

# St. Bruno Catholic School



## Student-Parent Handbook 2017-2018

*A Journey begins with a single step.*

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*Saint Bruno School is a member of the Belleville Diocesan School Systems, Belleville, Illinois, and is recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education.*

St. Bruno School  
210 North Gordon Street

August 11, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to a new school year! We are excited to have your family be a part of St. Bruno School. Please take time to read the Student-Parent Handbook. If you have any questions or concerns, know that our doors are always open. We will work hard to provide a safe, positive learning atmosphere for both students and teachers. St. Bruno provides a safe environment that allows the teachers to teach and students to learn. Together, we can make St. Bruno School a very positive influence toward the future of your child's life.

The purpose of this handbook is to clarify regulations, policies, and procedures that guide all of us as we work together as partners in the education of your child/ren. It will serve as a reference and guide us when occasions arise that may need clarification. Please read it carefully as each year there are changes and adjustments in various policies and procedures, these changes are underlined. Please sign the receipt at the bottom stating that you have read, understand, and agree to the contents of this handbook. It takes a commitment from home and school to achieve the quality education we desire for your child.

At St. Bruno Catholic School, we expect each child to do the very best with the talents God gave him/her. In Jesus' parable of the talents, He asked us to develop our potential and put our gifts at the service of the community. We don't want anyone to bury his or her talents. We want children to discover their gifts and be fulfilled intellectually, physically, emotionally and spiritually. We also want parents to feel free to share their talents at school whenever possible. Together we can give the students the firm foundation and support they need to build successful, productive lives.

This year we will focus on ensuring students understand the responsibility with using technology in our world today. Each student will receive an email address that is to be used solely for school purposes. The use of social media will not be accepted at school, but please be aware that our students are responsible for their actions online just as in real life 24/7/365 and can be held accountable for those actions at school no matter when and where they occur. New this year is our Technology Handbook, please read this carefully and be aware that by signing that handbook you agree to all technology policy within in.

We truly believe that with cooperation, understanding and love we can enrich our students' lives to the fullest and do something beautiful with God. We are looking forward to working with you this 2016/2017 school year.

Sincerely,

Brittany Goldman, Principal  
St. Bruno Faculty and Staff  
St. Bruno Board of Education

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## **INTRODUCTION**

**School Address: 210 N. Gordon St., Pinckneyville, IL 62274**

**SCHOOL OFFICE – (618) 357-8276**

**SCHOOL FAX NUMBER – (618) 357-6425**

**PARISH RECTORY – (618) 357-5510**

**Principal's Email: [brittany.goldman@stbrunoschool.com](mailto:brittany.goldman@stbrunoschool.com)**

**SCHOOL WEBSITE [www.stbrunoschool.com](http://www.stbrunoschool.com)**

The handbook includes diocesan and Saint Bruno School guidelines and policies.

### **Purpose of the Handbook**

The purpose of this handbook is to give parents and students information and to acquaint them with Saint Bruno School. Please read it carefully and keep for reference as occasions arise.

RIGHT TO AMEND statements in this handbook are subject to amendment with or without notice. The school will attempt to keep you informed of all changes as soon as practical. However, some changes might be made immediately due to unforeseen circumstances.

### **Administrative Organization**

#### *Bishop and Diocese of Belleville*

St. Bruno is a Roman Catholic School under the auspices of the Bishop of the Diocese of Belleville. The Director of Elementary Education has the responsibility of implementing Diocesan Policy, once approved by the Bishop.

#### *Pastor*

The pastor is the primary spiritual leader of the parish and has the responsibility of fostering, guiding and coordinating the educational ministry of the parish. This includes those matters within the school, which affect worship, the Ministry of the Word and the spiritual welfare of the students. Furthermore, all policies set forth by the School Board are subject to his approval.

#### *Principal*

The principal is the administrator of the school and executive office of the School Board, and is responsible for implementing policies established and/or approved by the Diocesan Board, the Pastor and St. Bruno School Board. The principal is responsible for implementation of educational policies established by the Diocese of Belleville and the State of Illinois.

#### *Faculty and Staff*

All faculty and staff members report directly to the Principal.

#### ***Board of Education***

The St. Bruno Board of Education is intrinsically by nature of The Code of Canon Law, an advisory board to the Principal and Pastor. The primary role of the Board shall be to help formulate policies for Catholic education in the parish in adherence to Diocesan School policies. Since Catholic education is the legitimate exercise of the Church's right to teach, the Board shall be subject to the authority of the Church represented within the Diocese by the Ordinary and within the parish by the Pastor. The Board shall work in concert with the canonically mandated Financial and Parish Councils.

The Board of Education Duties and Functions:

1. Meet regularly each month except July.
2. Implement policies of the Bishop and Diocesan Board of Education.
3. Act as a liaison body with local and state school officials.
4. Create better understanding and support of Catholic Education.
5. Coordinate parochial educational activities.
6. Establish committees on a standing or ad hoc basis according to need.

Anyone who wishes to address the Board of Education must be placed on the Board agenda. Notice must be given two weeks in advance to be able to address the Board.

ST. BRUNO BOARD MEMBERS

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School Office

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Pastor

Principal

Administrative Assistant

Preschool Teacher

Preschool Teacher

Pre-k Aide

Kindergarten

Grade 1

Grade 2

Grade 3

Grade 4

Grade 5

Grade 6,7,8 English/Lit

Grade 6,7,8 Science/Social Studies

Grade 6,7,8 Math

Cook

Cook

K-8 aide

Music

357-8276

357-3430

357-5510

## **Role in Society and Education**

St. Bruno School has been devoted to building community, educating for service and proclaiming the message of the Gospel since 1887. The founders began with a spirit in their hearts to educate and enable the children to develop their Catholic values and faith. Their pioneering spirit lives on, as those ideas continue to be fostered at St. Bruno today.

St. Bruno School strives to maintain a close relationship between parents and school, thus creating a “family atmosphere”. With this cohesive network of communication and commitment, the “whole child” is educated; spiritually, intellectually, physically, morally and socially.

## **St. Bruno School Mission Statement**

**St. Bruno school fosters Christian Values in a faith based Community Atmosphere emphasizing exceptional Academic Rigor balanced by integrated personal Discipline and deep Moral and Ethical understanding of God.**

## **History**

In 1886, the parish was founded and given the name St. Bruno. The school, built in 1887, was the first school established when the Diocese of Belleville was founded. The first school had one classroom for 60 students and a second story used as a home for the Sister Adorers of the Blood of Christ. A two-room school was built in 1891. In 1949, the school was moved across Gordon Street, adding it to the Lehman house and making it a three-room school for over 100 students. A two-story building providing classrooms for grades 1-8 was dedicated in 1956.

Improvements have been made through the years to enhance the facilities for a better learning environment. The most extensive change was made starting in May of 1992. The entire interior of the building was remodeled. The asbestos was removed and new plumbing and electrical services were installed. Through the gifts of private donors, new furniture was bought for the cafeteria and several other areas. October 4, 1992, St. Bruno School was rededicated during a special liturgy. This was the feast day of St. Bruno.

The Sister Adorers of the Blood of Christ had staffed the school since its beginning. They maintained a presence in the school until the 1997-98 school year. From 1999 until June, 2004, the School Sisters of Notre Dame were here to minister in the school. The Parish Center, completed in 1966, provided a gymnasium, a lounge for social activities and a stage. In 1996, the lounge was turned into a preschool to house an educational program for three-year-olds and a pre-kindergarten program for four-year-olds. In April of 1999, the gym floor was refinished.

In April of 2001 the classrooms were air-conditioned by window units. The building had to be rewired to accommodate the units. The school had a program for grades 1 through 8 until 1994 when a kindergarten was added to the school program. St. Mary Magdalene at Todd's Mill closed in 1978. Some parents chose to send their children to St. Bruno. In 1998 St. Charles School in DuBois closed and some of those children joined our student body. Sadly, in 2008 Sacred Heart School in DuQuoin closed, but we were blessed to have their children join our school. Today we also have students from Sparta areas as well as students of other faiths.

## **School Philosophy**

St. Bruno Catholic School, as an elementary educational facility within the Belleville Diocesan Systems of Schools, aspires to the optimum spiritual, social, emotional, psychological and academic growth of its students with emphasis on the achievement of educational potential.

Through a balanced curriculum of religion, language arts, natural and social sciences, mathematics, art, music, health and physical education, St. Bruno School seeks to attain the following goals:

*MORAL AND SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT*-To teach a program of Catholic doctrine, the tradition of the Church, scripture, liturgy, Christian morality and to provide the students with experience in Christian living in order to help them develop reverence for God and respect for God's creation and a recognition of the basic goodness of themselves and others.

*SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY*-To instill discipline which is positive and self-directed, evolving from an initial self-respect and an awareness of the rights and the needs of others and emphasizing the concept of charity as well as social justice.

*EMOTIONAL GROWTH*- To stimulate emotional growth and stability by creating an atmosphere of freedom of expression with students accepting ultimate responsibility for their actions. Our acknowledgment that God is our creator makes us aware of the dignity of every human being. We strive to instill self-esteem within each child and to show by example that each child is loved and is a loving person with dignity and worth.

*ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE*- To achieve the academic potential of each student by encouraging intellectual development through logical and investigative thinking. To increase the enthusiasm for learning and the development of each student's individual gifts and talents.

*PHYSICAL FITNESS*- To encourage physical fitness through programs emphasizing healthful living, exercise for physical development and an opportunity to participate in interscholastic activities.

TECHNOLOGY SKILLS – To prepare students for the jobs of tomorrow by offering opportunity for students to access and use the latest technology software applications.

*EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES*- To enrich the core curriculum with opportunities to participate in activities which develop leadership skills and the ability to work with people of different backgrounds, ages, and abilities.

As it prepares students and faculty by maintaining standards of excellence and as it develops to keep abreast of current educational needs of the society, St. Bruno School will thus be an asset to the Catholic Ideals of Education and the people it seeks to serve.

### **Overall School Objectives**

1. To contribute to the total development of each student.
2. To further spiritual and moral growth.
3. To provide adequate opportunities for the individual needs of students at a given level in order to prepare them for their place in life.
4. To provide opportunities to develop the potentialities for creative thinking, for learning to accept responsibilities, and for developing alert, active, and articulate leadership.
5. To provide for its student body a curriculum that has basic skills as a basis upon which all curricula is built and computer technology is integrated.
6. Create instruction so it will allow for student input, discussion, expansion and exploration.



7. Encourage students to be active and participate in extra-curricular activities so they have opportunities to build responsibility and leadership.
8. Create an educational environment in which students feel safe, secure, and protected.

