



# SBS Parent Guild Newsletter

"Community, Enrichment, Service"

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## Upcoming Guild Events

This is just a partial list of events that the Guild is sponsoring or participating in. New dates will appear as the school year progresses. All Guild Meetings will be held in the Charbonneau Activity Center.

- 3/12....Guild Meeting  
6:30 pm
- 3/14 PACE Advocacy  
Day
- 3/21 Walk-a-Thon
- 4/1-4/3 NEASC  
Reaccreditation
- 4/27 Father/Daughter  
Dance
- 4/28 Mother/Son  
Dance
- 5/14....Guild Meeting  
8:30 am
- 5/15 Golf Tournament
- 6/14 School Picnic, Golf  
Ball Drop and  
Tuition Raffle



## St. Bernadette Reaccreditation Soon

St. Bernadette will be undergoing their periodic NEASC accreditation starting Sunday April 1<sup>st</sup> through Tuesday April 3<sup>rd</sup>. NEASC is the New England Association of Schools and Colleges which uses self-reflection, peer review and best practices as integral components of its assessment process and monitors the follow-up endeavors leading to continuous school/program improvement for both public and private school in New England.

This will be a chance for the St B's faculty and students to demonstrate their high academic standards, school spirit, and commitment to community service. This will also be a great opportunity for St. B's parents to support our school by participating in, and learning more about this important process. Parent volunteers will be needed to participate in several activities, including a meet and greet dinner, tours of the school, and set-up/clean-up of snacks and tables. Some activities will have limited volunteer opportunities due to space and time constraints, so anyone interested in participating in this important process should contact Annamarie O'Donnell @ [ofc@stb-school.org](mailto:ofc@stb-school.org) or Christine Mowry at (508) 845-4767 or [cgm@gis.net](mailto:cgm@gis.net) as soon as possible.

## Looking for Prospective Guild Board Members

Christine Mowry and Lori Regis will complete their 2 years of service as President and Secretary of the Guild Board, respectively, at the end of the school year. In addition, Bonnie Schupp, our Vice President, will also be leaving the board for new adventures with her family in Switzerland. Our Treasurer, Lisa O'Connor will be back next year and is looking forward to working with a great new team of Board members.

All 3 positions will need to be filled for the upcoming school year. Board members help identify and work with the school administrators and our many volunteers on school activities such as our afterschool programs, dances, and our various fundraisers. The board also keeps parents informed through the periodic guild newsletter of upcoming events. Anyone interested in any of the positions should contact Christine Mowry at (508) 845-4767 or [cgm@gis.net](mailto:cgm@gis.net).

## A Message from the St. Bernadette Parent Guild

So far, we have had a very good turn out of volunteers this year at school events such as the Catholic school week tours, parking lot duty, and the many afterschool programs. Prospective parents at the recent Open House were amazed at the opportunities the children have to participate in sports, art classes, robotics, math Olympiad, and Outreach programs (just to name a few). These programs are successful and available, not only because of the school, but because of parent participation. The guild board would like to say THANK YOU to all who have given of their time, effort, and talents. We appreciate all parent efforts to support the school.

Coordinating and identifying parent volunteers is one of the many important, but challenging functions of the guild. We know it takes time out of our already busy schedules, but volunteering at the school has been an enormous asset to both the school and our children. It seems like we are continually asking for support, and March and April will be no different as they are very busy months at St. Bernadette's. So, we ask once again to take a look at the following volunteer opportunities, knowing that your help is truly appreciated and makes St. Bernadette's and extraordinary school.

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## PACE is Coming

The PACE (Parents Alliance for Catholic Education) Advocacy Day is March 9<sup>th</sup>. A PACE representative will be here Wednesday, February 29<sup>th</sup>, at 1:45 pm to present info. regarding this year's visit to the state house. This is a marvelous opportunity for parents to voice their support for Catholic schools directly in face-to-face meetings with their legislators, and our children can see the legislative process in person. Anyone interested in participating, or needing additional information should contact Marjorie Cernigliaro at [mcernigliaro2@yahoo.com](mailto:mcernigliaro2@yahoo.com).

## Other Volunteer Opportunities

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Winter Walk-a-Thon:** This popular event has raised over \$40,000 in the last 2 years. It will be held this year on Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. Watch your virtual envelope for more information. If you would like to volunteer, this is an all-day event, so volunteers will be needed throughout the day. Anyone interested should contact Lori Regis (978)-257-4142 or [lincoln62a@comcast.net](mailto:lincoln62a@comcast.net).

**Fall Festival:** The Fall Festival seems far away, but planning for this event starts soon to ensure it's a success. We're still looking for a few volunteers to take on Mega-Cash this year. There are also opportunities to help with children's games, and a volunteer coordinator is needed. There are also many other activities to choose from. Mike Darmiento chairs this great community event and there will be lots of support for volunteers who would like to participate. Anyone interested should contact Mike at [mdarmiento@aol.com](mailto:mdarmiento@aol.com).

**Fund-it:** Fund-it contributes over \$20,000 yearly to Guild fundraising. Anyone interested in becoming a back-up volunteer should contact Christine Mowry at (508) 845-4767 or [cgm@gis.net](mailto:cgm@gis.net).