

THE BEDE BANTER

St. Bede School

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The time is always right to do what is right.

- *Martin Luther King Jr.*

Our Classrooms

Martin Luther King Jr. Assembly



On Friday, January 13th our 4th Graders prepared an assembly on Martin Luther King Jr. Mr. Riedel led his students as they presented to the school.



Upcoming Events

Friday, January 20th

Pasta Dinner

5:30p – 8pm

St. Bede's Gym

Contact: Kristie Steitz

KristieSteitz@gmail.com

(sign-up form attached)

Tuesday, January, 24th

Ice Skating Party

4pm – 6:30pm

Schenley Oval

Contact: Joan McSorley

Joan.mcsorley@gmail.com

Thursday, January 26th

Half Day, 12:30pm Dismissal

Friday, January 27th

Clerical Day/No School

Hidden Valley Ski Trip

10am – 7pm

Contact: Jerry Conner

Jdconner90@gmail.com

(sign-up form attached)

Sunday, January 29th

Catholic Schools Week Mass

and Open House 10am

St. Bede's School

Student Clubs and Activities

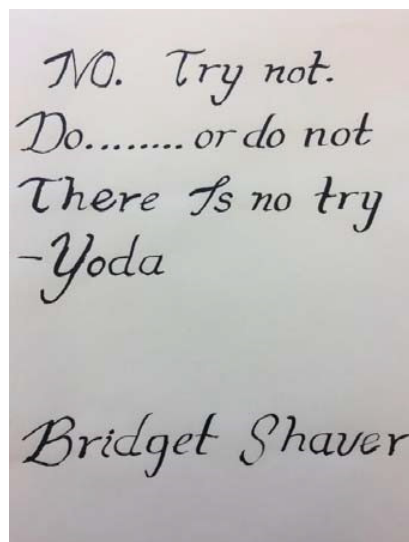
St. Bede's National Geographic Bee – January 12th and 13th

Seventh Grader Liam McCrady fought through 7 rounds, a lengthy series of tie-breaker rounds and then the final and championship rounds of the National Geographic Bee to win first place at St. Bede. Now Liam is studying for the written test to see if he can qualify for the State Bee held on March 31st.

The three championship round questions are: 1. Last August President Barack Obama announced the expansion of a marine national monument, creating the world's largest marine protected area. The Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument is located on the coast of which U.S. State? (Answer: Hawaii); 2. Archaeologists have begun excavating an ancient lost city in the region called La Mosquitia in which country north of Nicaragua? (Answer: Honduras); 3. The endangered snow leopard is being protected in the Annapurna Conservation Area, which includes the Annapurna Massif in which Asian country? (Answer: Nepal).

After the preliminary and tie-breaker rounds of the school bee these ten finalists competed for the school title: Peter Elder, Gwen Havern, Eric Fredette, Lina Sora, Alex Ribnicky, Kate Newell, Liam McCrady, Anna Cappella, Ryan O'Toole, and Henry Shaver. Kate Newell came in 2nd and Gwen Havern was 3rd after Liam took the top slot as champion.

According to Mrs. Eddy, the bee sponsor and organizer of St. Bede's Geography Club, an after school activity, 49 students competed in the bee this year.



Upcoming Events Cont'd

Friday, February 3rd

No School /
Parent Teacher Conferences

Friday, February 10th

Middle School Dance
7:30pm – 10pm
St. Bede's Gym

Friday, February 17th

Half Day, 12:30pm Dismissal

Monday, February 20th

No School

Saturday, February 25th

Mardi Gras
6pm – 12am
St. Bede's Gym
Contact: Rachel/Kevin Mollen
rbmollen@gmail.com
kpmollen@yahoo.com

Tuesday, February 28th

Ice Skating Party
4pm – 6:30pm
Schenley Oval
Contact: Joan McSorley
Joan.mcsorley@gmail.com

Birthday Book Club Donations

Mercy Watson Series Books
#2, 4, 5, & 6 by DiCamillo
from Tilly Conner – Grade 2

Star Wars Series by Disney
from C. J. Rodriguez –
Kingergarten

PTG News

Pasta Dinner this Friday (January 20th)

Last call to make a reservation for the Past Dinner! Please join us this Friday in the St. Bede Gym. Pasta and meatballs will be served along with a bake sale sponsored by our Student Council. Submit your form today! Contact Kristie Steitz with any questions about reservations. (see sign-up form attached) kristiesteitz@gmail.com

Bakers Needed!