### GUIDELINES

#### **Admission**

A child who is five years of age or who will reach the age of five by September 1st may enter Kindergarten in August. Students must be six years of age by September 1<sup>st</sup>, or have successfully completed an accredited Kindergarten program to enter first grade. Children baptized outside the parish and entering Kindergarten at St. Bruno will need to present a baptismal certificate. Students who are active members in other parishes need to have a form signed by the pastor. Active Parishioners of St. Bruno Parish and feeder parishes will be given preference for admission if a class or the school is at full capacity.

The Illinois State School Code requires that every child have a physical examination prior to or upon his/her entrance into kindergarten and 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE. Consequently, your child must be examined by your family physician if he/she:

- Enters Kindergarten
- Enters 6th grade
- Enters from out of state
- Or has no record of a physical examination.

Medical forms are distributed at the end of the school year. These forms must be returned to school on the first day of school. Dental exams are required for students in Kindergarten, Grade 2 and Grade 6. Kindergarten students are also required to have an eye exam on file from an optometrist.

#### **Probationary Enrollment**

All transfer students will be admitted to St. Bruno School on a probationary basis after a conference is held with the parent, child, teacher and principal. The parent or legal guardian will be required to fill out an Application of Admission form. The school in which the child previously attended will be contacted and asked to report on the child's good standing prior to withdrawal. Copies of all records will also be requested.

St. Bruno School will not automatically accept students in who are transferring from a public school system. The parents must give reason for transfer. The acceptance or denial of enrollment will be determined after the pastor and principal confers.

Students who are admitted will remain on probation until such time as records are received from the transferring school and a "sufficient period of time" has passed to guarantee that any "special" needs- of the child- can be met by existing St. Bruno School curriculum and resources.

"Sufficient time" is to be judged by the principal and teachers involved on a case by case basis, preferably not to exceed 6 weeks. The parent/guardian will confer with the teachers on a weekly basis and with the principal at the end of the time of probation to determine if the student is able to meet success in his/her new environment.

St. Bruno School reserves the right at any time to require that any student with needs that cannot be met by existing curriculum or staff (as decided by the pastor, principal, and teachers involved) not be enrolled at this school. The board will be kept informed on a current basis by the principal of all problem situations existing and the resulting actions taken. (Adopted by St. Bruno School Board May, 1995)

## Non-Catholic Students

St. Bruno School is a Catholic School with a Catholic Philosophy of Education. Our curriculum is taught within the framework of this Catholic Philosophy. The acceptance of non-Catholic students within the school will be based upon the following guidelines:

1. The reason for the transfer to a Parochial School System.
2. Previous education experience of the child.

### Tuition

Tuition for Catholic families is \$2,575 for one child, \$3,650 for two children, \$4,025 for three children, \$4,400 for four children for the 2017/2018 school year.

Tuition for Catholic families who are not members of St. Bruno Parish is supplemented by the respective parishes. (Diocesan Policy 3240.2) **If you do not attend mass in your declared parish on a regular basis, you will be assessed the tuition rate for families of other faiths.** Your parish priest will make the decision in this matter.

Tuition for families of other faiths is \$3,125 for the first child \$4,500 for two children, \$5,075 for three children, \$5,650 for four children for 2017/18 school year.

### Book Bill/Technology Fee

The Board of Education annually establishes student fees for each grade to pay for textbooks, consumable books and supplies, and direct student fees. **Book fees are a non-refundable \$100 per student that will be paid at the time of registration.** If you are unable to pay the fee at this time, please contact the Principal in order to make other arrangements. Students are responsible for keeping books in good condition. If a book is damaged in any way, the student will be required to pay a fee to replace the book.

The Board of Education has established a technology fee for each student. Technology fees are non-refundable, \$200.00 for each child in the family that **will be billed monthly along with tuition. Technology fees will be used specifically for maintaining and advancing technology in the school.**

If **tuition and** fees are not paid by **June 1<sup>st</sup>**, report cards and other documents will be held until fees are paid **in accordance to Diocese Policy 5119.**

### Tuition Assistance

It is a long-standing policy of St. Bruno School that no child from the parish will be denied admission solely because of financial hardship. If assistance is needed, please contact the office to obtain the Tuition Assistance application. Assistance will be given on a case-by-case basis. Diocesan forms may be obtained from the office to apply for assistance. Forms are due Mar. 15 and Aug. 15 each year. **Only the principal and Priest will have access to these forms as they will be used to make recommendations to the Diocese of Belleville and Ruppert Scholarship Committee.**

### Tuition Payment Policy

**Tuition is required to be paid on an advance current basis. Payments must begin by August 30th and must be completed by May 31st.** Installment intervals may be determined by each family as long as the above criteria are met. In order for the school to meet its financial obligations, tuition payments must be made on a consistent and timely basis. **The only payment options are to pay tuition and fees in full by August 15<sup>th</sup> or to be enrolled in SMART Tuition on a payment plan.**

A family with an outstanding and unexplained tuition bill by the end of the first **month** will be required to meet with the Principal and Pastor to work out a payment agreement in order for a student to receive his/her report card. Report cards and other documents will also be held until full payment is received. A family of an 8th grade student must have all tuition and fees paid by May 1 in order for the student to receive his/her diploma.

### ***Tuition Refund Policy***

*In the event a student leaves St. Bruno School prior to the end of the current month, a refund in tuition will be given for the unused portion. The amount of refund will be calculated based on the total amount of tuition paid divided by the number of attendance days, which is 176 days. (e.g. \$2400 divided by 176 days equals \$13.64 per day.)*

### **Book Bill/Technology Fee**

The Board of Education annually establishes student fees for each grade to pay for textbooks, consumable books and supplies, and direct student fees. This fee will be due upon notice. If you are unable to pay the fee at this time, please contact the Principal in order to make other arrangements. Book bills are non-refundable. Book fees are \$100 per student.

Students are responsible for keeping books in good condition. If a book is damaged in any way, the student will be required to pay a fee to replace the book.

The Board of Education has established a technology fee for each student. Technology fees are nonrefundable. The technology fee is \$200.00 for each child in the family.

If book and technology fees are not paid by the end of the school year, report cards and other documents will be held until fees are paid.

### **Vacations**

When school is in session, parents are discouraged from taking their children out of class for extended vacations. However, if it cannot be avoided, families taking vacation during school days are expected to notify the teacher at least two weeks in advance. A student will be expected to complete all assignments given while he/she is out of class. Assignments are due upon return to school. Upon return, tests will be taken as scheduled.

### **Arrival to and From School**

Bus transportation is provided by the Pinckneyville High School District #101 and the Pinckneyville Grade School District #50 for the students living more than 1 1/2 miles from school. Buses or parents may deliver students on the East side of the school in the morning after 7:30 a.m.

All students being picked up by parents at the end of a school day will be coming out the East side of the school and crossing at the designated patrolled crosswalk. All drivers are asked to park on the lot across from school, South of the Parish Center. Please do not park on the street.

**\*ALL STUDENTS MUST HAVE WRITTEN PARENTAL PERMISSION PRIOR TO CHANGING HIS/HER METHOD OR ROUTE TO HIS/HER DESIGNATED DESTINATION.** To ensure the safety of all students, afternoon transportation arrangements must be made clear to your child prior to his/her arrival at school. When routine transportation is not available, written notice must be given to the teacher, except in cases of extreme emergency.

All students riding the bus home will be picked up at school by a high school or grade school bus and taken to the senior high or junior high for transferring to their correct bus. Established routes are set at the beginning of each year and kept as closely as possible for regular times of pick-up and returning home. It is important all students riding the bus observe certain bus regulations:

- 1. Be on time at the designated bus stop. DuQuoin riders need to be at Sacred Heart Church by 7:15am in order for the students that are eating breakfast to have sufficient time to do so.**
2. Observe safe conduct while waiting for the bus to come to a complete stop before entering or departing. Always wait for a sign from the driver before crossing a road.

3. Be courteous and respectful to the bus driver. Remember that loud talking, laughing, or unnecessary confusion diverts the driver's attention and could result in an accident.
4. Observe safe rules at all times. These include, among others:
  - Remain seated at all times, never kneeling or standing in the seat.
  - Keep hands and arms inside the bus.
  - Never throw things on the floor or out the window.
  - Keep your voice down so the driver can remain attentive to traffic.
  - Be especially quiet at railroad crossings.
  - Keep books, packages, projects, band instruments, etc. out of aisles.
5. No animals, pets, soda, water guns, or radios are to be brought on the bus.
6. Be courteous and helpful to fellow students, especially smaller children.
7. In the event of a road emergency, remain in the bus until instructions are given by the driver.
8. Treat bus equipment as you would your own valuable furniture in your home. Never tamper with the bus or its safety equipment.
9. Do not ask the driver to stop at places other than the regular bus stop or to where you are to return home. He/she is not permitted to do this except by proper authorization from school or your parents.
10. These rules and regulations for safe riding practices should be observed as extra-curricular or co-curricular activities under school sponsorship as practiced daily. Be respectful of all chaperones appointed by the school.

### **School Cancellations**

Information on school closings due to bad weather will be broadcast via text message, voice call, and email by the ALL Call Parent reach system. Also on Radio Station WDQN 1580AM and channel 3 on TV. In case the weather necessitates an early school closing, the closing will be announced via the All Call System. It is a standing rule that if District #50 closes due to the weather, St. Bruno School will also close.

### **1. Attendance**

According to Illinois State Law, students must be in session 176 days a year. The importance of attendance for a child's academic progress cannot be overemphasized. Extended or repeated absences are not conducive to learning. By law St. Bruno School is required to enforce the attendance rules and regulations of the state of Illinois. For the health of your child and others, we ask that a student who is absent for more than 3 days to see a doctor and provide a note when returning back to school. 3 days does not require a note, 4 days or more would.

### **2. Truancy**

St. Bruno will seek the assistance of the Regional Office of Education when a student is exhibiting truancy patterns. A student who is absent (without an excused absence) 5% or more of the 176 regular attendance days or about 9 days is in violation of this policy (Illinois School Code 105 ILSC 5/26-21). Unexcused absences could result in a student not being permitted to advance to the next grade.

### **3. Absences and Tardies**

Regular attendance is essential for scholastic achievement. Teachers are required to keep a daily record of attendance for the students' permanent record cards.

The following guidelines are used when a student is tardy or absent:

A.M. arrival between 8:00-8:30	TARDY
A.M. arrival between 8:30-12:00	½ day ABSENT
P.M. departure before 2:00	½ day ABSENT

When a student arrives at school and leaves to go to the doctor or other appointment and returns within one hour, the student will not be considered as absent. If the student is gone for more than one hour, the student will

be considered 1/2 day absent. If a student leaves school within one hour of normal dismissal for a medical appointment, the student will not be considered as absent.

