



## Parent Association Events

### **Activities for Teachers and Kids**

**Fun Fair:** An annual tradition brought to St. Bede following the St. Peter school closure, this is a carnival like atmosphere 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.

**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.

**Holiday Shop:** 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.

**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.

**School Picnic:** This is an annual St. Bede tradition that marks the last full day of attendance. The parent association and provides lunch, drinks and treats during the picnic.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards Dinner:** The PA, contributes goodie bags and funds to help with the cost of this event.

*In addition to the above, the PA supports the school, students and classes by helping to fund activities when needed, providing food and drinks at school events and providing necessary volunteers.*

### **Community and Church Events**

**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.

**Confirmation:** The PA provides dessert and drinks following the Confirmation ceremony.

**First Responders Day:** The PA provides coffee and donuts to the Fox Lake Fire and Police Departments on behalf of the school to show our appreciation for first responders and all they do for our community.

## Social Events

**Pre-K / Kindergarten Meet and Greet:** Just before the school year begins, the PA hosts a playdate for the Pre-K and Kindergarten families at the school. Lunch, games and a bounce house are provided for the kids to have some fun and new families to get to know each other as well as meeting the Pre-K and Kindergarten teachers and aides.

**Kids Night Out:** Kids get to watch movies and play in the gym with a DJ while enjoying concessions, while the adults can enjoy a night out.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Pancake Breakfast** - Join us for an Easter egg hunt and pancake breakfast after Mass at St. Bede Church.

## Fundraising Events

**Holiday Bazaar:** Local and regional craft vendors, as well as some members of the Our Lady of the Lakes Community, bring their wares to the Holiday Bazaar for sale. The PA brings in the vendors, hosts an impressive bake sale and sells concessions. This event brings attendees from our area in addition to our families from Church and school.

**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!

**Bake Sales:** 3 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.

**Casino Night** - This year, we will be hosting a Casino Night for our parents and guardians. More details coming soon!

**Sales Fundraisers:** This year, we will sell Popcorn, Butter Braids and Bundt Cakes. Look for the flyers for these delicious fundraisers! All funds from these events support the PA's social events and school improvement projects.

**Uniform Resale:** The PA collects and sales gently used uniforms at the end of the school year.