

St. Bernard's Newsletter

Alumni

March 2009

A Letter From Sister Mary Eugene

After having been in St. Bernard's Parish since 1960, and having taught in school until 2001, I am delighted to have the opportunity to say a few words in your Newsletter. It has been an honor to have known so many of you and, when I leave Tracy and go back to Ireland at the end of April, I will take many happy memories with me.

Several of the sisters who were with us in those early days have gone to their reward, but not all. Sr. Norah (Mary Peter), the school's first principal, is still very alert at 96 years of age in England. Sr. Monica (Mary Mechtilde) is also living in one of our convents in England. Sr. Bernadette (Mary Laetitia) and Sr. Mary Lancaster (Martin Mary) are still doing parish work, as are Sr. Maureen O'Brien and Sr. Ann Venita, both of whom came later.

Sr. Mary Eugene

SEEDS

St. Bernard's has maintained a school facility and expanded its curriculum for the benefits of our families and their children. The Diocesan Annual Report 2008-2009 published trends have shown St. Bernard's School to be the second lowest tuition in the Diocese of Stockton. St. Bernard's has been able to maintain such a low tuition through fundraisers and donations. St. Bernard's has also been able to provide need-based tuition assistance for our families through organizations such as SEEDS, among others.

SEEDS, formerly Assistance for Catholic Education (ACE), was established in 2003, by Bishop Stephen Blaire and the Young Men's Institute as an independent, non-profit organization to provide the opportunity for Catholic education to as many children as possible in the Diocese of Stockton. SEEDS provides tuition assistance to elementary schools in the Diocese of Stockton. It allows children of all socio-economic backgrounds the opportunity to receive a quality education in a safe environment through the generous support of our community.

If you would like more information or would like to make a contribution to SEEDS or Adopt-a-Student through SEEDS please contact the SEEDS office at 209-466-0636 or write to 1105 North Lincoln Street, Stockton, CA 95203.

School News

Kindergarten

The Kindergarten classroom has been enlarged to accommodate 33 students. Thanks to a lot of hard work, construction on the kindergarten classroom was completed over the holidays. We have added to the larger classroom, new heating and air conditioning units, desks, chairs, and cabinets. Our kindergarteners' daily session has also been extended to a full day! With the extended day, our kindergarteners are now able to have time in the computer lab, go to the Library twice a week, music classes, and PE!

ITBS Results

Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS) is a nationally-normed test that assesses students in mathematics, science, reading, language, social studies, and sources of information. St. Bernard's ITBS results are in and we are pleased with the results! Our students scored above the Diocesan average and above the National average in all subjects!

For more information you
can visit
www.st-bernardschool.org

Cans for Christ

St. Bernard's students have been collecting plastic bottles and cans since early September. The money raised by recycling these bottles and cans is being donated by the students to help build our new parish family home! So far the students have raised over \$2500!

St. Bernard's Religious Store

Did you know that the St. Bernard's Religious Store is open to provide you with quality products and excellent customer service to meet your religious needs?

We have a large selection of merchandise including: bibles, bible accessories, crosses, rosaries, jewelry, statues, etc... We now sell school uniforms and uniform accessories!

Stop by to pick up gifts for your family's special events, including Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation and Weddings. Come by and check out our store located at 516 E. 11th Street.

Store hours are Tuesday to Thursday from 9am to 3pm, Friday from 9am to 4pm and Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm. For any questions, please call 836-2498.

Alumni Information

Anniversary Celebration!

St. Bernard's School

Alumni/Tuition Assistance Social

April 25, 2009

209-835-8018

St. Bernard's School is inviting all Alumni, School Parents and Parishioners to the Alumni/Tuition Assistance Social. The events for the day begin at the school with open house from 4pm-5:00pm and continue with an evening of wine tasting and beer tasting from 5:00-8:00pm in the Large Hall (Gym). There will be numerous hors d' oeuvres served along with oysters on the half shell.

Come enjoy a wonderful evening reminiscing and celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the school and the 100th Anniversary of the church with friends and family.

Tickets are now being sold at the school office for \$35/person until March 25 after this date the tickets will be sold for \$40/person. Tickets will not be sold at the door. You must be 21 years of age or older to attend.

All funds raised at the event support the tuition assistance program at the school.

St. Bernard's Alumni and Parents

Would you, or someone you know, like to register as alumni? If you are a graduate of St. Bernard's School or a parent of someone who graduated from St. Bernard's 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!

Please tell your fellow alumni or parents of alumni to register soon so they don't miss out on our 50th Anniversary Celebration!

Alumni Stories

If you would like to share a story about St. Bernard's or let fellow alumni know what you have been doing, please let us know! On the back of this newsletter is a form you can mail in or you could e-mail your story to alumni@st-bernardschool.org for our next quarterly newsletter! We look forward to hearing from you!

Did you know...

- St. Bernard's Librarian and PE teacher, Breanna Granillo is an alumni of St. Bernard's?
- Sr. Mary Eugene is leaving Tracy to go back to Ireland? And that she postponed her departure to make sure she would be here to attend St. Bernard's School 's 50th Anniversary Celebration!

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"Learning with God's Guidance"

Would you like to share your story in the St. Bernard's Alumni Newsletter?

Just send your information to: First Name _____
St. Bernard's Catholic School Last Name _____
C/O Alumni Newsletter Maiden name _____
165 W. Eaton Avenue Address _____
Tracy, CA 95376 City _____ State ____ Zip _____
209-835-8018 Phone Number _____
Or e-mail to: St. Bernard's Class
alumni@st-bernardschool.org of _____

What are you doing
now? _____

Interesting Story You'd like to
share? _____