When a student is to be absent from school or tardy, the parent/guardian is asked to call the school office (357-8276) between 7:15-8:00 a.m. and 8:30-9:00 a.m. to report the absence for it to be excused.

### **Access and Departure of the Building**

- The west doors will be unlocked by 7:30 a.m. students who walk or are driven to school will be dropped off in the church parking lot west of the school or the KC parking lot north of the school. **Students must enter the west doors and proceed to the cafeteria in the morning.** Bus students will be dropped off near the carport and enter the west doors.
- Students will remain in the cafeteria unless with a teacher. Students will not be permitted in the rest of the building prior to 7:50. At 7:50, students will be dismissed to his/her classroom. Announcements and prayer over the P.A. will be at 7:55. Class time will begin at 8:00. Once a student arrives at school he or she is not permitted off the premises, before, during or after school hours, unless written parental permission is given and the teacher and school office have been notified. By 8:00, all exterior doors will be locked during the school day. **If a visitor wants to enter the facility, they must ring the bell located at the east and west entrances and go directly to the office and receive a visitor's pass from school personnel.**
- Evening pickup for students riding the bus will be dismissed out the east doors to the appropriate bus. Students who are vehicle riders or walkers will be dismissed out the west doors and may either be picked up in front of the church or walked to the church parking lot west of the school.
- If the riding or walking status of the student going home should change a handwritten notice must be provided to the classroom teacher or a phone call to the office must be made prior to changes being implemented.

### **Church**

All children will attend Mass weekly, usually Wednesday morning. Parents, grandparents and friends are encouraged to join our students at Mass whenever possible. Classes take turns preparing the liturgy and doing the leadership roles. Students should dress in nice attire on Mass days

### **Library/Technology Room**

The library and Accelerated Reading room have been combined on the first floor. There are storybooks as well as reference materials for research. Each classroom has access to the Internet to use for research. From time to time the class will make use of the public library. Parents that live within the city limits of Pinckneyville are encouraged to get a free library card from the Pinckneyville Library. All others may check out materials using the school's library card for educational purposes.

### **Parent Teacher Conferences**

Parent-Teacher Conferences for an individual student's progress will be held at least once a year. Usually this is in November after the IOWA tests are returned. If an extra conference time with teacher and/or Principal is needed during the school year, a time may be scheduled by phoning the school office and making an appointment with the school administrative assistant. From time to time, teachers and/or the Principal may call a special conference to discuss a student's progress or lack of. Parents are required to attend these meetings.

### **Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)**

All parents of St. Bruno Students and faculty members of the school belong to the P.T.O. The Organization meets the first Wednesday of each month.

The purpose of the P.T.O. is to increase communication between home and school and to organize fundraisers to supplement the budget. This organization helps with such events as field trips, school picnics, graduation, Confirmation, teacher appreciation and the quilters' luncheon.

The PTO at the last PTO meeting of the school year sets PTO fundraisers. Fundraisers may or may not change from year to year depending on the needs of the school and trends of each particular type of fundraiser. A list of those fundraisers will be made available at the beginning of each school year and posted on the school website.

All fundraising material will be sent to each family regardless of the opt-out option. This will keep the process stream-lined and also allow families to be made aware of the functions in the event they may be interested in buying and/or participating in the function. Therefore, if you have opted-out, you may still choose to participate in fundraising activities as you see fit.

Parents may opt out of all fundraising activities by paying an additional \$750 in tuition per family by September 1<sup>st</sup> of each school year. Opting out includes functions/fundraising that is limited to PTO only and do not include non-PTO fundraising. Examples of non-PTO fundraising are (but are not limited to): school related fundraisers such as school apparel, movies, Parish picnic, and fun week. Fundraisers directly related to athletics or extra-curricular activities are not eligible for opting out as these fundraisers are directly related to the participation of your child. These are (but are not limited to) sports, band, team quest, scholastic bowl, etc.

Bingo is a separate option because it is a bi-monthly commitment made by the PTO to secure an annual donation to St. Bruno School from the Knights of Columbus where the PTO is required to supply workers or desserts on the first and fourth Friday of each month through out the year, and therefore is not part of the regular opt-out option. There is a separate opt out for Bingo that is \$150. This amount will be used to purchase the desserts that were to be brought to the bingo. All parents are divided in to five groups, and every effort will be made to group families on teams according to their geographical location. An example of this would have one team comprised of all the families from the Du Quoin area. This will make transportation and delivery as easy as possible on all families.

If opting out is not chosen, each family will be required to participate in a minimum of two working fundraisers and one selling fundraiser, as set by the PTO. Each family will be expected to sell 25 units between those fundraisers in which items must be sold. Working fundraisers are valued at \$300 each. Selling fundraisers are worth \$150 each. These fundraisers are to help offset the costs of tuition for all children. Failure to participate in an assigned fundraiser will result in an increase in tuition per fundraiser missed to be assessed to the families SMART Tuition account after May 1st. Role will be taken at each event to keep track of attendance.

### **Dress Code (K-8)**

The student dress code is intended to create a positive school climate of respect for self and others, maintain safety, and foster an environment that allows for effective teaching and learning. Parents are asked to monitor their children's attire on a daily basis. This policy shall apply to all students during the regular school day or other times as deemed appropriate by the principal unless specified otherwise.

***If you question whether clothing is appropriate, do not allow it to be worn to school.***

#### *Appropriate Boys' Clothing Allowed*

A dress shirt of any kind, athletic shirt, or knitted top with crew neck or placket opening may be worn. Jeans, dress slacks or khakis without holes in them or frayed edges are to be worn.

#### *Appropriate Girls' Clothing Allowed*

A dress, skirt, jumper, pantsuit, slacks, jeans, or capris may be worn. Capri pants are those that the end goes below the knee when standing or sitting. Blouses or modest tops are acceptable, if they cover beyond the waist line, do not have a low neck line, spaghetti straps, or are worn off the shoulder, regardless of undergarment.

Dresses or skirts may be no shorter than fingertip length. Tights, leggings or other types of hosiery must be accompanied by a fingertip length longer top or dress.

#### *For All Students*

See through sheer or mesh clothing, short skirts, short midriffs, halter tops, tank tops, cut off, muscle shirts or shirts with frayed-edges, holes are not permissible. Shirts cannot have objectionable/offensive patches, sayings, logos or pictures. Clothing that does not appropriately or proportionately fit in that it is too long, too tight, too big or too baggy may not be worn. Student's undergarments must be covered at all times. Pajama pants, sports pants, sweat pants, yoga pants, and/or pants with writing or pictures on the seat of the pant are not allowed. While students are active in a sport or recess, there should be no skin showing between the bottom of their shirt and pants.

#### *Shorts*

Students are permitted to wear shorts from the first day of school to September 30, and May 1 to the last day of school. Biker shorts, tight fitting, cut-off shorts, short-shorts, and sport shorts are prohibited. Shorts must be of a length that the bottom of the short must be beyond the tip of the longest finger when arms are at their side.

#### *Shoes*

Students are not allowed to wear open toe or open back shoes because of safety concerns with these types of shoes. Shoes must have a full back of the heel. Crocs, flip-flops, sandals, or slip on shoes will not be allowed.

No Student may wear dangling earrings, hair dyes, have tattoos (temporary or otherwise) or writing on body, and **no makeup**. Hats are not to be worn in the building. Violations of any these will be removed immediately.

*Mass Days* – Students should dress in respectful, church appropriate attire. Such attire is a dress shirt or collared shirt or that which would be considered “Sunday church attire.”

*Field Trips* – Students should wear appropriate St. Bruno spirit wear tops that represent our school in a respectful fashion as directed by their teacher.

If a student is in violation of the dress code, school staff will first attempt to find alternative clothing that is kept on hand for the child to wear. This ensures that the student will have less time away from class. If no clothing is available, parents will be notified to bring appropriate clothing to school for their child. Parents are expected to launder the borrowed clothing and return it to school for future use.

**THE PRINCIPAL SHALL MAKE THE FINAL DETERMINATION REGARDING THE APPROPRIATENESS OF A STUDENT'S ATTIRE. ALL DECISIONS CONCERNING ANY DRESS CODE ISSUES WHICH ARE ADDRESSED OR INFERRED IN THIS POLICY IS ULTIMATELY AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PRINCIPAL.**

#### **Abuse and Neglected Child Reporting Act**

##### ***Child Abuse and Sexual Abuse***

The Abuse and Neglected Child Reporting Act (1982) mandates that suspicion of child abuse or neglect be reported to the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). The law covers all children up to age 18.

According to the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services Manual for mandated reporters, mandated reporters can be classified in six categories: medical, school, social service/mental health, law enforcement, coroner/medical examiner, and child care personnel. The Manual provides that mandated reporters are persons who work in one of the preceding six categories and who may work with children in the course of their duties. Neither the Act nor its regulations state that the worker must be paid.

All parish and school personnel, including but not limited to, teachers, PSR teachers, youth leaders and youth volunteers, coaches, and administrative staff, principals and DRE's, CRE's, directors and staff assistants of day care centers and nursery schools, child care workers and aides, foster parents, agency homemakers, registered psychologists and volunteers who work with children are mandated reporters.

All mandated reporters are required by law to report suspected child abuse or neglect to the appropriate DCFS field office within 48 hours. A written confirmation must also be mailed to DCFS and sent on special forms available from a local DCFS office or by a confirmation letter stating the essential facts.

The DCFS may ask that licenses/certificates be suspended and/or revoked if it has proof that professional school personnel had knowledge of child abuse and/or neglect and did not report same. When a suspected case is reported to the DCFS, the person reporting the case should inform his/her appropriate authority.

By law, information cannot be withheld on grounds preserving confidentiality. All persons who are mandated to report suspected abuse and neglect are presumed to be acting in good faith. Thus, they are immune from legal liability as a result of a report.

### *When to Call DCFS*

The law states that a mandated reporter should call the child abuse hotline [1-800-25-ABUSE] when he/she has reasonable cause to believe that a child has been abused or neglected. Some examples of when to call are:

1. When a mandated reporter sees someone hitting a child with an object.
2. When a mandated reporter sees marks on a child's body, which look like they were not sustained accidentally.
3. When a child tells you someone has harmed the child.
4. When a child appears to be undernourished, is dressed inappropriately for the weather, or is young and has been left alone.

These are only a few examples of situations when a mandated reporter should report.

Mandated reporters that are associated with Catholic Schools include the following: All parish and school personnel, including but not limited to, teachers, PSR teachers, youth leaders, and youth volunteers, coaches, and administrative staff, principals, and DRE's, CRE's, directors and staff assistants of day care centers and nursery schools, child care workers and aides, foster parents, agency homemakers, registered psychologists and volunteers who work with children.

