

# BEDE BANTER

Weeks of October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005  
A semi-monthly St. Bede School newsletter

## RESPECT LIFE

There are many things which make October a special month in our world and here at St. Bede. The leaves begin to change, the air gets cooler, and pumpkins begin to appear. But in the Church, October is reserved for two very important aspects of faith.

October is, first of all, the month of the Rosary. We honor our Blessed Mother in a very special way by finding a renewed love of this old and beautiful prayer. Many classes will be reciting the Rosary weekly, praying for peace in our world and in our hearts.

Also, October is Respect Life month. The issue of Respect Life is one that is especially dear to our hearts. Our Church is a great leader in the effort around the world to stop abortion, take care of the elderly, protect the oppressed, and take care of each other. We are reminded that life is a seamless garment, and respect life refers to all of life: the unborn, the elderly, the children, the sick, the poor, and the alienated.

At St. Bede we try to keep the theme of Respect Life uppermost in our minds and prayers. We offer to the children opportunities to pray together for these issues, and also to actively work for the promotion, care, and protection of life. The theme will continue throughout the year with service projects for the poor, the hungry, and children who need our help.

Most importantly, respect for life is at the core of our efforts each day. Christ Himself calls us to share the love of our Lord, to see Him in one another, and to treat ourselves and others with dignity.

Mary Drummond

*You have received so much love, show your love by protecting the sacredness of life. The sacredness of life is the greatest gift that God has given us*  
~Mother Teresa



7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Shading Landscape  
Artist: Mary Miller

## BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT

One day Jesus went up onto the side of a mountain. He sat down, gathered his disciples around him and began to teach them how to be really happy. The first thing he said to them was, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." What's this? Can a poor person be really happy? And who are these "poor in spirit"? Is Jesus talking about people who are economically poor, who have no money and very few material possessions?

No, the poor in spirit are people who are humble, people who need God, people who know they can never get to heaven without God's help. A person who is poor in spirit lets God control his life. He is happy because he knows that no matter what happens, God will always be with him. The opposite of a person who is poor in spirit is a person who is proud – who boasts about his talents, his good looks, his family, his money, how smart he is, his athletic abilities, etc. He brags about all these things, seeming to forget that all

his gifts come from God. A person who is proud doesn't need God. He thinks he's doing very well all by himself.

Jesus told a story about someone who became poor in spirit and found real happiness. It goes like this: A man had two sons. The younger son, caught up in worldly things, began to feel his oats. Give me my inheritance, he said to his father, so I can be rich and live my own life, having fun doing whatever I please. I'm tired of working here in the fields with you and my older brother. So the father gave him his share of the money, but he was sad because he was afraid that his son would waste it on foolish things.

And that's just what he did. The son went to a faraway country and gambled and partied and wasted all his money. But while he was in the far off country, there was a severe famine, and everyone was very hungry. The son had no job and nothing to eat. Even the pigs lived a better life than he did. At that point, the son came to his senses. Grace entered his life, and he realized how much he needed his father. He decided to return home at once to seek forgiveness and be reunited with his family. He became poor in spirit. He cast off his worldly ways and trusted in his father's love and mercy.

What can we do to become poor in spirit? We can keep our eyes on God, not on the things that the world sees as important, like how much money we have, or how many friends we have or whether or not we have the latest clothes and gadgets. Those things don't last, and they don't bring lasting happiness. Happy are people who need God, who trust completely in him, for they will find that their riches are in the kingdom of heaven.

October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:20 – Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Nancy Kelly

**St. Bede's School Welcomes  
the Moore family!**

Tommy Moore – 1<sup>st</sup> grade  
Rhodora Moore – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade  
Jack Moore – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade  
Robert Moore – 5<sup>th</sup> grade



7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Shading Landscape  
Artist: H. D. Manoli

**PTG POST-ITS...**

Fundraising Tip of the Month –  
“**C.A.S.H.**” Here are four easy ways  
you can earn cash for St. Bede School  
without spending additional money!

1. **Clip** “Box Tops for Education”  
labels from hundreds of your favorite  
General Mills products and send them  
into the school office, with your s  
child's name and grade. Each box top  
is worth 10 cents.

