

# Parent Association Sponsored Activities

## Parent Association Student Centered Activities:

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### Book Fair:

Book Fairs via Scholastic allow students to shop for their own reading materials. These typically happen 3 times per year, with the third book fair being a *buy one – get one free* sale. Book fairs are run during school hours. The PA earns cash back or Scholastic Dollars from having these events.

### Holiday Shoppe:

This is a school-based shop to allow students to purchase holiday gifts on their own to surprise family members during the holiday season. The PA earns a portion of the sales.

### Fun Fair:

This is an annual, carnival like event put on by the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. This is held during the school day. Funds from this event go toward the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip or the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class dinner dance.

### Sweatshirt Sales:

The red sweatshirts the PA sells are in line with the school uniform. They come in two styles – crew neck and quarter zip. Youth, adult and extended sizes are available. St. Bede "swag" is also available! Look at the PA tab on the school website for more information! Sweatshirts are for students and adults alike to show their St. Bede pride!

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Brunch:

To celebrate confirmation, the PA provides cake and beverages for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation class.

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Dinner Dance:

To celebrate graduation, the PA helps to provide volunteers and certain items for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade dinner dance.

### Kindergarten Graduation

To celebrate the advancement of our kindergarten class, the PA provides cake/cupcakes to the classroom celebration.

## Parent Association Social Activities – events not intended to raise money

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### Trivia Night/Kids Night Out:

This is actual two social events run simultaneously so the whole family can enjoy a night out. Kids get to watch movies and play in the gym with a DJ while enjoying concessions, while the adults enjoy a trivia contest with adult concessions in the cafeteria. This has been an annual tradition that both parents and students look forward to.

### Daddy Daughter Dance:

This is a social event for dads and their daughters of all ages. Each year there is a new theme. Dinner, snacks, photos and a DJ are all part of this event.

### Snow Tubing:

This is an annual winter event (as long as the weather cooperates). The PA sets up a time and date where we receive a group rate to enjoy snow tubing at Wilmot Mountain. Parents can view the snow tubing hill from inside the confines of the warm toasty lobby, while the kids get to enjoy unlimited rides down the hill with the use of the conveyer belt to bring them back up the hill during the time our group is there.

### Wolves Game:

This is an annual event in which the St. Bede School Community gets discounted tickets to see a Chicago Wolves Hockey game. There is the option to purchase food vouchers prior to arriving to make this a fun, and economical family event. We always try to book on a day where the kids can skate on the ice after the game for a bit.

### Parent/Child Bowling:

This is an annual St. Bede School tradition in which dads and their daughters or mothers and their sons can bowl against the classmates of their children. Father daughter bowling typically occurs in the fall, while mother son bowling occurs in the spring. This is open to Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, Older siblings... really anyone that wants to bond with the student during a parent/child experience.

### School Picnic:

This is an annual St. Bede tradition that marks the last full day of attendance. The parent association and room parents put on a picnic with fun events for the children. Hot dogs, chips and water are typically served for lunch. An ice cream truck has been known to show up in the past to allow students to choose a fun desert.

### "Morning Mixers"

These are meant to be a quick stop into school to socialize with, and get to know other parents before you head to work. Stop in and grab a treat and a coffee, and say a quick "hello". These occur on a monthly basis. These are put on by the Parent Ambassadors.

## Preschool and Kindergarten Events

We know that our youngest learners have a hard time keeping up with the "big kids" at some of our events. We also know that many have even younger siblings. We have designed these preschool and kindergarten exclusive events to welcome our youngest students and their families in a fun and safe environment for young children. It is a great way to get to know your same age peers, their families and maybe get some play dates out of the deal! We have these in summer before school starts and again at the end of the year to usher in a fun summer! Hosted by our Parent Ambassadors.

### New Family Pizza Night

This is an event geared toward our new families to get to know each other better. We have representation from the Parent Association, School Board and Athletics on hand for any questions families might have once the year has begun. This typically takes place in September or October, and is hosted by our Parent Ambassadors.

### Sand Lot Days

Remember when you met up with your friends at a park and just picked up a game of tag, baseball, kickball or just played and had fun? Well, we schedule summer meet ups at parks throughout Lake County so our kids can have the same experience. Be sure to check our school Facebook page for event dates. Come when you can!

## Parent Association Staff and Volunteer Appreciation Events

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### Staff Holiday Lunch:

During the Christmas Season, the PA organizes a lunch event in which parents provide coverage for the classrooms before, during, and after their lunch and recess while the entire St. Bede School Staff and Parish Staff are invited to eat together in the library of the school. It is the one time per year the whole staff can get together during the school day to share a meal.

### Teacher Appreciation Week:

This is celebrated during National Teacher Appreciation Week. The PA will put on a week's worth of celebrations for the teachers and ask that the students and families contribute to something special for teachers and staff members every day that week.

### Volunteer Appreciation Day:

This is a day where the PA says "THANK YOU" to all the volunteers who made all of the events possible for the school year. We could not have done it at all without you!

# Parent Association Fundraising Activities and Events

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## Golf Outing:

This is an annual event for golfers and non-golfers alike. While this is a golf outing, the golf is secondary to fun and fundraising for the school. There are on-course games and contests. Food is a part of the deal with lunch and dinner included with golf. If you do not want to step foot on course, you can come for the dinner only and partake in the raffle, silent auction and live auction as a dinner only guest. All funds from this event go to the "Support Our Future Fund" to ensure that St. Bede has the financial resources to remain open for future generations.

## Falcon Night Outs:

These are near monthly events in which a restaurant or other venue will provide a portion of sales to the PA. These Falcon Night Outs are not only fundraisers, but also great social opportunities to meet other St. Bede families, share a meal and have fun! All funds from these events go toward the "Support Our Future Fund".

## Charity Mania:

This is a fundraiser that occurs during "March Madness". Everyone can purchase a ticket – this allows you to participate in the lottery and the ability to purchase music downloads. Each ticket depicts each college basketball division and seeds 1-8 (ex: Midwest seed 6). Once March Madness begins, you follow your teams and accrue all their points on your ticket. There are 50 winners each year! In 2019, St. Bede had the top winning ticket in the tournament, but alas – it did not get sold! Funds from this event go into the PA general fund which is used to support other events the PA puts on.

## Bake Sales:

3-4 times per year, the PA holds bake sales as fundraisers. Funds from these bake sales are used to support the other events we put on at school such as the school picnic, 8<sup>th</sup> grade festivities, and teacher appreciation events.

## General Fundraisers:

These fundraisers range from selling Candles to Pasta to Pizza gift cards. All funds from these events support the PA's social events and school improvement projects.

## Passive Fundraisers:

Box tops, Amazon Smile, Shoparoo App, Office Max, Shop with Scrip (Bede Bucks). All of these clippings or changes to the way you shop help the school.

## Giving Tree:

This is an annual tradition in which the St. Bede community has an opportunity to give back to our surrounding community and those in need. We typically choose 3 charities and collect the goods they deem necessary such as food, shampoo, diapers and formula. Families are encouraged to choose at least one card from the giving tree and return the card with the requested item. All of the charity goods are then delivered prior to the holidays to be distributed, as they are needed.

## Uniform Resale:

This is an event put on for the convenience of the St. Bede Families. Think of this as a community garage sale in which you can sell uniforms that have gotten too small, or purchase the "next size up". As long as you have pinned an envelope to your items, you will get your money back if they sell. You will get your marked items back if they do not sell. If you do not mark your items, those will be a donation to the school.