### *What to Include in an Oral or Written Report*

According to Section 7.9 of the *Illinois Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act* reports of child abuse or neglect should contain the following information to the extent known by the reporter:

1. The names and addresses of the child and his parents or other persons responsible for his welfare;
2. The name and address of the school that the child attends (or the school the child last attended, if the report is written during the summer when school is not in session), and the name of the school district in which the school is located, if possible;
3. The child's age, sex and race;
4. The nature and extent of the child's abuse or neglect, including any evidence of prior injuries, abuse, or neglect of the child or his siblings;
5. The names of the persons apparently responsible for the abuse or neglect;
6. Family composition, including names, ages, sexes, and races of other children in the home;
7. The name of the person making the report, his occupation, and where he can be reached;
8. The actions taken by the reporting source, including the taking of photographs and x-rays, placing the child in temporary protective custody, or notifying the medical examiner or coroner; and



9. Any other information the person making the report believes may be helpful in the furtherance of the purposes of this Act.

(Diocesan Policy and Regulation 5141.4)

### **Class Field Trips**

Trips may be taken to places or events that are deemed cultural and/or educational. The Principal must approve any other field trips offered by locally established organizations, which are deemed educational and are provided for specific grade levels. Usually a bus fee will be charged to help cover part of the transportation expense.

Chaperones are to stay with their assigned groups since they are responsible for them throughout trips. Chaperones are requested not to bring younger siblings on a field trip. Field trips are a privilege, not a right. Parents are responsible to see that their children wear clothing that is appropriate for the occasion.

All students will attend field trips. If funds are an issue, please contact the school principal. No child will be left behind because of lack of funds. If the student is not present, either on the field trip or in school, he or she will be counted absent.

Diocesan permission slips will be sent home for all outings a week in advance of the trip. No child will be permitted to go on a field trip if his/her Diocesan permission slip is not into school on the day of the field trip. It is vital that the permission be on the Diocesan form. Any adult who chaperones a class trip is required to complete a Volunteer Application, have attended Child Protection training and complete a Sexual Misconduct Questionnaire.

### **Class Size**

The school administration reserves the right to limit class size.

### **Classroom Parties**

Birthday parties will be celebrated, as agreed upon between the parents and the classroom teacher. There are four regularly scheduled classroom parties held during the school year in grades K-4: Halloween, Christmas, Valentine's Day and Easter. If any other party occasions are requested, they must have special permission of the Principal. The homeroom teacher will be in charge of any classroom parties held throughout the school year. Any parent who assists with classroom parties is required to complete a Volunteer Application as well as a Sexual Misconduct Form.

### **Communication**

When contacting the school the best place to begin is with the person directly involved. The teacher should be contacted when a student related problem is involved or the principal when a school regulation or practice is your concern. The teachers are on duty between 7:50 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Teacher conference periods will be 30-minute time frame either before 8:00 a.m. or after 3:00 p.m. Conferences will be comprised of the teacher(s)/coach (es)/parent (guardian), and often times, with the student present too. If a teacher or parent/guardian requests in advance, the principal will sit on the discussion. When a situation cannot be resolved with the staff directly involved, then it should be taken to the next level in the line of authority further outlined on page 20.

### **Curriculum**

The curriculum at St. Bruno School consists of: Religion, Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Health, Human Sexuality, Handwriting, Music, Art, Typing, Computer Programs and Physical Education. These may differ depending upon the grade level. Extra-curricular activities consist of scholar bowl,

speech league, yearbook staff, band, Team Quest and sports. Participation in these activities is a privilege, not a right.

St. Bruno School works in conjunction with the student's home school district for Speech and Special Educational Services.

### **Lunch Program**

Lunch and breakfast, including milk, are served daily in the cafeteria. Lunch/breakfast money is collected on the FIRST DAY of each scheduled school week. All lunch/breakfast money is sent to the office after being collected by the teacher. One envelope may be used for breakfast and lunch for the entire family. The envelope must have all needed information: **student(s) name(s), grade(s), and the amount of money enclosed. If you have multiple children please indicate how much you want in each child's account.** It is very important that the envelope be turned in the first day of the week. **Please ALWAYS pay in advance.** This is necessary to keep our cafeteria in operation. If your child forgets to bring the money, he/she will have a grace period amount of \$25 any student that owes more than \$25 will be given a peanut butter sandwich as a main entrée, a vegetable and milk. No child will go without food. You may pay a large amount and meals will be subtracted each day through Gradelink. Please check the website frequently to check the balance of your account.

Please keep in mind that the lunch program is government funded and we ask you to please take advantage of our free and reduced lunches. ALL INFORMATION IS KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL. To apply at any time during the school year for free or reduced lunches, please contact the office for an application. (School Phone Number is 357-8276)

#### Cost of Meals

LUNCH-.40 for reduced price meals

\$2.35 for grades Pre-K through 8-milk included

BREAKFAST-.30 for reduced price meals

\$1.60 for grades K through 8-milk included

Extra milk is \$.35 per carton.

Besides the hot lunch program, a child may bring his/her lunch from home. **However, no fast food or soda is to be brought to school.**

#### **Lunch Periods**

Pre-K-3 11:20 – 11:50

4-8 11:50 - 12:20

#### **Non-Discrimination Policy**

St. Bruno School admits students of any gender, race, color, national, and ethnic origin. All the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded are made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national, and ethnic origin in administration of the educational policies, admission policies, and athletic and other school administered programs.

#### **Sexual & Racial Harassment**

The St. Bruno Board of Education believes that all employees and students are entitled to work and study in school-related environments that are free of sexual and racial harassment. To this end, the school board prohibits employees and students from engaging in sexual and racial harassment and advises employees and students that when evidence of such harassment is established, disciplinary action may be taken, up to and including dismissal (for employees) and suspension or expulsion (for students). Independent contractors and volunteers are likewise prohibited from engaging in sexual or racial harassment and are subject to removal from their duties or activities with the school for violations of this policy.

All complaints of sexual or racial harassment shall be promptly and thoroughly investigated. A student does not have to report an incident of harassment to trigger an investigation if a school officer has knowledge of the harassment. Suspected sexual or racial harassment shall be investigated according to the procedures below;

A student who believes that he/she has suffered sexual or racial harassment may report the matter in writing to the Pastor, the Principal, or the President of the Board of Education. For cases of student-to-student harassment, it is suggested that the report be given directly to the Principal or the Pastor. For cases of harassment of a student by an employee, the report should be made to either the Pastor or the President of the Board of Education. Any teacher or other school employee who receives from a student a report (oral or written) of alleged sexual or racial harassment shall immediately report the same to the Principal, who in turn will immediately report to the Pastor. Failure by the employee to do so may be subject to disciplinary action. If the Principal or the Pastor is the alleged offender, reports from the student or by other school employees shall be made to the President of the Board of Education.

An employee who believes that he/she has suffered sexual or racial harassment may report the matter to the Principal or the Pastor. If the Principal or the Pastor the alleged offender, reports from the school employees shall be made to the President of the Board of Education.

All complaints and investigations of sexual or racial harassment shall be confidential. Information shall be given only to those individuals who need to have access to it in order to investigate appropriately and address the complaint. No employee or student will be subject to negative action for reporting alleged racial or sexual harassment in accordance with this policy.

Upon conclusion of any investigation, the complainant will be apprised of the outcome of said investigation.

## GRIEVENCE

Each school program shall have written grievance procedures available for use by any individual wishing to present a racial or sexual harassment complaint. This grievance procedure must include the following steps:

1. A written complaint must be submitted by the person who reported the incident.
2. A thorough investigation must take place.
3. Any person who is found to have engaged in racial or sexual harassment will be subject to appropriate, corrective action, depending upon the circumstances, up to and including termination or expulsion.
4. The person who reported the incident will be advised of the findings and actions taken.

## **Policy on Pregnant Students**

The Principal and Pastor of St. Bruno, in consultation with the Office of Education, shall make decisions as to whether or not a pregnant student should be enrolled or retained in school. They shall take every precaution to avert consideration of abortion as an option by the student. In light of compassion, mercy, and justice, they shall confidentially consider each person's case individually after consulting with the parents/guardians. Counseling will be recommended for the pregnant girl, the father of the child, (if also a St. Bruno student), and classmates, if appropriate.

## **Child Protection Training**

It is very important that each parent participates in the Child Protection Program. If you want to help in any way at the school you must participate in one the Child Protection training programs. Classes are offered throughout the year at various sites within the diocese. Call the school office for more information. If you plan to volunteer in any capacity such as playground, field trips, class parties, coaching etc. you need to complete the following guidelines:

1. Initial Child Protection Training (2 hour course)
2. Criminal Background Check (CANTS Form)

3. Volunteer Application (Available on our website [www.stbrunoschool.com](http://www.stbrunoschool.com))
4. Annual Online Refresher Course (Done Online annually after the first year)

### **Thursday Envelopes and the School Website**

Each Thursday the oldest child is asked to carry an envelope to parents. It will have any notes from P.T.O., cafeteria or parish that need to get to the parents or guardians. The envelope should be signed and sent back to school **THE NEXT DAY**.

Each week the teachers will provide a weekly newsletter stating the lessons that will be covered for the week. Please review weekly newsletters and keep them for a handy reference.

Many classroom teachers email their newsletters. St. Bruno School also has a school website, **stbrunoschool.com** where the lunch menu and teacher newsletters will be posted. **We ask that you take advantage of this in order to save the school money for copying expenses.** All items can be emailed as well upon request as long as you provide your email address. If you do not have access to the internet, notify the school and/or teacher and a paper copy will be sent home each Thursday.

### **Asbestos Abatement Act**

The Asbestos Abatement Act (P A 83-1325 and amended by P A 84-1096) requires all schools to be tested for asbestos and have a Management plan for their buildings.

We have had our building inspected by a firm hired by the diocese and have our Management plan in the office. Anyone who wishes to review it may do so in the office between 10-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. since our copy of the plan may not be taken out of our office. All friable asbestos has been removed from the school building. There is asbestos present in some of the pipes and flooring of the Parish Center. We have a professional service provider contracted to conduct periodic inspections of the asbestos tile and piping located in the Parish Center. These requirements are required by EPA regulations.

### **Interruptions**

Neither the teachers nor the students should be disturbed during class time. If a conference with a teacher or the Principal is desired, parents should leave a message with the school administrative assistant. All visitors to the school must report to the administrative assistant's office. Items brought to school during the day by parents should be brought to the office and will be dispersed from the office in a timely manner.