2. **Art - Buy/renew Carnegie  
Museum Membership (Carnegie  
Cash)** - St. Bede School earns \$5  
cash for every Carnegie Museum  
Renewal Membership and \$10 on  
every New Membership purchased  
and credited to St. Bede School during  
the calendar year (January 1 to  
December 31). Remember to  
designate St. Bede School at the time  
of your purchase/renewal.

3. **Shop** - Do you shop at Giant  
Eagle? Then don't miss the chance to  
give to St. Bede School every time you  
shop there. When you use a Giant  
Eagle gift card at any Giant Eagle  
store or GetGo gas station, our school  
gets 5% of your purchase! It's that  
simple. Gift cards can be purchased in  
the school office or after the weekend  
Masses.

**SHOP ONLINE** at  
SchoolPop.com and make your  
everyday purchases help our school...  
EVERYDAY! This website allows you  
to purchase from a variety of stores,

online, and routinely gives between  
2% and 6% of your purchase to St.  
Bede School. Take a look at all the  
participating stores at  
www.schoolpop.com - favorites such  
as LLBean, Eddie Bauer, and Amazon  
participate. Register (free) for St. Bede  
and shop!

**SHOP** with your Target® Visa®  
or Target Guest Card® and St. Bede  
School will receive an amount equal to  
1% of Target Visa and Target Guest  
Card purchases made at Target and  
target.com, and 1/2% of Target Visa  
purchases made elsewhere. Our  
school ID is 15183. Applications are  
available at www.target.com and at  
every Target store.

4. **Help the environment . . .**  
and our school. St. Bede School has  
partnered with FundingFactory.com  
to help the environment and our  
school. We are accepting donations of  
empty laser and ink jet printer  
cartridges along with used cell  
phones. When enough are collected  
they will be sent to FundingFactory  
for recycling and our school earns  
money. To learn more about which  
brands are recyclable, please visit  
www.FundingFactory.com

Just remember **C.A.S.H** - an easy  
way to help our school!  
~ Barbara, Diane, Vivian, Donna,  
and Johnette



7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Shading Landscape  
Artist: Nate Paty

If you run own your own business or if you  
have influence in your company, you can  
designate a portion of your PA state income  
taxes to go to educational programs, such  
as St. Bede School. For information contact  
Dr. Ronald Bowes, Department of  
Education, Diocese of Pittsburgh (412-456-  
3090) and ask about the Scholastic  
Opportunity Scholarship (“S.O.S.”) program



5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Desert Landscape  
Artist: Athena Puharic

**TUNE IN TO THE TEACHERS**

Once again this year, we are deeply  
indebted to Ms. Baverso & the creative  
seventh graders for their entertaining  
questions!

What is your favorite type of food?

Ms. Baverso... Italian / Chinese  
Ms. Dakova... Italian  
Mrs. Goldcamp... Steak  
Mrs. Graves... Italian  
Ms. Handrahan... Italian  
Mrs. Handrahan... Seafood  
Mrs. Hartman... Fruits & vegetables  
Mrs. Heidenfelder... Mexican  
Mrs. Hurley... Italian  
Mrs. Killmeyer... Chinese  
Mrs. Kimbrough... Collard Greens, corn  
bread & pig's feet  
Mrs. Kirkpatrick... Italian  
Mrs. Marks... American  
Ms. Musisco... Italian  
Ms. Petrarca-Ballog... Italian  
Mr. Riedel... Chinese & Italian  
Mrs. Schugar... Italian  
Ms. Scriven... Spanish & South  
American food!  
Miss Tibby... Indian  
Mrs. Wallnau... Indian  
Mrs. Werner... Italian

**Miss Tibby's Craft Club**

Boys and girls in grades 2 - 6  
Tuesdays from 3 – 4 pm  
Starts Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, runs for 8 weeks  
\$25 for four weeks  
Meets in the cafeteria  
Special holiday projects can be arranged.



5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Desert Landscape  
Artist: Carolyn Meder

### From Student Council...

On Monday, Sept. 26, speeches were given by the eight candidates seeking the position of an officer on Student Council. The speeches were given by Luke Belechak, 8<sup>th</sup>, Emily Ellis, 8<sup>th</sup>, running for the Presidency. Also giving speeches were Rafa Fontes, 7<sup>th</sup>, Kevan Olander, 8<sup>th</sup>- Vice President; JJ Bush 7<sup>th</sup>, Paul Costello 6<sup>th</sup> Secretary; and HD Manoli, 7<sup>th</sup>, Kristen Olander, 6<sup>th</sup> Treasurer.

