

# Saint Bernadette Catholic Academy



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Dear Parents,

Our first year as a multiage academy is quickly coming to a close and the teachers and I are busily planning for next year.

The ALEKS Math program was a great success. The “beauty” of this program is that it has fulfilled the needs of all our students in grades 4-8. It has helped our struggling students work at their own level and we have had several of our accelerated Math students progress beyond their own grade level to the next grade level or beyond.

The Archdiocese has acknowledged that we have advanced technologically far beyond most elementary public and private schools throughout the area. Computers are a major tool used for learning in all subjects – not just a weekly class. We will continue to advance in technology throughout the upcoming school year.

Our eighth graders were all accepted to the high schools of their choice. We continue to hear from our graduates who are attending Brother Rice, Marion Catholic, Marist, Mother McAuley, Mt. Carmel, Queen of Peace, St. Ignatius, St. Rita, Evergreen Park High School, Northside Prep, and Whitney Young, on how well they are doing because of the excellent academic foundation they received at St. Bernadette.

Attached is an overview of our curriculum plans for next year. Please read them over – don’t hesitate to call me if you have any questions. Also if you need additional copies to pass on to a friend or neighbor, feel free to duplicate them or call if you need copies.

Finally, our Family and School Association is providing the funds for us to purchase a program called Study Island. You will receive all the information on it within the next couple of weeks in the Wednesday home and school envelope. We will have an informational meeting about it in April in the Computer Room.

These are truly exciting times at St. Bernadette Catholic Academy. Thanks for your continued support.

Sincerely,

*Arlene Baumann*

Arlene Baumann, Principal