

St. Bernard's Alumni Newsletter

Letter from the Principal

Dear Alumni,

Catholic Schools Week was celebrated throughout the country with the theme: *Catholic Schools Divides for Life: Faith, Knowledge, Discipline and Morals*. St. Bernard's Catholic School is a Catholic School first—teaching the academics needed in a faith-based environment. The unique contribution Catholic Schools provide their students is one of religion, Christ-like character, and lives of truth and goodness.

Faith: the belief in our Lord Jesus Christ and the practice of his teaching. This year St. Bernard's Catholic School not only attends Mass on the first Friday of every month and days of obligation, but we participate in Stations of the Cross during Lent and prayer services led by our staff and students. The school's Catholic identity has been emphasized by all these days of prayer and worship.

Knowledge: St. Bernard's Catholic School has consistently provided the academic teachings necessary for the students' needs today and in the future. The ITBS (Iowa Test of Basic Skills) is a nationally normed test in which our students have annually scored above the Diocese class averages. The test is given in reading, language, math, social studies, and science. St. Bernard's students after graduation have gone to their respective high schools as class and academic leaders.

Discipline: This is evidenced through the daily relationships shared by all at our school. Students understand the importance of kindness to their fellow classmates as well as their daily greeting of teachers and staff.

Morals: the faith that we all share guides us when relating to principles of right and wrong behavior.

We have had a year full of opportunities which have allowed us to grow in our faith with God and each other. We have laughed and cried together, have studied and relaxed together. We have explored new ideas and solidified old traditions together and have sung, worshipped and prayed together. Through all the months, weeks and days spent at St. Bernard's the bonds that link our hearts and minds together have been strengthened so that each person has experienced the freedom to become more uniquely him or herself.

Gary Abate, Principal

Outstanding Alumni

Is there someone you know who you would like to nominate for Outstanding Alumni of St. Bernard's? Mr. Abate is looking for an Alumni to honor at this year's Graduation in May! Please contact the school with your nomination!

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Happy
Easter!

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Check out our web site!
www.st-bernardschool.org

Mark Your Calendars!

Tuition Assistance Event

Is

April 24th!



St. Bernard's Community Service and the Environment

Last Year St. Bernard's chapter of the California Junior Scholarship Federation (CJSF) started collecting plastic bottles and aluminum cans for the "Can's for Christ" Campaign not only as a fundraiser and community service but also in an effort to help protect the environment. We had such great participation and success with this program that we are continuing it this year as well. In November the

students and Faculty of St. Bernard's raised \$426.00 and donated the money to a Parish sponsored Thanksgiving dinner for the elderly. Our January 29th collection raised \$517.17 and the money was split, \$125 paid for the Mad Science Workshop at the St. Bernard's Science Fair and the remaining \$392.17 went to an orphanage in Haiti.

Our next collection will be March 26th and that money will go to St. Bernard's Youth Group Mission trip to Catholic Heart Work Camp in LA.

St. Bernard's has since started collecting and recycling empty ink cartridges and cell phones. Another great way to help the school community and the environment!

Attention Alumni!

Would you, or someone you know, like to register as alumni? If you are a graduate of St. Bernard's Catholic School or a parent of someone who graduated from St. Bernard's Catholic School and are not registered, please visit the schools website at www.st-bernardschool.org and click on the appropriate link at the bottom of the main page!

If you would like to let us know what you have been doing since you graduated or share your success story, or a favorite memory from St. Bernard's please send your story to:

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Or, e-mail your story to:

alumni@st-bernardschool.org

We will print your story in the next alumni newsletter! Please include the following information:

- First Name
- Last Name
- Maiden Name (if applicable)
- Year you graduated St. Bernard's
- Any information you would like to share