The students in 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> listened to the speeches and then returned to their homerooms to cast their votes. The voting was very close. The results: President- Luke Belechak  
Vice President- Kevan Olander  
Secretary-Paul Costello  
Treasurer-Kristen Olander

All of the candidates will serve as representatives on Student Council. Other representatives on Student Council are: Bruno Cassara, Colleen Pegher, DJ Milliner, Gretchen Schwartz, Luke Smith, Lauren Woll, Allie McCarthy, Catharine Youngs, Kevin Doheny, Maddie Hartman, Malcolm McCormick, Tonizia Hill, Peter Kush, Zak Hudak, Peter Belechak, Jake Ellis, and David Moy.

Congratulations to everyone! We look forward to a great year of school spirit and service.

A huge thank you to Mrs. Marie Jo Marks, our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher, who donated two Steeler tickets to the game on September 25 versus New England! Although the Steelers didn't win, the victims of Hurricane Katrina and Rita will receive \$565.00 from the raffle of the tickets. Congratulations to the Bush Family (JJ-7<sup>th</sup>, Christopher 5<sup>th</sup>, & Patrick-3<sup>rd</sup>) who won the drawing!

\*St. Bede School has collected almost \$2000.00 to help those hurt by the hurricanes.

**Send in those Triple 3 Club memberships!**  
**Dress Down Day is Oct. 18**

The \$150 weekly drawings for this year's Triple 3 Club start tomorrow, Oct. 1. You can't win if you're not a member, but it's not too late to join!

As of Sept. 28, 53 memberships remain unsold, representing a \$5,300 shortfall in our goal of \$20,000. This money goes to our school's basic operating budget, not for extras. So far, 113 of 223 school families have bought or sold at least one membership or have made cash contributions. The other 110 families (49 %) are not yet participating in any way.

To buy a membership -- or sell them to family and friends -- fill out the Triple 3 flier in your student's Friday folder and return it with a full payment of \$100 or a \$25 deposit ASAP. Need more forms? Visit <http://www.catholic-church.org/stbedepgh/> and print out the Triple 3 pdf.

**Pay in installments:** You can start a Triple 3 Club membership for a \$25 deposit.

- **Dress Down Day:** It's Oct. 18 for students whose families are participating in Triple 3
- **Win a free membership:** Memberships paid in full by Sept. 30 are in this drawing.
- **Questions about Triple 3?** Contact Marybeth Olander, 412-247-5511; Gina Ayoob, 412-362-5533; or Christine Zapinski, 412-421-3387

### SWEATSHIRT ORDER FORM

Name and Grade  
Phone Number  
Navy or Gray Crusader logo sweatshirts  
Gray athletic logo sweatshirts  
Youth sizes M or L  
Adult sizes S,M,L,XL  
\$30.00 each  
Send to Lisa Bush, School Store  
Questions 412-243-5505

### Mark your calendars.

On Wednesday, October 12, from 7 -9, the PTG will be having its first meeting of the year. Join us in the Activities Room for an informal wine/cheese social from 7 - 8; to be followed by a discussion regarding our fundraising goals for the year. All are welcome!

*Psst...Don't forget to wish Miss Tibby (Oct. 1), Ms. Musisko (Oct. 2), and Mr. Riedel (Oct. 8) a VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!*



5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Desert Landscape  
Artist: Karl Lessman

### fun fact find

**Who was the candy bar, "Baby Ruth," named after?**

Enter the answer and return to the office. Correct answers will be entered into a drawing Monday, October 10th!

**NAME:**  
**GRADE:**

## RVS GRADEBOOK HAS ARRIVED!!!

(That's the new online continuously updating grading system)

So I asked Ms. Drummond to share her wisdom on this subject...She replied with gravity and depth of feeling: "Only YOU can get your password! I cannot get anyone but myself a password! I cannot get parents' passwords, I cannot get teachers' passwords, I cannot get administrators' passwords! The only thing I can do is to re-enable you if the computer shuts you out for having tried too many incorrect passwords."