### **Custody Policy**

Divorced or separated parents must file a court-certified copy of the custody section of the divorce or separation decree with the principal's office. The school will not be held responsible for failing to honor arrangements that have not been made known. Children will be released to either parent unless the school is provided with a current valid court order directing limitations or restrictions to either parent. This school abides by the provisions of the Buckley Amendment with respect to the rights of non-custodial parents. In absence of a court order to the contrary, a school will provide the non-custodial parent with access to the academic record and to other school-related information regarding the child. If there is a court order specifying that there is to be no information given, it is the responsibility of the custodial parent to provide the school with an official copy of the court order.

### **Band**

St. Bruno students that reside in the Pinckneyville High School #101 may join District #50 Junior High School Band. If they do not reside in Dist #50 they will have to pay a fee. However, a student must join in the fifth grade or Beginner's Band. Any student participating in band will be excused from class time, but will be responsible for time lost. Band students may take the St. Bruno bus to band. There are fees that are charged for transportation and participation. The fees are on a band fee schedule. Information can be obtained by calling the

office. Any adults who provide transportation for students are required to complete a Volunteer Application, attend a Child Protection training as well as a Sexual Misconduct Questionnaire

### **Crossing Guards**

The seventh and eighth grade students are asked to help with crossing guard duties throughout the year. Those who perform this duty for a minimum of **8 weeks** will be eligible to attend a St. Louis Cardinal game later in the spring.

### **Earned Activities**

Occasionally teachers will get together to promote positive behaviors for our students and reward the students with an earned fun activity and raffle drawings, including Teacher Store. Students that have not earned the activity will be expected to work in a tutoring environment. Criteria for each activity will be announced ahead of time to the students.

### **Telephone**

Except in urgent cases, parents are asked to limit their telephone calls. If you wish to leave a message for a student, kindly call the office and the message will be relayed to the homeroom teacher.

### **Cell Phones**

Cell phone usage is prohibited during school hours. They may be used after school outside of the School or Parish Center facilities. The student will be informed that the cell phone will not be allowed at any time thereafter. If a phone call needs to be made during the day, the student must go to the office to request a call be made. Under no circumstances will students be allowed to carry a cell phone during a field trip. Cell phones may be left in the classroom during the field trip. Student bags will be checked before leaving and they will be asked to empty their pockets in front of staff. Staff will carry cell phones in the case of an emergency.

### **Gaming Devices**

The usage of devices on the bus is permissible as long as they are being used appropriately to play games, etc. If it is found to be a problem, devices will not be allowed either and will be treated like cell phones.

### **Communication and Discipline – Line of Authority**

**The following procedures for handling problems or communicating with faculty and staff shall be used by all:**

- 1. Discuss the problem with the teacher/coach involved.**
- 2. If the problem is not rectified, parents then confer with the Principal.**
- 3. If the problem is not corrected, the parents then confer with the Pastor.**
- 4. If the above fails, the matter may be brought to the School Board President, and he or she may put it on the Board meeting agenda (Per Diocesan Policy 2431, the School Board is strictly consultative and will only review the matter to ensure that all applicable policies and procedures were followed).**
- 5. The final step is to take the matter to the Diocesan Office of Education.**

## STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

### **Care of School Property**

Children are encouraged to take pride in keeping their school and its premises clean and attractive. It is inexcusable to throw litter on the ground, in hallways, classrooms or other areas of the school property. Desks should be kept orderly. Books and other materials should be kept off the floor. Books are used several years. They must be covered at all times to preserve them in good condition for the next class.

### **Discipline/Conduct**

*Attendance at Catholic elementary and secondary schools in the Diocese of Belleville is at the will and discretion of the particular school. As such, attendance and enrollment may be terminated at any time when the school determines that continued enrollment would not be in the best interests of the students, the school, or the educational purposes of the school.*

*All students who attend any Catholic elementary or secondary school in the Diocese of Belleville are expected, as a condition of continued enrollment, to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the policies and principles of the school. These principles are set out in the student handbook and in the mission and purpose of the Catholic school, as determined by the school.*

*Conduct by a student that the school determines is contrary to, or inconsistent with, the Catholic/Christian principles of the school are grounds for terminating the student's enrollment in the school. These principles and expectations apply to students both on campus and off campus during school-sponsored programs and events (e.g., extended care, athletics, field trips, etc.). These principles and expectations apply during and after school hours, and during times when school is in session and when school is out of session.*

*The school, in its discretion, may determine how to deal with any particular conduct or pattern of conduct depending upon the nature and severity of the problem, surrounding circumstances, and prior record. In some instances, the conduct may be of such a nature that immediate withdrawal may be determined to be appropriate even if it is the first such instance. In cases where the conduct is not as severe or serious, problems may be dealt with using other forms of corrective action, including but not limited to a written warning, suspension from the school, and not participating in or attending parish/school activities, volunteer work, etc.*

*The students' interest in receiving a quality, morally-based education can best be served when students, teachers and school officials all work together and set a proper example. Normally, differences between these individuals should be resolved as quickly as possible. In some instances, however, the school may find it necessary, in its discretion, to require parents/guardians to withdraw their child/children when the situation is warranted. (Diocesan Policy 5131)*

### **Student Disciplinary Regulations**

Discipline problems are normally handled through a conference between student and teacher. If it is warranted, a note will be sent or a phone call made to inform parents/guardians. For consistent or serious misbehavior, a student may be sent to the Principal or receive a detention to be served for one hour after school. If there is a failure to serve a disciplinary action before the school year is completed. It shall be served in summer or next school year.

### **Items Not Allowed At School**

The following items are never allowed on school property or at a school sponsored event: Alcohol, drugs, chewing gum, chewing tobacco, cigarettes, cigars, pipes, matches, lighters, pocket knives, weapons of any kind (including toy water guns and toy guns, or ammunition), electronic toys, alarm watches, stuffed animals, chains or chain wallets or any other disruptive device to the school environment. Parents will be notified and appropriate action will be taken if any student is in violation of this policy.

**Code of Conduct Violations** that will receive consequences include but are not limited to:

1. Disrespect toward others. Defined as insulting, calling others names, questioning authority, insubordination, dishonor, abuse in the form of verbal, physical or writing.
2. Forgery. Defined as falsely writing the name of another person as if that person signed it.
3. Plagiarism. Defined as copying another's work as if it were your own.
4. Cheating. Defined as acting dishonestly in order to make a gain, whether it be in the classroom or in a game, etc.
5. Improper dress as defined on page 14/15
6. Deliberate fighting, whether verbal, non-verbal, or physical
7. Leaving school grounds without permission
8. Endangering the health or safety of another person
9. Repeatedly disrupting class
10. Using inappropriate language or actions
11. Use of language denoting harm such as kill, cut, hang, hate, etc.

The age of the student, severity of the situation, and intensity of the action will be considered when determining the consequence. If a student continues his/her misconduct, detention, in-school suspension, suspension or expulsion will follow. The following are the guidelines regarding detention, in-school suspension, suspension and expulsion:

### **Detentions**

If the Principal deems that an after-school detention is warranted for certain behaviors parents need to make an effort to cooperate with the school in having their child serve the detention as soon as possible. It needs to be noted that immediate consequences are best and deter the behavior from occurring again.

### **Suspensions from School**

Certain behaviors warrant an in-school suspension or an out-of school suspension. The length of the time a student will be suspended depends on the seriousness and frequency of the violation to be determined by the Principal.

The process for the handling of suspension is:

- a. Suspensions can be in school or at home depending on situation.
- b. The student must make up all school work missed while suspended.
- c. A student-parent/guardian-principal conference may be held before the student may return to school or class.

### **Expulsion:**

An expulsion is extremely serious. If a student is expelled, she/he will not be allowed to re-enroll in St. Bruno School.

The following are causes for immediate expulsion from school:

- a. Carrying weapons or any item that appears to be a weapon with the intention of causing harm to a person.
- b. Carrying, handing, using, or selling drugs or alcohol
- c. Verbal and/or written threats to anyone with the intention of causing serious harm.

When all other means have failed and expulsion is being considered, the following procedure will be followed:

1. In the event that a resolution of the problem is not possible, and at the request of the parents, a hearing shall be held at which:
  - a. The student shall be informed of the charges against him/her.
  - b. The student shall be permitted to face his/her accusers, hear the testimony of the witnesses and respond to the charges.
2. The Principal and Pastor make the final decision and communicate it to the parents.
3. In the event of an expulsion, the Principal will cooperate with the parents in attempting to make arrangements for the future education of the pupil in another school.
4. Within 10 days after the expulsion of a student, the Principal shall notify the Director of Elementary Education in writing of the expulsion and state the reasons for the action.
5. Parents who are dissatisfied with the action taken by the Principal and Pastor shall have recourse to the Local Board of Education.
6. If satisfaction is not reached at the local level, an appeal may be made to the Diocesan Board of Education.

### **Parents Disciplinary Regulation Policy**

All parents should be aware of the Disciplinary Regulation and in the event of a complaint, be prepared to follow the outlined steps. The members of the Board of education should instruct any parents who wish to circumvent any of the procedures that their case will not be reviewed until they have complied with the Discipline Regulation Policy. The following is the policy:

1. Consultation with the parents and individual teacher who is directly involved, if no settlement is made, then
2. Appointment with the principal and parents for a consultation.
3. If no settlement is made then the Pastor must be contacted to resolve the issue.

### **Internet Usage**

In order to access and use the school's Internet and other related technologies (the "Network"); each person ("User") must sign the Authorization and the Internet Code of Conduct. Once the form is signed, it will be kept on file. Forms will be handed out each year to just new students. If the User is a student, the student and his or her parent(s)/guardian(s) must sign this Authorization. Please read this document carefully before signing.

All use of the Network shall be consistent with the school/parish/diocese's goal of promoting educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation and communication. This Authorization does not attempt to state all required or prescribed behavior by Users. However, some specific examples are provided. The failure of any User to follow the terms of this Authorization for Internet Access or the Internet

Code of Conduct will result in the loss of privileges, disciplinary action, and/or appropriate legal action.

The signature(s) at the end of this handbook is legally binding and indicates the party who signed has read the terms and conditions carefully and understands their significance. (Diocesan Policy and Regulation 1341)

### **Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)**

St. Bruno Catholic School provides wireless network access in order to provide students with 21st century learning opportunities. The purpose of this policy is to establish clear guidelines and procedures to ensure the integrity of our network. Students in grades 3-8 are allowed to bring their own device to school for academic use only between 8am and 3pm. This BYOD policy applies, but is not limited to, all devices and accompanying media (e.g. USB thumb and external hard drives) that are Internet aware (Wi-Fi) and not limited to the following classifications:

- E Readers
- Smartphones
- Other mobile/cellular phones
- Tablets
- Portable media devices
- Netbooks
- Laptop/notebook computers, including home desktops



This policy applies to any hardware and related software that is not organizationally owned or supplied, but could be used to access organizational resources. That is, devices which users have acquired for personal use but which they also wish to use in the school environment.

