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Special Recognition:

Thank you to Father Tom, Ms. Onacila and Ms. Colborn for reading and Gina Coyle for playing guitar and singing at our Christmas Story Time. The kids had a great time!

Thank you to Linda Hohmann and Jill McNamara for putting together the craft for the students at the holiday shop and to everyone that helped. Also a big thank you to our 6th grade students for helping shoppers and wrapping gifts.

Thank you to Shannon Johnson and Danielle Hanna for coordinating the Christmas reception and to those who were able to volunteer their time and serve families at the event.



In Case You Missed Us!

Principal's Updates:

- EdChoice Scholarship Program: St. Brendan School is a provider of Ohio EdChoice Scholarships. Students new to our school who would otherwise attend a public school designated as failing by the Ohio Department of Education, which in North Olmsted includes Forest Elementary and Maple Intermediate, are eligible for a scholarship from the state for tuition at St. Brendan. Once received, the scholarships remain in effect for the students through 8th grade. The opportunity exists for incoming Kindergarten students, even if their older siblings are at SBS and they attend preschool. Contact the school office for more information at 440-777-8433.
- The children will be looking forward to the luau earned with the We Give Catholic Campaign! This will take place during Catholic Schools Week!

President's Updates:

- The Saver's fundraiser in November netted over \$800. Thank You to everyone who donated!! Please consider starting a donation bag for the spring Savers Fundraiser March 14—March 15.
- PTU was made aware of an opportunity for a fundraiser with Artist For A Day and Fracapane's Bakery. In order to get this off the ground, PTU is looking for a chair or co-chairs to run the event. Please email PTU@stbrendannorthholmsted.org if interested.

Growth & Development:

- Thank you for continued participation in the Marco's pizza nights! St Brendan is currently in second place and is in the running for the \$3,000 year end prize! We have currently raise \$1,285.90.

We Need You!

If you are interested in organizing SBS to be involved in the **Saint Patrick's Day** parade please reach out to a PTU board member or Julie Onacila.



Open Positions (2020-2021)

- Co-Chair for Hospitality
- In School Events
- Holiday Shop

If you are interested in learning more about one of the open positions please reach out to Melissa Adams at:

melissaadams24@gmail.com



How We Make A Difference:

In our November newsletter, we shared that we are taking a new approach to the PTU finances. We have a list of goals and items we want to donate back to the school and with your help, we are checking them off! Read about our progress to date listed below and why we chose these improvements!



2019—2020 Goals and Progress:

Goals we have **REACHED!** & you will start to see information on!

1. **Water Bottle Filling Stations**—adding water bottle filling stations at the school will offer a cleanliness factor, while also reducing SBS plastic bottle waste. Water bottle filling stations also offer another level of purifying to ensure healthy drinking water.
2. **Welcome Gift for new families to SBS**—these baskets are for families new to our community. They will include a spirit wear item for their new students. This is a great and easy way for us to make new families feel welcome, not only to SBS, but to PTU as well.
3. **PTU Volunteer Scholarship**—each person who volunteers for an event throughout the year will be entered into a scholarship raffle. You can only be entered once. The purpose is to increase parent participation from new faces. The scholarship will be taken off of the students tuition.

Goals we are working towards!

1. **Jr High Social Activity**—this will give our Jr High students the opportunity to spend time together without the younger grades.
2. **Buddy Bench**—the Buddy Bench was designed for educational settings to eliminate loneliness and promote friendship. This would serve as a sitting area during recess and outdoor play, but also has a greater purposes for our students and their peer awareness.
3. **Outdoor Learning**—we encourage you to take a few minutes to Google the benefits of outdoor learning spaces in educational environments. Providing picnic tables for our students to work outside is the beginning of an outdoor learning environment.

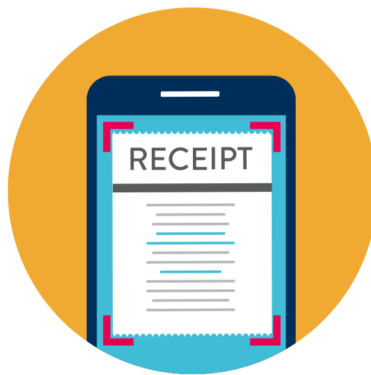


Box Tops:

Download the new Box Tops mobile app on your smart phone and register St. Brendan PTU. Scan your receipts every time you shop!



BUY
BOX TOPS
PRODUCTS



SCAN
YOUR
RECEIPT



EARN
CASH FOR
YOUR SCHOOL

Our second class competition ends **January 31st**. Clipped Box Tops sent into school since the beginning of October AND Box Tops scanned into the new mobile app since July will all count toward this competition.

Thank you to all of you who are utilizing the new Box Tops Mobile App. Our school families have scanned over 180 receipts into the App, earning us \$70 so far!

Did you know there is a "Give Credit" function in the Box Tops Mobile App? When you scan the receipt, you will see a "Credit" button at the bottom of the screen. When you press the button, a blank field appears allowing you to type in a student or family name (either is fine).

