

UPDATE JANUARY, 2018

Check "Class Pages" each evening to see your child's assigned homework. To access "Class Pages" go to our website: www.stbrendanschoolbronx.org, click the "School Updates" tab, then the "Class Pages" tab. You will then click on your child's teacher link and locate the assigned homework. Please use this every day and when your child is absent. CYO basketball also has a page.

Uniforms: In the cold weather, the girls may wear the "official" school pants instead of their jumper/skirt. 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.

Fundraising: The final fundraising opportunity (chocolate bars) will begin January 24th. Every family is responsible for \$250 of fundraising. I ask you to please raise over the mandatory amount, as our fundraising is used to make up the gap of \$2,759 per student. This is the difference in tuition and the actual cost of each child's education.

Internet/Technology Use: The last page of the calendar/handbook clearly outlines student expectations for use of the internet/technology. This is a reminder that any inappropriate use in or outside of school will result in serious consequences which may include expulsion. Please monitor your child's internet correspondence and text messages. Be aware of the information your child is posting on social networking sites such as Facebook. Personal information should never be posted; as "predators" are very clever.

December Activities: Our **Toy Drive** was very successful; your donations filled the van. You certainly made the holidays brighter for the children at the Catholic Guardian Society. The **Christmas Boutique** provided an opportunity for our students to put their "practical" math skills to work. Thank you again to our Home School for their dedication and support.

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. 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. If you did not complete the Student Information Form on the school website, you will not receive the message. In cases of bad weather or other emergency, the school website will also have information regarding closings or delays posted after 6:45 AM. Your cooperation with this process is appreciated.

Important Dates:

Tuesday, Jan 2nd - Return to school.

Friday, Jan 12th - Dress Down Day for all students who brought in a toy for the toy drive.

Teacher Conference **NOON dismissal for all students K-8- there is After School.**

Monday, Jan. 15th- Martin Luther King Day – **School Closed**

Jan. 17th-Jan. 24th - Mid-Term exams for students in grades 3-8.
Grades 3&4 will take Math, ELA and Religion
Grades 5-8 will take exams in all subject areas

Jan 29th – Feb. 2nd – Catholic Schools Week – Event Schedule to follow.

I would like to wish each of you a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year! *Ms. Pasquale*