### Definition of Users

The term “user” in the preceding information is considered to be any student, employee or guest of St. Bruno School who brings a personal device to access the network.

### Technical Requirements

Where applicable, each computer must have un-expired and functioning antivirus protection installed. Each device must have WiFi capability to access the Internet. Connecting to the network with Ethernet cables will not be permitted. Users are responsible for charging of devices.

### Guidelines for Use of Wireless Internet

- Users must understand that the use of a personal device in the classroom is for **instructional use only** and at the teacher’s discretion. Not to be used at before school, recess, PE, or lunch.
- Users must have permission from the teacher to use a personal device in their classroom. Use of personal devices in the classroom must support instructional activities.
- Users must power off and put away personal devices if directed to do so by teachers or school administration.
- Users must ensure that their personal device does not disrupt the learning of others. For example, audio should be muted unless otherwise directed otherwise by instructional staff. Use of headphones is suggested.
- Users may use their personal device in cafeteria or classroom only, under a staff member’s supervision.
- Users must abide by the Acceptable Use Policy when using personal computers.
- Users are not allowed to access any network resources other than the Internet.
- Users should practice caution when allowing others to access their personal device.

### Violations of the BYOD Policy

Failing to comply with the above guidelines will result in the following consequences:

1st Offense: Personal device will be confiscated and placed in the Principals office, where the student may retrieve it at the end of the day.

2nd Offense: Personal device will be confiscated and placed in the Principals office where a parent will be required to come to school and retrieve it.

3rd Offense: Personal device will be confiscated and place in the principal’s office where a parent will be required to come to the school to retrieve it. User will lose the privilege of being allowed to have a personal device on school premises for 9 weeks from point of confiscation.

4<sup>th</sup> Offense: Personal device will be confiscated and place in the principal’s office where a parent will be required to come to the school to retrieve it. User will lose the privilege of being allowed to have a personal device on school premises for the remainder of the school year.

Violations that will result in the *immediate and permanent loss* of access:

- Accessing websites of a pornographic, sexual, illegal or sites otherwise considered to be inappropriate.
- Activity involving cyber-bullying or harassment of another user or group of users.
- Activity of a malicious and/or illegal intent.

### **Disclaimers**

- Wireless access is available for the Internet only.
- Users of personal devices will not be granted access to other network resources such as school-system owned software and hardware devices including printers.
- St. Bruno School can and will not provide technical support for personal devices. Support and technical assistance is the sole responsibility of the user.
- St. Bruno School assumes no responsibility for malfunction, damage, theft, or loss of personal devices used on any of school campuses or in any of its school buildings.

Access to the schools network is a privilege, not a right. All users shall be required to acknowledge receipt and understanding of all administrative regulations governing use of the system and shall agree in writing, via the Acceptable Use Policy, to comply with such regulations and guidelines. Noncompliance with applicable

regulations may result in suspension or termination of privileges and other disciplinary action consistent with St. Bruno School policies.

The computer use agreement verifies that a student must comply with all school policies. In particular, it is to be understood that: any use of device at school are primarily for educational purposes; that there is NO privacy in regards to computer files or devices (administration may search at any time); that students should never give their password or device to anyone else and are responsible for anything done on the device, and that students may never use a device, or social media that is contrary to the Catholic values, to injure another person, or for any type of malicious, violent or inappropriate purpose.

### **Bullying**

As a matter of school policy and religious obligation, it is recognized that bullying behavior is not tolerated at St. Bruno Catholic School. Students who are victimized by the abusive power exerted by bullies suffer serious harm to their self-esteem and their feelings of safety as they pursue their academic and social lives. This often results in feelings of isolation and insecurity. In the extreme, a bully's victim can suffer serious physical and/or psychological injury. St. Bruno Catholic School seeks to create an environment of learning, compassion and safety by educating parents, teachers, staff and students in different areas concerning bullying and respect. All members of St. Bruno Catholic School are expected to discourage, prevent, intervene, report and otherwise appropriately address bullying behaviors.

Bullying can be defined as repeated and unwanted teasing, threatening, hitting, spreading rumors, **and excluding others on purpose**. A person is being bullied or victimized when he or she is exposed repeatedly and over time to negative actions on the part of one or more persons. Bullying can be defined as the assertion of power through aggression. Its forms change with age: playground bullying, sexual harassment, gang attacks, date violence, assault, marital violence, child abuse, workplace harassment and elder abuse. Bullies acquire power over victims in many ways: by physical size and strength, by status within peer group, by knowing the victims' weaknesses, or by recruiting support from other children through gossip or exclusion. With repeated bullying, the bully's dominance is established and the victim becomes increasingly distressed and fearful.

This statement is intended to serve notice to students, their parents and all members of St. Bruno Catholic School Community, that bullying conduct is an immediate cause for intervention. In addition, we seek to alert all concerned parties-whether students engaged in bullying behaviors (and their parents or guardians); victims of bullying (and their parents or guardians); or witnesses to victimization or another bully-that bullying is a community concern requiring community-wide accountability and commitment to its prevention, as well as prompt, appropriate and effective response if and when it occurs.

### **Developing Character and Preventing Bullying Behavior**

The best way to prevent a bully is to concentrate on building character. Character is the lasting and distinctive part of the inner person that governs behavior through informed choices and good habits. Without character, students will fail to achieve life's most significant goal-that of being good people who love and serve their Creator and all others.

### **Policy for Handling Unacceptable or Bullying Behavior Between Students**

1. Each student involved in the unacceptable/bully behavior will be able to **email the teacher or principal** outlining the problem situation and the steps needed to rectify the situation. Primary students will dictate their issues to an older student or teacher. The student or teacher will read the form back to the student and the student will sign his/her name.
2. The students will meet together with their to discuss their **problem situation with a mediator present (older student, teacher or faculty)** If necessary, a joint agreement will be filled out by both parties indicating any compromises/plans for refining behavior made during the mediation.
3. A copy of the student's email will be mailed home, along with a carbon note

from the teacher explaining the consequences/punishment, if any, for the behavior.  
(Consequences/punishment will vary depending on the circumstances of the situation and are at the discretion of the staff member on duty or the Principal).

4. The original email by each student will be filed in the principal's office.

***The above policy will be used for unacceptable/bully behavior between two or more students, not as a policy for individual behavioral problems such as talking out of turn, leaving the seat at inappropriate times, etc.***

### **Drug and Alcohol Abuse**

It is the policy of St. Bruno School that the possession, use, distribution, purchase or sale of any alcoholic beverage or any contraband, controlled substance, look-alike drugs or any other illicit drugs by a student is prohibited in the school building, on the school property or on school buses at all times. This policy extends to all school sponsored and related activities, as well as field and athletic trips. Furthermore, students shall not be permitted to attend or remain in school while under the influence of prohibited substances or alcohol.

Any student found in violation of this policy shall be disciplined consistent with the Disciplinary Regulations including parental notification and involvement, referral to law enforcement agencies, suspension and/or expulsion. Anyone caught with alcohol or drugs in their possession, whether on their person, in their desk or in their locker will be reported to the Principal and sent to the office for the enforcement of this policy. Any teacher suspecting possession of either drugs or alcohol by any student can search the locker or desk of the individual. The Principal should be informed of any such searches. Law enforcement will be notified.

If a student continues his/her misconduct, in-school suspension, suspension or expulsion will follow. The following are the guidelines regarding detention, in-school suspension, suspension and expulsion:

The process for the handling of suspension is:

- d. Suspensions can be in school or at home depending on situation.
- e. The student must make up all school work missed while suspended.
- f. A student-parent/guardian-principal conference may be held before the student may return to school.
- g. After the second suspension, the student will be placed on probation.
- h. After the third suspension, the student faces expulsion.

**Violations involving drugs, drug paraphilia, guns, weapons, battery of teacher or other personnel, sexting, or other illegal digital activity, the principal will contact law enforcement.**

### **Procedure For Police Involvement**

#### ***1. Procedure on Law Enforcement Interrogation of Students***

There may exist occasions where representatives of law enforcement agencies/departments need to conduct investigations in the schools and even request to interview students.

When such a situation becomes necessary and a law enforcement representative comes to the school during school hours to question a student, the following procedures shall be observed:

- A. The law enforcement representative shall be directed to the Principal's Office, state the purpose of the visit, and request permission to interview the student(s).
- B. If the representative is not known to school personnel, personnel shall request and obtain satisfactory identification.
- C. The Principal shall request that the student be interviewed/contacted at home rather than on school property during the legal school day unless there is a judicial order or subpoena, written consent of the parent or guardian of a student under 18, written consent of a student who is 18 or older, or the person is with

the Department of Children and Family Services. If any of these conditions are present, the interview should be allowed to proceed. However, a call to the parent/guardian should be placed.

- D. If the conditions in Subpart (C) are not present and a law enforcement representative still wants to proceed, the Principal shall confirm that the parent/guardian has been notified that the student(s) will be questioned. The Principal shall also attempt to reach the parent/guardian to confirm notification and, if the parent/guardian desires, the Principal should not allow the interview to commence without the parent/guardian present. If the parent/guardian is reached and does not desire to be present, the interview can commence with the Principal being present. If the Principal is unable to reach the parent/guardian, the Principal should indicate to the law enforcement representative, that absent emergency circumstance, they will need to conduct the interview elsewhere or at a different time.

**NOTE: in cases involving the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), DCFS has authority to interview the student without permission from either the parent or school.**

- E. The Principal shall provide an adequate space where it will be possible for the representative to interview the student(s). The Principal shall be present during the interview along with any interested parent/guardian of the student(s). The interview shall be conducted without interruption and without observance of other school personnel or student(s).
- F. The Principal shall request that legal rights of the student(s) shall be explained to the student by the law enforcement representative prior to any such interrogation.
- G. On certain occasions it may be necessary for the representative to request permission to take the student to headquarters for questioning. If the Principal grants such permission and the student is to be taken from school, the responsibility of notifying the home that the student is being taken from school is that of the Principal. This must be done before the authorities take the student from the building.
- H. If the Principal is absent from the building when a law enforcement representative seeks to conduct an investigation, every attempt should be made to contact the Principal. No investigation may be conducted unless permission has been received from the Principal. In the event no Principal is present, authority may be granted by the [applicable managerial authority over principals and schools] when emergency circumstances exist.

## ***2. Procedure on Law Enforcement Arrest of Students***

In the event that a law enforcement representative comes to school during school hours to arrest a student, the following procedure shall be observed:

- A. When a representative is arresting the student, the Principal may ask to see a warrant. The representative has complete jurisdiction in the matter, and the Principal shall not interfere with the student's removal from the building. It is expected that the contact with the student will be arranged in a manner to make it as unobtrusive as possible.