Please support the Student Council Bake Sale at the Pasta Dinner - - proceeds benefit our Angel Fund. Baked goods can be brought to Mrs. Kelly's 5th Grade classroom by Friday, afternoon, January 20th.



Lunchroom Volunteers Needed!

Currently, we are still looking for parent volunteers to help in the cafeteria during lunchtime (10:45-1:00) and with recess (11:00-1:00). We're looking for assistance to fill open position on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. You may volunteer once a week, or a couple of times a month, once month, or as a substitute - flexible schedules can be accommodated. Please contact the Lunch Room and Recess Volunteer Coordinator, Ashley McFall at mcfallashley80@gmail.com or (412) 860-6607 with questions or if you are available to help. Thank You!

PTG Ski Trip to Hidden Valley Ski Resort

Our annual ski trip to Hidden Valley is on Friday, January 27th. Save on group discounts and ski with St. Bede friends on this day off from school. If you have any questions, please contact Jerry Conner (idconner90@gmail.com). (see sign-up form attached)

Save the Date for the Annual Adult Social and Auction Celebrating the Kentucky Derby Friday, May 5th - 7pm to midnight Longue Vue Club

This special evening is the PTG's largest fundraiser of the year. All parents, teachers, parishioners, alumni, and other supporters of St.

Birthday Book Club Donations Cont'd

Pokeman Series of 8 Books from Bobby McFall - 1st Grade

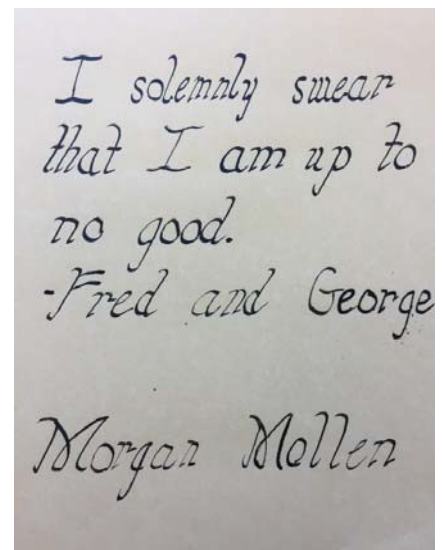
5 Minute Princess Stories by Disney from Jillian McFall - P4
Diary of a Wimpy Kid - The

Last Straw by Kinney from Owen - 3rd Grade & Quinn - Kindergarten, Campfield

Student Awards

Jazmine Lucas, Grade 7, is one of the winners of the Martin Luther King Essay and Poster Contest sponsored by the Race and Reconciliation Dialogue Group of St. Paul's Cathedral. She was celebrated at the January 15th mass at St. Paul's Cathedral.

Ella Maier, Grade 7, was selected to participate in the Central District Honors Band.



Bede School are invited to enjoy dinner, dancing, auctions, raffles, and meeting up with old friend and getting to know new ones. This is a wonderful opportunity for new families to get involved, meet new friends, and start a new tradition. We need YOU to attend to make this a successful event!

Look for an information packed newsletter in February with updates about the Social's history, gift gathering parties, FAQ's, donation/advertising/sponsorship, and current auction items. Contact Becky Stratmoen-Smith (mattandbeckysmith@gmail.com) or Sarah Breslin (sarabreslin125@gmail.com) with questions or if you would like to help.

