

DECEMBER, 2017 UPDATE

IRIS Alert System: In the event of inclement weather or any other emergency that would prevent St. Brendan from opening, the IRIS system is set up to notify parents (This system is different from the Parent Notification E-Mail System). The school phone number (718) 653-2292 will appear as the caller ID and an automated message will begin 5 seconds AFTER you pick up the phone. If you do not answer, a message WILL be left on your voicemail. Please listen to the entire message prior to calling the school. If you did not receive the test alert on November 14th at 3:30pm you, must complete and submit The STUDENT INFORMATION FORM located on our website www.stbrendanschoolbronx.org

Extreme Weather: Mornings, when we are experiencing **extreme** weather conditions, students may enter the cafeteria starting at 8:00 AM and remain at their designated table until 8:15 AM when they will be sent directly to class.

Breakfast Program Drop-off: Our early morning drop-off program is the breakfast program. Drop off for breakfast is between 7:35 AM - 8:00 AM. If you would like to drop your child off prior to the regular time of 8:05 AM in the front of the school; he/she may enter the cafeteria through the ramp door between 7:35 AM and 8:00 AM and must eat the breakfast provided. (a nominal daily fee is charged for breakfast). Children will not be admitted before 7:35 AM or after 8:00 AM. **The 8:00 AM cut-off is strictly enforced because, in order to continue to provide this program, the guidelines clearly state a minimum of 15 minutes is required for students to eat their breakfast.** At 8:10 AM students in grades 5-8 are sent outside to get on line and grades Pre-K to 4th are escorted directly to their class from the cafeteria at 8:15 AM.

Uniforms: In the cold weather, the girls may wear the "official" school pants instead of their jumper/skirt. Please note: when the school pants are worn a school sweater must be worn. Every child is to be in full uniform. **No other sweater, sweatshirt or shoe may be worn.** If boots are worn to school, the uniform shoe must be brought to change into. If you need to order any part of the uniform, please call Flynn & O'Hara uniform at 800 441-4122 or their website www.flynnohara.com

Annual Toy Drive: Each year we ask our students to bring in a new unwrapped toy for the children entrusted to the Catholic Guardian Society. CGS cares for over 1,000 children ranging in age from infancy to 18. If the school has 100% participation, the students will receive a dress down day. A list of toy suggestions is included in this email.

Christmas Boutique: Each year the Home School sets up a boutique for the students to purchase Christmas gifts. The items range in price from \$2.00 - \$10.00. The boutique will be held on Monday, Dec. 11th – Friday, Dec. 15th. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the main office.

Thank you to everyone for making our **Food Pantry Drive** such a success. Our donations will assist numerous families in our community.

Important Calendar Dates:

Dec. 1st - **NOON (12:00PM) DISMISSAL for K-8 students** - After School is available

Dec. 4th – Graduation pictures 8th grade & retakes for Pre-K -7th

Dec. 5th – **Honors Assembly: 9AM grades 5-8 9:45AM grades 1-4 - awards for the speech and History contest (4-8) assembly takes place in the school gym**

Dec. 8th – 9AM Mass for The Feast of The Immaculate Conception

Dec. 11th – 15th Christmas Boutique Sale

Dec. 19th- Red and Green Dress Down Day - \$2.00 donation

Dec. 20th – Academic Warnings and letters of Good Standing sent home with student, grades 1-8

Dec. 21st – Christmas Concert (K-8) 9:00AM and an encore performance at 1:15PM in the school gym – Please invite family and friends – Pre-K will have their event on Dec. 22nd (details to follow)

Dec. 22nd – **NOON (12:00PM) DISMISSAL for K-8 students** - After School is available

Jan. 2nd – Happy New Year ...return to school

Jan. 5th – 9am Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany – full day for all students

Best wishes to you and your family for a Merry Christmas and Healthy New Year! - Ms. P.