Having paused the appropriate amount for dramatic purposes, she also sent me down the hall to chat with Ms. Casper, who had lots more to say:

Grades 4 – 8 use the grading scale which is built into the online gradebook. For 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> graders, parents should know that the number grades are correct, while the letter grades will often not be, since in these grades 90 – 100 is A, 80 – 89 is B, 70 – 79 is C, 60 – 69 is D and below is E. So look at the number grades and ignore the letter grades in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reports.

Be patient! Teachers are still in the process of learning how to use this system. Each teacher will update grades as soon as possible for her / him.

If your ID or password does not seem to be working, try interchanging lower case L and the number one, which can be confusing, or look for zeros masquerading as capital O's (or vice versa).

We'll post more of Ms. Casper's tips on rvs gradebook survival in our next edition. We look forward to the benefits of increased communication between parents and teachers, and we thank our teachers for the extra hours we know this is costing them!

**REMEMBER: THERE ARE NO MIDREPORT CARDS COMING HOME! LOG IN TO RVS TO FIND THE MIDREPORT GRADES!**

### WE'RE PLANNING A PARTY FOR YOU!

Planning meeting for the Adult Social is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 19, 7PM in the Activities Room. Mark your calendar! Please come ready to share your enthusiasm and good ideas. Questions? email Johnette Belechak: johnettebel@aol.com



8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Abstract Mood Painting  
Artist: Mary Crisafio  
"Outstanding"

## Calendar:

**Saturday, October 1:** Happy Birthday Miss Tibby!!

Tuition due

New season for 333 club drawings begins

**Sunday, October 2:** Happy Birthday Ms. Musisko!!

12 pm cross country meet

**Monday, October 3:** Volleyball 1 v 4, 3 – 3:45 pm

Volleyball 2 v 5, 3:45 – 4:30 pm

**Tuesday, October 4:** Art club 2:30 – 4 pm

Miss Tibby's craft club 3 – 4 pm

Cross country practice 6:30 – 7:15 pm

**Wednesday, October 5:** Class Picture Day

Fencing 3 – 4 pm

**Thursday, October 6:** Future City 2:30 – 4 pm

Art club 2:30 – 4 pm

Cross country practice 6:30 – 7:15 pm

**Friday, October 7:** School Mass, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9 am

Cross country meet 1 – 2 pm

Tennis 2:30 – 3:30 pm

**Saturday, October 8:** Happy Birthday Mr. Riedel!!

**Sunday, October 9:** Children's Mass 11:15 in gym

**Monday, October 10**

**Tuesday, October 11:** 4<sup>th</sup> grade to Frick Art Museum 9 am – 12pm

Art club 2:30 – 4 pm

Miss Tibby's craft club 3 – 4 pm

Cross country practice 6:30 – 7:15 pm

**Wednesday, October 12:** Fencing 3 – 4 PTG general meeting / Wine and Cheese Social 7 pm

**Thursday, October 13:** Future City 2:30 – 4 pm

Art club 2:30 – 4 pm

Cross country practice 6:30 – 7:15 pm

Confirmation parent meeting 7 – 8 pm

**Friday, October 14:** School Mass, 7<sup>th</sup>, 9 am

KathrynBeich/Otis Spunkmeyer

Cookie Sale Begins

Tennis 2:30 – 3:30 pm

**Saturday, October 15**

**Sunday, October 16:** Confirmation Rite of Intention 10 am

Cross country meet 1 – 2 pm



8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Abstract Mood Painting  
Artist: Richard Maher  
"X-otic"

## Sbaa stats

Basketball will be getting underway for grades 3-8 in mid October. The basketball clinics to determine the teams for boys and girls JV/Varsity will be held the first two weeks of October. Players will be notified when to report to their specific clinic. We are in the process of identifying coaches for each team. If you are interested in a coaching position, please contact John Bush at [jrbush@mycingular.blackberry.net](mailto:jrbush@mycingular.blackberry.net).

The SBAA sponsors "Preparing For Peak Performance"—a seminar on Nov. 3rd from 7 – 9 pm in the adult social room, open to all adults and children grades 5 – 12. Free admission, RSVP to [jrbush@mycingular.blackberry.net](mailto:jrbush@mycingular.blackberry.net). Space is limited. Presenters from the UPMC Center for Sports Medicine will cover mental and physical training and nutrition, as relevant to athletes, coaches and parents.

## Submissions to the Bede Banter

May be made to the School Office  
C/o Robin Maier

Please note...student's work is representative of classroom work & selected for that reason