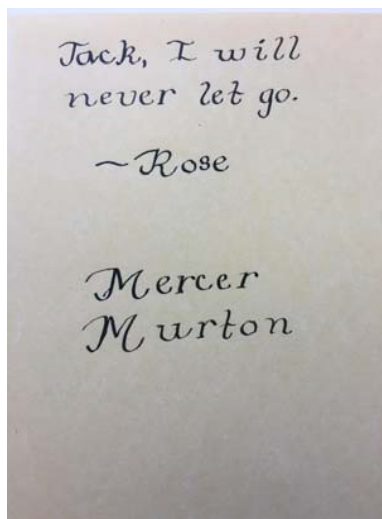
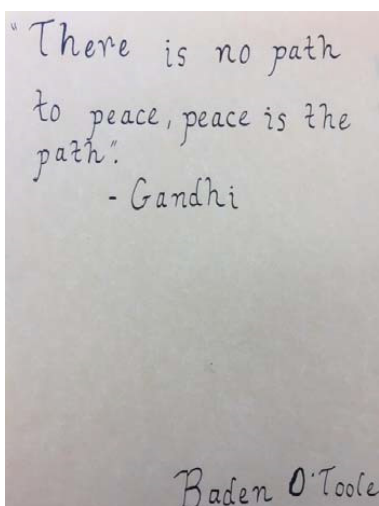
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Like us on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/stbedesocial>

- Auction and raffle items sneak peek...
- 4 One-Day **Disney Park Hopper tickets** - \$620 value
- Singed **Antonio Brown jersey** (priceless)
- **P3-5th Grade artwork** (THANK YOU Ms. Musicko!)
- Teacher donations (including the always popular "**Principal for a Day**")
- Donations from businesses such as **Color Me Mine, Point Brugge, Wheel Deliver, OrangeTheory**, and **Mineo's** just to name a few.

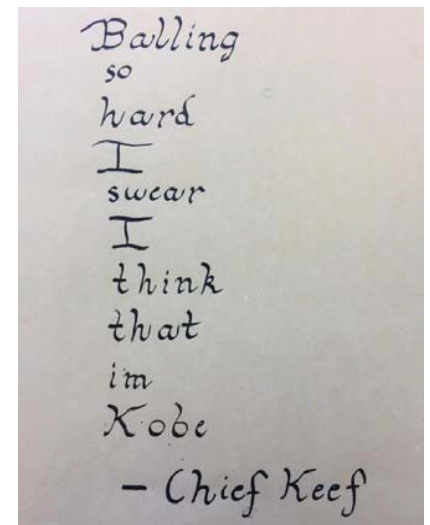
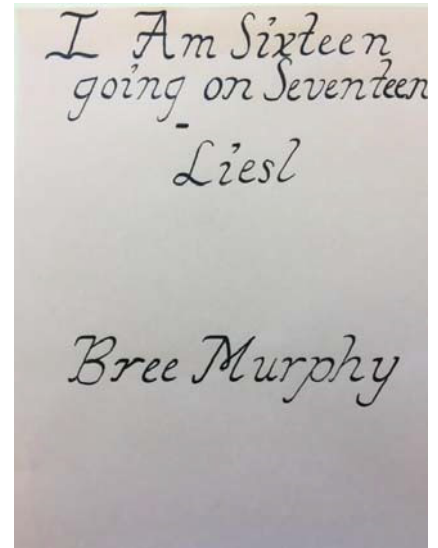
Ice Skating at Schenley Park

Join friends and classmates at Schenley Park ice skating rink on Tuesday, January 24th from 4 pm to 6:30 pm. Any questions please contact Joan McSorley (joan.mcsorley@gmail.com)



Featured Artwork

Our featured artwork this month that you see throughout the newsletter is Calligraphy by our 6th Graders.



(By Neil Pomper)

Athletic Association News

Mardi Gras

Please join us at **Mardi Gras** this year as we honor **Joe Goldcamp**, husband to our librarian Mrs. Goldcamp. Joe is a longtime parishioner and supporter of St. Bede Athletics and the **2017 St. Bede Athletic Association Hall of Fame Honoree**.



The SBAA's Mardi Gras Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, February 25th from 6pm until midnight in the gym. Get out your beads and join us for a night of great food, drinks, and games of chance! If you would like to volunteer at the event please contact Rachel or Kevin Mollen (rbmollen@gmail.com or kpmollen@yahoo.com) – see reservation form attached.

The Bede Banter is published monthly by the St. Bede PTG, with the help of many volunteers. Submissions may be sent to ptg@stbedepgh.org.

You can also find more information about the PTG, School Calendars, and more online at:

www.saintbedeschool.com/get-involved

Just go up to somebody on the street and say "you're it" and then run away.