- B. The Principal shall obtain a contact name and phone number from the representative and notify the minor's parent of the student's whereabouts as soon as the representative takes the student from the building.

## GRADES AND PROMOTION

### **Promotion**

In kindergarten all pupils will advance to first grade upon satisfactory completion of the work required at the present grade level. Promotion for grades three through seventh is based on marks in major subjects. Students are eligible for graduation following the mastering of eighth grade level curriculum. Any student who fails two or more major subjects for the entire year will be required to remain in that grade level for another year.

### **Report Cards**

Report cards are issued at the end of each quarter. Letter grades are used to designate a student's progress from kindergarten to grade 4. Letter grades and percentages are used in 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. Progress reports are sent to all parents at mid-term.

### **Retention and Acceleration**

When a teacher and/or parent believes that retaining or accelerating a student would be in the student's best interest, the following procedures must be adhered to:

1. The teacher shall inform the principal when he/she is considering retention or acceleration of a student. The teacher should give reasons for this consideration. If the request for retention or acceleration of a student comes from the parent, the teacher shall inform the principal of the parent's request and the reasons for this request.
2. The teacher and parent shall meet during the school year to discuss the student's attitude, behavior, and academic progress. Discussion of the student's progress should take place every four weeks, with a written account of meetings kept on file. The teacher shall inform the principal of the times and dates of these meetings prior to the meeting. The principal may find it advisable to attend these meetings.
3. The principal shall see that the student is evaluated through adequate testing to discover a student's academic and emotional needs and abilities, strengths and weaknesses.
4. The level of the student's physical, social, and psychological growth must also be taken into consideration and evaluated.
5. The decision to retain or accelerate a student should be a cooperative one of parent, student, teacher and principal, with the final responsibility for a student's retention resting with the principal.
6. Before a final decision is made to retain or accelerate a student, the case must be reviewed by the Office of Education.
7. Parents must be informed at least 9 weeks before a final decision is made to retain a student.

In specific cases repetition of the grade or acceleration by a particular student may be beneficial because of the special circumstances that are clearly evident through the thorough evaluation process stated above.

### **Honor Roll**

St. Bruno School students in grades 5 through 8 will participate in an Honor Roll Program at the end of each quarter within a school year.

An average from the following subjects will be compiled from the grades given at the end of each quarter of a school year:

Grades 1-8

SUBJECTS	GRADING SCALE
1. Religion	A+ 100-99
2. Reading	A 98-95
3. Spelling	A- 94-93
4. Mathematics	B+ 92-91
5. English	B 90-88
6. Science	B- 87-86

7. Social Studies	C+ 85-84
	C 83-80
	C- 79-78
	D+ 77-76
	D 75-71
	D- 70

**Honor Roll**

The following will be the grade levels for the Honor Roll Program:

<b>High Honors with Distinction</b>	<b>3.89- 4.00 Average</b>
<b>High Honors</b>	<b>3.7-3.88 Average</b>
<b>Honors</b>	<b>3.66-3.78 Average</b>
<b>Honorable Mention</b>	<b>3.4-3.65 Average</b>

The names of all qualifying students MAY be published in the local newspaper at the end of each quarter.

**Testing**

According to the Diocesan regulations, students in grades 2 through 8 are administered the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) in the fall. The eighth graders go to the High School for Placement Tests in January. The Assessment of Catholic Religious Education Test (ACRE) is designed to assess the religious knowledge and attitude outcome of the total religious program in the Catholic school is given to the fifth and eighth grade class every other year.

**Homework Academic Policy**

Assignments are purposeful and constructive to the learning process. The amount of time normally required for homework in the primary grades is 20-30 minutes, in the intermediate grades 30-45 minutes and for the upper grade 60-90 minutes. If your child is consistently spending an excessive amount of time on homework, please contact the homeroom teacher. Assignment notebooks are provided for grades 3-8. Homework is part of the learning process and may be used to determine grades. While parents should encourage the child to do the work, the parent should **NEVER** do the work for the child. This defeats the purpose of the homework and

**EXTRA CURRICULARS**

**Athletics**

All students participating in sports are required to have an annual physical before participating in a sport; this includes practices. Forms, signed by a physician, are to be on file in the office **and will remain on file for 395 days (SIJHSAA Policy)**. During practices and games, the students are under supervision of the coaches. A copy of St. Bruno Sports Philosophy and Diocesan Guidelines are given to parents/guardians at the annual sports meeting in the fall.

***St. Bruno Catholic School has a co-op for all sports except Cross Country, Volleyball, and Pee Wee sports with Tamaroa Grade School. Each Family will be expected to Raise or Pay \$100 before participating in any sport. Each summer the Athletics Association holds a raffle to help offset the cost of the coop with the drawing being held at the St. Bruno Picnic. If a family does not sell \$100 worth of tickets they will be expected to pay the difference of the \$100 before their child or children can participate in sports.***

**St. Bruno School Sports Philosophy**

The sports program at St. Bruno School, which consists of Cross Country, Baseball, Softball, Basketball, Volleyball, and Track is under the direction of the Belleville Diocesan Inter-Scholastic Athletics Guidelines. Players absent from school may not participate in a game. This program, as part of the total mission of St. Bruno School, exists to develop the whole child by...

-promoting physical health

- providing opportunities to learn the fundamental skills of each particular sport
- offering experiences in constructive competition while developing good sportsmanship
- encouraging teamwork, responsibility, and hard work
- providing experiences to develop and improve skills as well as to accept limitations in ability
- promoting self-confidence and discipline

In accord with the Diocesan guidelines, learning the fundamentals of the sport is the major thrust for students in Pee-Wees through Grade 5. Therefore, each athlete will have played part of each game by the end of the third quarter. Students on Junior Varsity and Varsity level teams will be given as much opportunity to play according to ability, attitude, behavior, effort, and attendance at practices. Playing time, at this level of competition, therefore, is up to the discretion of the coach.

### **Athletic Attendance Policy**

Students must be in attendance for half of the day on the day of an athletic event, in order to participate in that day's event. If a student is absent on a Friday preceding a weekend event, communication between the parents, coach, and school administration must take place to clear the student for participation in the event. Extenuating circumstances will be considered by school administration if necessary.

### **Attendance at Games**

We encourage all parents, grandparents, family, and friends of the St. Bruno Falcons to *attend sporting events*. An adult should accompany children and children should not be running around the gym or in the Pre-K classroom unsupervised. The Diocese of Belleville has mandated the following code of ethics for spectators.

#### *Code of Ethics for All St. Bruno Athletes, Coaches, and Fans:*

1. Language used and actions taken should reflect good sportsmanship and be indicative of Catholic values.
2. Officials and visiting coaches should be dealt with in a respectful manner.
3. Under no circumstances should an athlete or fan question an official's call.

Poor conduct at a home or away game or on the bus, will result in prohibition from attending any sports activities for two weeks. Parents working the concession stand and ticket sales at home games should report this to the Principal, one of the coaches, or any faculty member.

### **Sports and Grade Policy**

Generally a student will not be excluded from participating in sports activities because of low grades. However, when it has been determined by the teacher(s), principal, and parents that a student's extracurricular activities and/or classroom behavior are interfering with academic progress, a student may be put on probation. A sports participant may be suspended or dropped from an activity for a major violation of school or parish policy.

Uniforms are provided by the St. Bruno Athletic Committee. All uniforms must be returned to the coaches *or school* at the end of the season.

### **Bus Transportation to Games**

When funds are available by the Athletic Committee, a bus will be provided for games that are at a farther distance. Coaches and sponsors will be responsible for the students' conduct and it will be their decision as to who will be prohibited to go or play at the games. Parents are encouraged to attend sports events with their children. If this is not possible, plans for location and pick-up of your child should be prearranged.

## **SCHOOL SAFETY**

## Health Service

Perry County Public Health Department registered nurses administer vision and hearing tests to the students. Physical examination and immunization records are reviewed.

## Dispensing Medicine

The school may not dispense aspirin or other oral medication to students. Medication prescribed by a physician must be dispensed by the parent or by the student him/herself. Teachers may not keep medication in their desks. Any medication, which must be brought to school, must be taken to the office where it can be locked up according to School State Law. A written order from the student's licensed prescriber must accompany all prescription and non-prescription medicine. Parents must have an "Authorization and Permission for Administration of Medications" form on file and a "Physician Request for Self-Administration of Medication" on file.

## Physicals and Immunizations

Physical and dental examinations and immunizations are required by the Illinois Department of Public Health and are required of all pupils prior to or upon entrance to certain grades.

Preschool – physical exam and up-to-date immunizations

Kindergarten – physical exam and up-to-date immunizations and dental exam vision and hearing. Perry County Health Department (PCHD) does the hearing portion.

First Grade – hearing exam (PCHD)

Second grade – dental exam, vision and hearing (PCHD does the vision and hearing)

Third grade – hearing test (PCHD)

Sixth grade – physical exam and up-to-date immunizations, dental exam, Tdap

Eighth grade – vision test (PCHD)

New students – hearing and vision test (PCHD)

Any student enrolling for the first time shall have an eye exam. Auditory tests are required for new students as well. Parents are encouraged to follow up on the findings of these screenings.

*Students entering Preschool, Kindergarten, grades two, and six, and all new students must have these records on file in the **School Office by October 15<sup>th</sup>** of the current school year. Student health forms not on file will result in removal of said child until these forms are produced. (Code 665, Sec. 665.240)*

Students participating in any School Sports program must have a physical examination before the first practice.

If the physical condition of the student is such that any one or more of the immunizing agents should not be administered, the examining physician shall endorse such fact upon health form.

## Communicable Diseases/Illnesses

The following indicates rules for school attendance if a child has the following communicable disease /illnesses:

1. Conjunctivitis: (Pink Eye) May attend school 24 hours after the first application/dose of anti-biotic.
2. Chicken Pox: May not attend school until 6 days following the eruption of the first crop of vesicles. All must be scabbed over before returning to school.
3. Fever: Must be excluded from school until clear of fever for a 24 hour period.
4. Head Lice: Treated and checked before entry to school. Proof of treatment must be brought and a 48 hour waiting period.
5. Impetigo: Must be excluded from school until sores are completely healed.



6. Measles: May not attend school until rash has disappeared.
7. Whooping Cough: Must be excluded from school three weeks from the onset of the cough.

### **Infectious Disease Control Policy and Immunization**

In accordance with the directives and procedure set forth by the Illinois Department of Public Health, Illinois State Board of Education, and U. S. Center for Disease Control, the American Red Cross, and the U. S. Catholic Conference all students with an infectious disease shall be enrolled in school and shall be permitted to attend school or parish religious education programs.

