivor, this month represents God's grace in my life and the life of my family. We celebrate it because God's saving grace brought "life" back into our home. We have a "Pinktober" tradition of wearing something pink every Thursday. I hope our staff and students join me in celebrating this month wearing pink socks, a pink headband, bow, bracelet, earrings or any other item on Thursdays.

## HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH



We continue celebrating **Hispanic Heritage Month** that began on September 15th. Visit the hallway displays of books and photos of famous Hispanic Americans that focus on their accomplishments. With such remembrances, we inspiringly celebrate the contributions of artists, authors and an array of other cultural leaders of Hispanic heritage.

How well do you know our Hispanic Staff:

- ★ Do you know which teacher was born in Mexico?
- ★ Which staff member taught Ballet Folklorico (Mexican dances) as a PE class in middle school?
- ★ Who received their doctorate at UCLA?



The producers of the film "*Mirando al cielo*" cordially invite you to the special screening of the historical and fictional film about the life of Saint José Sánchez del Río, who was canonized by Pope Francis in Rome on October 16, 2016. The free showing of the film in Spanish with English subtitles will take place at Christ the King Parish, 617 S Arden Blvd. Los Angeles CA.90004 on Tuesday, October 4, at 7 p.m.

*Mirando al cielo* presents the life of this young Mexican martyr, as a true example for today's youth and times we are living in. A 14-year-old teenager who is willing to give his life for the love of Jesus Christ and

for his Church. A young man whose ideal was to get to heaven and his reason for living was to follow Jesus Christ. A film of love, betrayal and forgiveness, which shows us how behind every saint there is always the family and the life of prayer.



Every Friday at 8:00 a.m., everyone will be attending Mass. Please plan to have your child arrive at school by 7:50 a.m. For the

safety of ALL students, the entrance gate will closed by 7:55, so students will be able to cross the driveway to go to church.



# Chocolate Fundraiser



At our two-week mark, our students have turned in \$9,300 or 59% of our goal of \$15,780. Please help your child sell their chocolates. We want to provide you with opportunities to do so.

Sometimes, our friends, the local vendors may also give you and your child permission to sell outside their premises.

### Current Standings:

- 1st place seller:  
**Joseph Aquino 4th grade - 11 boxes**
- 1st place grades:  
3rd/4th Grade with 46 boxes
- 2nd place grades:  
7th/8th with 43 boxes
- 3rd place grades:  
5th/6th with 28 boxes
- 4th place grades:  
TK/K with 23 boxes
- 5th place grades:  
1st/2nd with 18 boxes

Everyone is really close....turn in your monies!

**O'Connor Photography  
School Pictures are Coming!**



Get ready for our school pictures. **The**

pictures will be taken on **October 10th**. Get your smile ready! Your child should have received the flyer and taken it home. It asks that you fill out the envelope that is attached to order pictures. These pictures will also be used for the Yearbook



## Notes from Your School Librarian "Review of Basics"

The Library ministry that I have pursued with our students has some basic elements that I review here. Principally, my promotion of their reading journey, during my mid-week presence, involves Library class visits for many; for Kinder it's in-class story reading; and, for all, it's drop-in during breaks. Know that one can borrow up to two books at a time, for a week, no charge. Also, FYI, "Yellow" labeled books, with a "P" designation are for the primary grades. "White" labeled books either have an "E" for the elementary grades or "FIC" for the upper grades. And the "Blue" are restricted to our Jr. High veteran readers. Additionally, as requested by faculty, we are working on identifying the Lexile rating of books to better accommodate borrowers' reading level. Know, however, that one's awareness of Library basics matters most when parents actively aid their students' reading pursuits, be that from apt book choices to the responsible return of overdue items.

### LET'S REACH OUR GOAL!!!



We are compiling our list for students who will be preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. If your child is in **grade 3rd-8th** and needs the preparation, please contact the school office at 818-785-4422 or [dhernandez@stboss.org](mailto:dhernandez@stboss.org)



Please have your child wear their P.E. uniforms on **Tuesdays**. Thank you!



### VIRTUS & FINGERPRINTING

Fingerprinting is available at Our Lady of the Valley church on **Oct 17th**.. For an appointment call 818-592-2894. **You may also visit**

## LOOKING FOR A CLASSROOM VOLUNTEER!

If you know of a college student who is interested in volunteering in our TK/K classroom, please inform me immediately. Our goal is that the volunteer be a student in the educational field, but we are happy to meet any candidates and interview them. It is important for the safety of our little ones that there are always two adults in the room.

