

Meet the Teacher Night Key Points

- The philosophy of St. Brendan School: By fostering spiritual, cultural, and physical growth through a united effort of parents and the school community, the philosophy of St. Brendan School is to provide a quality Catholic education so that each child can develop his/her full human potential. We place the teachings of the Catholic faith at the core of the curriculum so that religious values permeate all subject areas. We continue to welcome all who seek and appreciate a value-centered, quality education.
- Each family received 1 calendar which contains 90% of what you will need for a successful school year. All updates and notices are sent home via e-mail. Ensure that you have signed up for Parent Notifications on the school website www.stbrendanschoolbronx.org
- Blue Emergency Cards: used by the office and the nurse to contact you or those you designate when your child is ill or there is an issue. Please keep the information current and complete all sections.
- Children with existing medical conditions: parents should contact the school nurse. All children with asthma must have a 504 form completed and on file. Children may not carry medication on them during the school day.
- Pre-k and Kindergarten children must have a new physical each year.
- Immunization records must be current and on file.
- When your child is out sick please call the office by 9:15AM that day. All students should have a homework buddy to call when they are out. If the student is going to be out for more than 4 days please contact the office so homework can be sent home.
- Student folders and assignment pads should be checked every evening.
- Grade 6-8 homework policy: If the student comes to school without a completed assignment, he/she will have lunch detention and call a parent between 12:30 – 1:00PM. 3 incomplete assignments in a month's time will result in an additional detention after school.
- Catapult is an academic support program for students in a designated academic range. Permission slips went home to those who qualify for assistance in ELA and/or Math.
- Academic Progress Reports: go home with all students in 1st-8th grades midway through each quarter. Our first academic update is a conference on October 19th from 12:30 -3:30PM. Teachers may request to see you and/or you are welcome to come in to discuss your child's progress.
- Lunch forms are to be completed by all families pre-k through 8th. Complete them as best you can. State money is generated from these forms which provide additional funding for the school. Every dollar counts so your cooperation is greatly appreciated.
- Gym uniforms, golf shirts, ties and emblems are to be purchased in the school office. Order forms are on the website for download.
- Girls may wear post earrings only. The other option is no earrings. Girls may wear clear nail polish only and no acrylic or fake nails. One religious medal may be worn as a necklace and one watch on the wrist (boys and girls). Refer to the handbook portion: Dree Code /Personal Appearance for complete guidelines

- Dismissal is at 2:35PM for Pre-K, K and 1st grade. Grades 2-8 dismiss at 2:40PM.
- After School is available with several different plan options. The application is on the website or available in the office. The registration of \$50 and all payments that follow will be made through SMART.
- SMART is our Tuition Collection Company. Tuition payments are not accepted in the office. Please note; if your payments are not up to date your child will not be permitted into class until the account is paid in full. Report Cards are not released when there is an outstanding balance on SMART or money is owed to the school.
- The fundraising obligation is \$250 per family for students in K-8. We do encourage our Pre-K families to participate as all funds support the programs at St. Brendan School.
- Cellphones: all cellphones are to be turned off before the student enters the building for the day and are to be stored in a book bag until dismissal. Phones that are found "on" during the day are brought to the office and held there until dismissal. Repeat offense will result in a parent being called and phone must be turned into the office every morning until further notice.
- Internet use is outlined in the packet that went home and is part of the school calendar. Any threats made using the internet or a cellphone will result in the 52nd precinct being involved. So, please closely monitor your child's cellphones and computer use. There is an informative article regarding this topic on the school website.
- We have created a school environment with expectations of respect, and care for one another. There will be times when issues and conflicts occur. Our goal is to assist students in a resolution and help them learn the life skills to be well equipped to handle future conflicts. Parents please remember there are 2 sides to every story; I am here to assist with getting to the bottom (truth) of the matter. I cannot however address what I am not made aware of. I am generally available each morning after 8:45AM or you are welcome to call the office and leave a message for the teacher. Please do not attempt to give the office staff details regarding the issue. Simply let them know that you would like to speak with the teacher about an issue/concern. If you feel it has not been resolved feel free to contact me next.
- Thank you for entrusting your child with us and I look forward to working with you this year.