

**St. Bernadette School
Parent Guild Meeting
September 26, 2005**

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<i>Opening Prayer</i>	Father Gemme opened the meeting with prayer.	
<i>Welcoming Announcements</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dolores Young, President of the Parent Guild introduced the Executive Committee: Amy Halloran, Vice President Mary Beth Ryan, Treasurer Joanne Rino, Secretary 2. Dolores stated that the first of several safe environment training sessions will be held Wednesday, October 5th at 7pm in the church. 3. Dolores stated that Homeroom Parents will be announced this week. 4. Dolores announced that there is a need for coordinators for the Molly Bish Foundation and Homeroom Parents. 5. Dolores stated that the Parent Guild Meetings are going to be scheduled at different times (mornings and 	<p>Anyone interested in the safe environment training should contact Dolores or Amy for registration.</p> <p>The list will be provided in the next Parent Guild at a Glance.</p> <p>Three parents came forward to be in charge of the Molly Bish Foundation: Julie Stanwood, Joanie Sequelia and Maureen Mongeau.</p>

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	<p>night). Dolores said that we want to give all parents the opportunity to attend and offering some meetings in the morning may help.</p> <p>6. Dolores let the group know that the FundIt envelopes were going out this week. Dolores defined for the group what FundIt is and explained how crucial it is for the fundraising efforts at St. Bernadette's.</p>	<p>Anne Williams is the contact person related to FundIt.</p>
<p><i>Overview of Parent Guild</i></p>	<p>Dolores gave the group an overview of what the Parent Guild is and what the responsibilities are.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Social and community activities – this includes roller-skating, snow tubing, family picnic, etc. 2. Teacher and staff support – this includes luncheons, coffee hours, homeroom parents, etc. 3. Communication conduit between parents, administration and teachers. 4. Fundraising – Dolores spoke in depth of the fundraising events that are underway. Dolores also let the group know that our goal for the 2005-2006 school year is \$100,000. 	<p>Anyone interested in the volunteering for the Parent Guild can contact Dolores Young.</p>
<p><i>Chairman of the School Board</i></p>	<p>Terry Halloran talked to the group about</p>	

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	<p>the critical nature of fundraising at St. Bernadette School. Terry discussed how the school depends on the fundraising dollars to continue to assist the school. Terry also mentioned how we need to spread the word about how great our school is because we need for every seat to be filled. We currently have several openings in some of the grades. Terry gave a detailed explanation of how the tuition and fundraising money gets spent: teacher salaries, maintenance of the school, books, instructional materials, debt/capital improvements, etc.</p>	
<i>Treasurer Update</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mary Beth Ryan gave the group an update of the finances. Mary Beth stated that the festival held in early September made \$14,000 for the school. 2. Mary Beth explained to the group that Hannaford grocery store is participating in giving money to schools that participate in their shopping program. 	<p>Contact Mary Beth with any questions.</p>
<i>Principal Update</i>	<p>Mrs. Deborah O'Neil welcomed the Parent Guild group and thanked them for all their efforts in assisting the school. Mrs. O'Neil stated that the administrations goal is to put the children and their education first.</p>	

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<i>Vice Principal Update</i>	Mrs. Morin updated the group on the Library/Media Center. The center is looking at combining library with computer to enhance the students' skills in both areas.	Mrs. Morin stated the Library/Media center is looking for volunteers. Feel free to contact Mrs. Scott is interested.
<i>Q&A Session</i>	<p>The questions below were asked at the Parent Guild Meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Are siblings who are at home invited to the newly scheduled morning Parent Guild meetings? Yes 2. What is the capacity of the school? We currently have 393 children in K-8 and 73 children in First Steps, PK3 & PK4. Full capacity would be 520 students. 3. Have we considered a sliding scale payment for tuition? The administration has discussed it, but there has not been serious discussion. 4. My child is in preschool and we do not receive a family envelope. We would love to participate in FundIt? Mrs. Morin will contact the Early Childhood Center and coordinate a system to distribute family envelopes. 5. Does the school accept matching 	

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	corporate gifts? Yes, the school would accept any matching corporate gifts.	

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne Rino, Secretary