### Do you need Volunteer hours?



### We need volunteers!

Please inform Mrs. Hernandez in the Office of your availability. We have numerous projects where your support will be greatly appreciated. Mr. Cruz (Dr. Cruz's husband is volunteering to clean the green room (room on the left side of stage with music/sound equipment - (he is a professional musician). We currently need help in the following areas:

- recess/lunch supervision
- Cleaning area by bin (behind dumpsters)
- Cleaning the attic room (our storage area)
- Cleaning the green room (room on right side of stage)
- Cleaning the stage
- Painting the donated plastic chairs
- Washing the donated material chairs
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**DONATIONS NEEDED FOR SERVICE HOURS:** For every \$15 contributed you earn 1 service hour. Currently we

need the following:

- a. Plastic Containers with lids 66qts
- b. HP OfficeJet 5255 black and color ink (63XL)
- c. White Out Correction Tape
- d. Toilet Paper
- e. Paper Towels
- f. Plastic utensils
- g. Large green trash bags



Your child may bring lunch from home or If you would like to order lunch for your child, please go to [Mmmcaterings.com](http://Mmmcaterings.com) and use School Code: SBOSS-9821.

Remember, you must pay using Paypal so be sure to sign up for that on your phone first. Second, the orders are to be made 48 hours in advance, therefore if your child wants lunch on a Wednesday, for example, please order the latest by Monday. Thank you.

### LUNCHES FROM HOME

Please send your child with a lunch that **DOES NOT** require heating. Heating lunches impacts their instructional time as they have to leave class prior to lunch time to heat it up and then carry a hot container from the electric outlet to the eating area could be dangerous. Thank you.

### PERSONAL LUNCH DELIVERIES

We continue spending hours on a daily basis sorting out deliveries. Many times, the delivery person does NOT have the name of the student and expects the office to figure out who the delivery is for.

Many other times, parents have ordered from Mmm Mmm Catering and also have food delivered causing confusion. Please become familiar with your child's lunch time. Although we appreciate that not everyone brings a lunch or likes what our catering company offers, **lunches should be delivered no more than 10 minutes prior to your child's lunch break so your child can pick up their lunch from the table in front of the office on their way to enjoy lunch with their classmates. All deliveries MUST have the students' name on it.**



We are on AMAZON SMILE! Click the link before you make your purchase and a percentage of eligible purchases will support St. Bridget of Sweden School. PLEASE SHARE WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY! Thank you!

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/95-1953478>



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If you will or may be utilizing **Before school Morning Care** Program, please drop your child off at the

bungalow and sign-in with Mr. Edgar. Morning Care begins at 7:00am.

**Afterschool Care** continues to grow. **The program is held here**



**at St. Bridget!!** Register immediately to begin. Please register directly with the Boys and Girls Club using the following link: <https://bgcburbank.org/>

## COVID-19 Guidelines & Protocols

### Masking Requirements

- Masks, while on campus, are optional.
- Washing/Sanitizing hands and disinfecting high-touchpoint areas
- Improved ventilation by maintaining open doors and windows, and use of air purifiers.
- Please no supply sharing. Be sure that students have their own supplies.
- Drinking fountains will continue to be limited to the water bottle fill station.

**Please ensure that your child is bringing their own refillable water bottle to school daily.**

The health and safety of our students, families, faculty and staff

are our priority. We thank you in advance for your patience and continued support.

**If your child is showing any signs of any illness, please keep them home. We appreciate your cooperation, support and understanding as we want to keep our school safe and open for in-person learning. Thank you!**

### Gently Used Clothes Needed



Our PAC continues to collect gently used clothing. If your child outgrows their school uniform, sweatshirt, etc., please consider donating it to our school. Parents and students would greatly appreciate having these items available for their growing children. Mrs. Marquez and Mrs. Son continue to wash and prepare donated clothing for future sales. We will notify you of these dates.



### ATHLETE'S SIBLINGS

There are still siblings of athletes that remain unsupervised after school. This is a serious safety issue. Please remember that **only** athletes may stay after school for practice. For their safety, younger siblings must be enrolled in the Boys & Girls Club or be picked up immediately after school. Thank you.

### FALL SPORTS

Our Flag Football team has been actively practicing and putting their skills to the test. Monday's game at Balboa Park was against Our Lady of Grace. Our team won the game 18-14. We are so proud of their dedication and gusto!!!

The Girls' Volleyball team visited Our Lady of Grace for their game this week too. They played a "mean" game and gave it all they had. We are so very proud of each and every team member.



### UPCOMING DATES:

#### **October 5 (TODAY)- PANDA Fundraiser.**

This is a national Panda experience. Call friends/family from the entire nation to join us for this fundraiser! They can have lunch or dinner in Texas, New York, Louisiana or anywhere in the United States and we will get credit!!!!

**October 7 - Our Lady of Fatima Rosary**  
**The students will participate in a rosary dedicated to Our Lady of Fatina. Please join the students on Friday, October 7th:**

**Grades 3 and 4: 9:00am**

**Grades 7, 9, 1, 2 - 10:00am**

**Grades 5,6,Pre-K, K at 11:00am**

#### **October 7 - BASKIN ROBBINS 31 FLAVORS fundraiser.**

Have you ever tried all 31 flavors? How about just a new or unusual flavor. Well join us at the Baskin Robbins on Saticoy and Balboa for a special treat that will bring special credit to our school!