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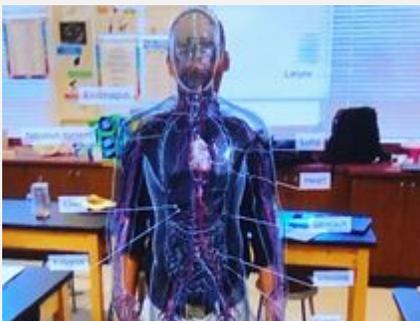
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MORE IPAD TRAINING



Some of our teachers met the wonderful Kevin Welsh of Apple Education at the C3 conference they attended in August. He was funny, knowledgeable, and very approachable. That being said, we asked Kevin to share his iPad knowledge with our staff. He was all about it, and we scheduled a date.

Kevin gave a rundown of iPad features that would be perfect for classroom use, as well as delved into the world of AR. We're living in a world wherein digital intelligence is valued, so we have to use every tool at our disposal to teach students of the modern world.



Mr. V gleefully volunteered to model. The nervous system was superimposed over his body using an augmented reality (AR) app.



ALL FAMILY BBQ

This school year, we came back in a rush! Our first day was mid-week, and we had a series of early dismissal days. So at the end of our first full day of classes, we had a chance to socialize, unwind and have something tasty!

Mr. Devoy prepped at the end of the school day for our All Family BBQ. It was hot y'all, but he powered through for all of us! Burgers, chips, and a drink were a perfect snack to have while mingling with fellow Bobcat families before the General Meeting. We are all about community (it takes a village, right?) so it was awesome to see our families coming out to enjoy our little get together.

During the General Meeting, parents got the rare opportunity to see all of our Bobcat teachers! To catch us all at the same place and time is a rare sight indeed!



STUDENT SCHOOL FAMILIES

This year Beatitudes of Our Lord School began a new tradition with School Families. Students from each grade were placed in family groups to encourage a buddy system that encompasses all grade levels. These families attend weekly mass together and have already engaged in fun school activities. The students have really taken the lead on this and have shown what great role models they can be. You can even find our young kindergarteners acting as role models to their TK “buddies”. This is a great way to build school community across all grade levels! It teaches responsibility and compassion for all people and the students have fun spending time with children from different classes.





OUR FIRST MASS WITH FATHER ED

During the first few days of school, Father Ed dropped in and introduced himself to some of our Bobcat students. Even though some of us had seen the Birkenstock wearing priest walking around, some of us didn't officially meet him for the first time during our first school mass! Our schedule was a bit strange at the beginning of this school year; we had early dismissal for the first week of school and then had to practice getting into our student School Families. As a result, our first official mass was pushed back until the second full week of school. It worked out really well! Many expected chaos, but it wasn't bad at all! At the end of Mass, Student Council presented Father Ed with a lovely student-made collaborative artwork! Brightly colored, the cross held all of our student's thumb prints. It was absolutely striking!



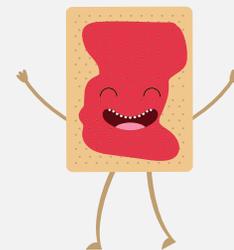
STAR TESTING

The school year is in full swing. TK through 8th Grade just finished their first round of STAR Testing and everyone did a great job. This year there will only be three testing windows as opposed to the four we've had in the past.

The assessments are short adaptive tests, which means they adjust to each answer your child provides. These assessments provide teachers with learning data that can be used to monitor student growth throughout the year, and can estimate students' understanding of the state standards.

Our next testing window is scheduled for January. It's always important for students to get both proper nutrition and a good night's sleep before this test or any test that he or she will take.

Continue having fun learning!



STAR COLLABORATION WORKSHOP

Miss Osegueda made her way to Burbank for a STAR Collaboration Workshop! There, school representatives reflected on how their staff used the data collected during STAR tests, and looked at our first testing window. Also in discussion were ways in which that data could be used to identify students that need a little extra help.



REMEMBERING 9/11

18 years ago, our country experienced a horrible terrorist attack. Our Bobcat students weren't even born yet, but it is an event that will forever be in our country's memory. Student Council led our school in a moment of silence. This day marked a day to appreciate the superheroes that live on earth, some of whom lost their lives in an attempt to save strangers. It was a day to appreciate that everyday people like us can be brave enough to try to make a difference, and stand up for what's right. We prayed for those who lost their lives and were affected by this tragic event, but we also prayed for the goodness in our hearts, that courageousness that rises in us when we need to protect our fellow brothers and sisters.



TK FAMILY MASS

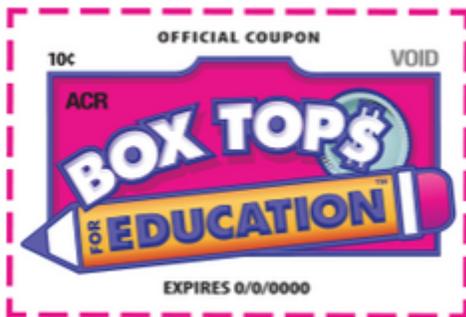
September 15 marked the first Beatitudes Family Mass of the year. This was a great opportunity for our Beatitudes community, as well as our youngest students and their families, to share their faith together. Some of our very own TK students (Sophia, Julia and Jack) and teachers (Mrs. Sandstrom and Ms. Amanda) participated in the celebration of the mass by presenting the gifts. Towards the end of the mass, Cadence and Zephyr invited the community for pizza and drinks in Marron Hall. Who could resist an invitation from these lil' ones!? Apparently, no one could. The fellowship and pizza were in full display that Sunday afternoon!

Don't miss out on the next opportunity to celebrate our Beatitudes Family Mass on Sunday, October 6 at 10am. Thank you to all our parent volunteers and the families that made this event possible. As a school, one of our goals is not just to educate but to make life-long disciples of Christ.

BOX TOPS

Box Tops! Box Tops! Box Tops! Gotta' have them all! The school year has started and Beatitudes is always looking for Box Tops. Last year, the school accumulated an amount of \$309.30! That money went towards supplies for the classrooms. Beatitudes would like to surpass that amount this year with your help.

Every time you see a product that has the Box Tops label, please cut them out and turn them in. If you would like to go digital, *an app is available* for you to download. Just search for Box Tops for Education on the App Store or Google Play. Once downloaded, search for our school and just scan your receipt. The app automatically adds all of your Box Tops products without the need of cutting them. It's as easy as that! Every little bit helps.



THE OLD BOX TOPS CLIPS
Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production, but may continue to be found on many products throughout the store. You can still clip and send them to school. Every valid Box Tops clip is worth 10¢. Make sure each one has a clearly visible product acronym and expiration date.

THE NEW BOX TOPS LABELS
Eventually the Box Tops program will become digital-only. Participating brands are starting to change their packaging from a traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Top label. If you see this label, use the new Box Tops app to scan your receipt. Box Tops are still worth 10¢ each. The app will find participating products purchased at any store and instantly add cash to your school's earnings online.



September 28
Mother + Son Mass (5:30pm) & Dance

October 2
8th Grade Dedication to Mary Mass (8:30am)

October 4
St. Francis Blessing of the Animals (7:40am)

October 6
Family Mass led by Kinder (10am)

October 11
Progress Reports

October 12
Rite of Welcome Mass (2nd Grade - 5:30pm)

October 16
Grandparent's Mass led by 5th Grade (8:30am)

October 18
CIP Professional Development
NO School

October 23
School Picture Make-Up

October 27
Red Ribbon Week
Trunk-or-Treat

October 31
Halloween Parade
12PM Dismissal

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