Unfortunately, the vast majority of our school's scanned submissions DO NOT note which student(s) to credit! You CAN go back to previous mobile submissions within the app to note credit. Go under "My Earnings" in the app and click on a specific submitted earning. You will see three vertical dots at the top right corner, click on those dots, then click "Give Credit". Complete the field and click "Done".

If you haven't credited your students with your mobile submissions, please use those steps to note credit **by the end of this month**.

Please email lbrasse4@gmail.com if you have any difficulty using the Box Tops Mobile App or any questions at all.

PTU Meeting Dates:

All meetings will be held in the Religious Education Room.

April 21—Mtg #4

***last meeting of the year!**

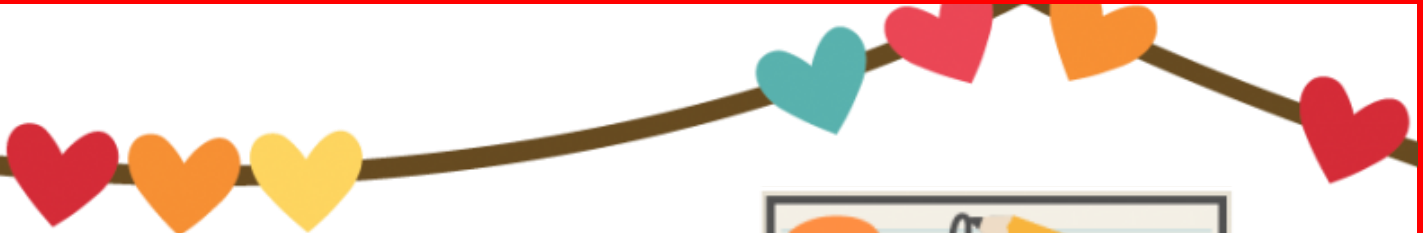
Make A Difference!

Our goal is to have 100% parent participation! Join PTU quick and easy by clicking the link below. Total payment online is \$5.42 & join us at our next meeting!

paypal.me/StBrendanPTU



Teacher Spotlight!



Mrs. Daisy Johnson

Birthday: September 27th

Favorite Color: blue & yellow

Candy: reeses

Coffee/ Tea: decaf w/ cream & sugar + Ice tea

Sweet Treat: any!

Flower: any!

Hobbies: dogs, anything with water

Restaurant: Chic Fil A



“I feel so grateful to be a part of the St. Brendan community. My favorite part about teaching at SBS is our sense of community. I love when the whole community shows up for every event! love the third grade because they are learning a sense of independence, and are enthusiastic about learning. My class makes me laugh every day! Being a teacher at SBS makes it easy to be proud of the work we do!”

- Mrs. Johnson

Eat Pizza + Raise Money!

Pizza Challenge Contest!

Order from Marco's ONLINE any day or time from September through the end of April and points will be earned for the contest.

Last year we won 2nd plan and earned \$3,000.00 from the Pizza Challenge Contest!

Fundraiser Nights!

Order from Marco's on our SBS Pizza day/ night each money and **15% of walk-in/ call-in orders and 20% of online** orders will go to SBS PTU!

Last year we earned over \$1,200.00 from the fundraiser day/nights!

When ordering online, click "St. Brendan" under the "Fundraisers" tab. Then choose a teacher's name to give the credit to a classroom. If you call in, be sure to mention SBS!

Fundraiser Nights: Mar. 5, Apr. 2



Support SBS While You Shop!



Apples
for the
Students



amazon smile
You shop. Amazon gives.

Coca-Cola GIVE



heinen's

Christmas Story Time + Annual Holiday Shop!



Mark Your Calendar for these Upcoming Events!

Catholic Schools Week

Date: Monday, January 26th—Friday, January 31st

More information will come home with students as we get closer to the event!



Father Daughter Dance—[click here for flyer](#)

Date: Saturday, February 29th

Time: 6:30PM—9:00PM

Location: Kenny Center

New this year, PTU will be hosting a Father Daughter Dance for girls in Pre-School 3 through 8th grade. More information and RSVP forms will come home with students as we get closer to the event!

Savers Fundraiser

Date: Saturday, March 14th - Sunday, March 15th

Time: before mass on Saturday, between masses on Sunday

Location: Saint Brendan Parking Lot

Start your spring cleaning. We will be collecting soft goods again to donate to Savers! More information will come home the closer we get!

Skating Party

Date: Saturday, March 14th

Time: 6:30PM—8:30PM

Location: North Olmsted Recreation Center

More information will come home with students as we get closer to the event!



Disney World Raffle

Date: Saturday, March 14th at the Ice Skating Party

Raffle ticket sales will start at Open House on Sunday, February 2nd and TWO winners will be drawn at the Ice Skating Party. Raffle is for (5) one day park hopper tickets each.

Malley's Fundraiser

Date: Pick Up, Wednesday, March 25th

Time: 2:00PM—5:00PM

Location: Kitchen

More information and order forms will come home with students as we get closer to the event!

Plant Sale

Date: Pick Up, Friday, May 15th

Time: 2:00PM—5:00PM

Location: TBD

More information and order forms will come home with students as we get closer to the event!

Teacher Appreciation Week

Date: Monday, May 4th—Friday, May 8th

More information will be provided closer to the event on how to get involved and help throughout the week!