Students' known to have chronic infectious diseases should be individually evaluated in order to determine if their behavior or physical condition poses a high risk of spread of disease.

The decisions regarding the type of educational and care setting should be based on the behavior, neurological development, and physical condition of the student and the type of infectious disease the child may have rubella, hepatitis B, cytomegalovirus (CMV), herpes simplex, or acquired immunity deficiency syndrome (AIDS). These decisions will be made using the team approach including the parents or legal guardians, public health personnel, family physician, school administration, and Pastor.

Persons involved in the care and education of all children should respect the student's rights to privacy, including maintaining confidential records in accordance with state law.

Parish elementary schools shall not accept students who are transferring from another school in order to avoid a student with AIDS. This policy is consistent with the Christian values that are promoted in all diocesan and parish schools and would be an injustice to the community from both a moral and ethical standpoint. This would be disruptive to both school communities and not in the best interest of the education of the students in either school.

According to the SCHOOL CODE for the State of Illinois, all students must have the proper and appropriate immunization. If students are not in compliance with the law of immunizations, measures will be taken to suspend the students. (Chapter 122, Section 27-28 of the State School Law.)

### **Insurance**

The State of Illinois "Kids Care" insurance plan is available for grades K through 8. Included with the registration forms is the CERTIFICATION OF MEDICAL INSURANCE & INDEMNITY AGREEMENT to validate insurance coverage for each child through a family policy. If students are not covered by school insurance, parents are liable for any medical cost needed from an accident or injury sustained at school. Any student whose parent/guardian refuses either to provide insurance or to sign a waiver form shall not be admitted to the school. (Diocesan Policy 5143)

### **Emergency Information on File**

It is important that the school have on file emergency phone numbers where parents or guardians can be contacted should an emergency arise. The names of persons other than the parents or guardians who might be contacted in an emergency should also be on file. This information must be given on Registration Day. Please update us if changes occur, especially if any phone numbers be changed in the course of the school year, it is important that this information be shared with the school as soon as possible. Please place in the Thursday envelope your new information if this does occur.

### **Fire, Tornado, Earthquake and Evacuation Drills**

At least once during the school year, students will participate in a shelter-in place, fire, tornado, and earthquake drill as required by Public Act 094-0600 (105 ILCS 128) School Safety Drill Act.

### **Lock Down Drills**

St. Bruno students will practice/prepare for dangerous situations that may require a lock down or building evacuation on the FIRST FRIDAY of each month. These situations include but are not limited to: reverse evacuation, lock down, hazardous materials, shootings, or bomb threats.

### **Law Enforcement Drills**

By law, all schools are required to conduct an on-site, law enforcement drill to address incidents that may arise to better train teachers and students to be prepared for many dangerous situations that may arise at school. Drills will be conducted according to St. Bruno School Emergency and Crisis Response Plan. Law enforcement drills can be conducted with or with out students present in the school building. (105 ILCS 128 Section 20)

### **Emergency Relief**

**All Families will report to the KC Hall if any such situation arises, do not come to the school.**

## St. Bruno School Bus Policy for Transportation to and from Du Quoin

It is a service to our families that St. Bruno Catholic School offers and maintains a bus to transport students. The regular route for the bus is from Sacred Heart Parish to St. Bruno School in the morning and from St. Bruno School to Sacred Heart Parish after school, with an additional stop at the Du Quoin Youth Club after school. The bus is a financial investment by the school so it can continue to offer a Catholic education to families in the Du Quoin and surrounding communities.

### **Financing the Bus**

St. Bruno Parish will pay to 50% of the cost to operate the bus each year, as set by the school's budget as set by school's finance council. This half will take care of any family of St. Bruno Parish's financial obligation for the bus. The other half of the budgeted cost will be the responsibility of non-St. Bruno Parish families that are to use the bus the following year. The remaining 50% of the budgeted, operating cost will be divided amongst those families electing regular use of the school bus. Families are allowed to raise funds to lower the cost, but must have these funds to the school by August 1<sup>st</sup> so that the bus fee may be assessed with deductions. Any operational and maintenance cost, beyond what is annually budgeted, will be the responsibility of St. Bruno School.

### **Rider Denomination**

It will be the responsibility of the parents of non St. Bruno Parish students to let the school know if their child will be using the school bus for transportation for the following school year, at the time of registration. Parents must indicate whether their child(ren) will be either a *Regular Rider* or a *Occasional Rider* as defined below by August 1<sup>st</sup> of that school year. The amount they will pay will be determined after August 1<sup>st</sup> of the upcoming school year.

### **Regular Riders**

Families that choose to use the bus on a regular basis will be required to pay a monthly fee to use the bus. Regular use is defined as using the bus on average 2 days per week. The fee that is assessed will be a per month fee that will need to be paid in full by August 15 or added to the families SMART Tuition account there after. The fee for regular riders will be set at a \$35 minimum per month, with any fundraising being deducted from that after August 1st.

### **Occasional Riders**

Students that do not need to use the bus regularly can pay a per day fee of \$4 to ride the bus. The fee will be paid once per month and will be assessed by the school secretary upon receiving the *monthly rider report* from the bus driver. This amount will be treated just as a bill from the school that is expected to be paid directly to the school.

Monthly Rider Report

The bus driver will be responsible for tracking those students that are riding the bus each day for both the AM and the PM route. A spreadsheet to fill out will be supplied by the Principal at the beginning of each year, listing those students that are “regular riders”. The Monthly Rider Report will list all regular riders and have additional space for occasional riders to be filled in. It is the bus driver’s responsibility to turn in this report to the Principal, at the end of each month.

This policy is to be revisited annually to ensure the needs of the school and the students are being met to the best ability of our organization.

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**Physician Request for Self-Administration of Medication**

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

TO:

Principal of St. Bruno School \_\_\_\_\_

The above named pupil has \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Disease or Syndrome)

I am requesting that the above named student take the following medication during school hours.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Medication                      \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of Medication (Tablet, Liquid or Capsule)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dosage                                              \_\_\_\_\_  
Time(s) to be given

Possible side affects are \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ has been instructed in the use and Self-

Administration of \_\_\_\_\_ (name of medication)

He/she understands the need for the medication, and the necessity to report to school personnel of any unusual side effects. He/she is capable of using this medication independently.

I may be reached at the following phone number in the event of a reaction to the medication or an emergency:

Name of Physician \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Physician \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Physician \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Authorization and Permission for Administration of Medication**

Today's date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Name (Last) (First) (Middle) Birthdate

School medications and health care services are administered following these guidelines: Physician/Prescriber signed, dated authorization to administer the medication. Parent signed, dated authorization to administer the medication.

The medication is in the original labeled container as dispensed or the manufacturer's labeled container. The medication label contains the student's name, name of the medication, directions for use and date. Annual renewal of authorization and immediate notification must be made in writing if there are changes.

**Physician Authorization:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Medication/Health Care Treatment Dosage Time to be administered

\_\_\_\_\_  
Intended effect of this medication Expected side effects, if any

\_\_\_\_\_  
Other medications student is taking

May student self-administer medication under supervision of designated person?  
(A student self-administration form must be completed) (Please Circle) **Yes / No**

Administration instructions

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Discontinue/Re-Evaluate/Follow-up Date (circle one) Emergency Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Prescriber's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# St. Bruno School 17-18 Events Calendar

## August

2 – PTO/Athletics Mtg. 6pm  
 8- School Board Mtg. 7pm  
 17 – Parent Orientation 6:30 KC Hall  
 17 –Pre-K Orientation @ 7:30pm  
 21 – 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School -2:50 Dismissal

## September

3- Student Mass @ 5:30  
 4 – No School –Labor Day  
 5-8- Book Fair  
 6- PTO/Athletics @ 6pm  
 8- Grandparents Day  
 12– School Board Mtg. 7pm  
 10 – St. Bruno School Golf Scramble  
 15- ½ Day 12:20 Dismissal  
 17- Catechetical Sunday  
 26-6th – IOWA TESTING WEEK

## October

2 – Student Mass @ 8am  
 12th- Pizza Pick Up at KC Hall 3-6  
 4– PTO/Athletics @ 6pm  
 6 – No School – Diocese Convention  
 9 – No School – Columbus Day  
 10 – School Board Mtg. 7pm  
 20 – End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter  
 27 – Halloween Parade @ St. Bruno Gym  
 27 – Halloween Parties at School

## November

1 – All Saints Day  
 1 - PTO/Athletics @ 6pm  
 6- Student Mass @ 10am  
 7- School Board Mtg. @ 7pm  
 10 – ½ Day 12:20 Dismissal- School Improvement  
 11 – Annual Dinner Auction @ KC Hall  
 13- No School  
 20/21- Parent/Teacher Conferences 3-7pm  
 22-26 – No School –Thanksgiving

## December

3- Student Mass @ 5:30pm  
 6– PTO/Athletics Mtg. @ 6pm  
 12- School Board Mtg. @ 7pm  
 19-Quilters Luncheon  
 18-20 Santa’s Cottage  
 21 – Student Christmas Program 1pm / 7pm  
 22 – ½ Day 12:20 Dismissal/ End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter  
 23<sup>th</sup> – Jan 3rd – Christmas Break -NO School

## January

3 – Teacher In-Service  
 4 – Students Return to School  
 3 – PTO/Athletics mtg. @ 6pm  
 9 - School Board Mtg. @ 7pm  
 12 – ½ Day 12:20 Dismissal  
 15 – No School – MLK Day  
 28- Catholic Schools Week Mass @ 10:00am Kick-off breakfast @ KC Hall  
 29-Feb. 2 – **Catholic Schools Week**

## Feb

7 – PTO/Athletics Mtg. 6pm  
 2 - CSW Teacher Luncheon  
 10- Glo Bingo  
 13 – School Board Mtg. @7pm  
 14- Ash Wednesday  
 16 – ½Day 12:20Dismissal–School Improvement  
 19 – No School –President’s Day

## March

4- Student Mass @ 5:30  
 7 - PTO/Athletics @ 6pm  
 9- End 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter  
 13 – School Board mtg. @7pm  
 27- Chrism Mass  
 29-2- No School Easter Break

## April

2 – Student Mass @ 8am  
 4 – PTO/Athletics @ 6pm  
 10 – School Board Mtg. @7pm  
 27- ½ Day 12:20 Dismissal: School Improvement

## May

2 – PTO/Athletics @ 6pm  
 6 - 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Mass @ 10am  
 8 – School Board Mtg. 7pm  
 17 – End of 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter\* (Subject to Change)  
 18 – Projected last Day barring no Snow Days\*\*

\*Dates are subject to change

\*\*All snow days are added the end of the school year.