-Ellen DeGeneres

Alana Fantini

"Walking in the dark with a friend is better than walking in the light alone."

-Helen Keller

Amelia Dick

It's easy to impress me. I don't need a fancy to be happy. Just good friends, good food, and good laughs.

I'm happy. I'm satisfied. I'm content.

-Maria Sharapova

*Hannah
Werner*



**SAINT BEDE PTG
ICE SKATING PARTY**

**Tuesday, January 24, 2017
4:00 to 6:30 p.m.
Schenley Ice Rink**

\$3.00 for Kids

\$4.00 for Adults

Skate rental is available at the rink for \$3.00/pair.

Payable to the rink day of party. Rink appreciates small bills and/or exact change.

Saint Bede PTG Ice Skating Party

Please submit payment with this form by Friday January 20, 2017. There will be a bin in office.

(You may also pay at the rink on day of event. Exact change / small bills or checks appreciated.)

Contact Joan McSorley with questions.

Joan.Mcsorley@gmail.com ~ 412-600-3473

Total Kids @ \$3.00 each _____

Total Adults @ \$4.00 each _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____



St. Bede Athletic Association *46th Annual Mardi Gras*

*JOIN US IN HONORING JOE GOLDCAMP
HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE*

Saturday, February 25th
6:00pm until Midnight
St. Bede Gymnasium

Admission includes all food and drink!
\$20 in advance or \$25 at the door -- Seniors \$15

Please submit to school office (6920 Edgerton Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15208)
RSVP by *Wednesday, February 22nd*

NAME(S) _____

Total # people _____ x admission price = \$ _____ TOTAL

I AM UNABLE TO ATTEND – PLEASE ACCEPT MY DONATION OF \$ _____

PLEASE LIST MY NAME AS A FAMILY SPONSOR FOR THIS EVENT:

- PLATINUM LEVEL – DONATIONS OF \$100 AND OVER
- GOLD LEVEL – DONATIONS UNDER \$100
- SILVER LEVEL – DONATIONS UNDER \$50

Please enclose your payment of cash or check (payable to the SBAA)

Questions please contact Rachel Mollen (rbmollen@gmail.com)

10th Annual St. Bede Pasta Dinner



Friday, January 20th

5:30PM-8PM

St. Bede Gymnasium

Please use gym/Willard Street entrance

Catch up with your St. Bede friends and family while supporting St. Bede School

Menu includes salad, bread, pasta and meatballs!
Enjoy a treat from our BAKE SALE, sponsored by Student Council – all proceeds benefit the St. Bede Angel Fund.

Please RSVP by Monday, January 16th -- accurate head count is vital!

Family Name: _____

- EAT IN
- TAKE OUT

_____ # Adult dinners -- \$10.00 each = _____
_____ # Child dinners -- \$5.00 each = _____ Total \$ _____

I am unable to attend the event – please accept my donation of \$ _____.

Submit this form along with payment (cash or check made payable to St. Bede PTG) in an envelope marked "Pasta Dinner." Return to school office or church collection baskets at weekend masses. Any questions contact Palma Constantin -- palma.c703@gmail.com.

Many thanks to *Joseph Tambellini Restaurant* in Highland Park for so generously giving of their time and talents in preparing the food for this year's dinner.

ST. BEDE PTG SKI TRIP

Hidden Valley Ski Resort

Friday, January 27, 2017



Lift Tickets*: _____ \$33.00 = _____
*(Valid 10:00AM-7:00PM)

(All Skiers and Snowboarders 6 yrs and older need a lift ticket -- 5 yrs and younger are free.)

Ski Rentals: _____ * \$22.00 = _____

Snowboard Rentals: _____ * \$22.00 = _____

1 Hr Group Lesson: _____ * \$17.00 = _____

Total (\$): _____

(Group Discount Rates Apply - Make Checks Payable to St. Bede PTG)

Contact Name: _____

Contact E-mail Address: _____

Reservations and payments must be received by January 20, 2017.
Return forms to the school office in an envelope marked PTG Ski Trip.
Lift Tickets and rental vouchers will be distributed at Hidden Valley on the 27th.
No transportation will be provided.

Questions can be directed to Jerry Conner (jdconner90@gmail.com)