



We Are Better Together!
Mother Maria Anna Brunner
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WHO LET THE DOGS OUT?

Pictures of bulldogs are beginning to pop up all over the St. Rita's and Precious Blood school campuses as the students and Support committee work together to design the new school mascot. The students selected a bulldog as the new mascot for Mother Maria Anna Brunner Catholic School just before spring break. The students have been given the opportunity to help design the mascot by submitting drawings.

LOTS OF FRIENDS AND FOOD

Thanks to the generous donations from parents of fifth grade students, there was more than enough food to share at the fifth grade retreat held at Precious Blood Church on April 16. The pen pals from PB and SR were able to meet each other in person for the first time. They gathered for lunch and went outside to sit on blankets and get to know each other more. The students then gathered back inside the church and completed some of the same activities that were done by the 6th and 7th grade students at their recent retreats. Without a doubt, one of the highlights of the 5th retreat was the Brunner Bulldog cheers created by each small group and then presented to the large group of 5th graders. Go, Brunner Bulldogs!!!

HOLD THE DATE: OPEN HOUSE PLANNED

An Open House is planned on August 22, 2010 to kick off the 2010 – 2011 school year. Please mark your calendar. Additional details will be shared soon.

FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL

Please plan to attend the St Rita Parish festival on June 25, 26, and 27th. Proceeds benefit the SR parish which in turn benefits Brunner Catholic. If you would like to volunteer to work in a booth please contact Bob Heywood at bheywood@stritadayton.org or 937-522-5182.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The athletic association that will serve youth athletes from both parishes and Brunner Catholic School is still looking for more volunteers to fill all open positions. Volunteers are needed to be on the Board, to serve as sports commissioners and to serve as coaches. If you are interested or have any questions about this opportunity please contact Dawn at dbarhorst2@woh.rr.com or 937-602-6951.

DRAMA CLUB

The Precious Blood drama club will be holding three exciting performances on two nights Thursday, April 29th and April 30th at 7PM. Come see some great performances from our student actors. They will be performing: "The Mouse and the Raven", "After Hours", and "The Gypsy Robe".

CONSOLIDATION COMMITTEE UPDATES

Finance and Facilities team has been looking at one time costs, recommendations for how to share funding between the two parishes and equipment in both schools.

The Academics Committee has been looking at text books. Teachers from both schools participated in the selection and then orders were placed. In addition, they have been looking at a gifted program. Next year, teachers and staff will be trained in the Boys Town Well Managed Classroom. On Aug. 2 & 3rd the staff will attend a 2 day workshop with a Boys Town trainer. This program teaches social skills that will be useful throughout life.

The Support Committee has been very busy working on details of the new uniforms and mascot. They are also planning for the Open House.

The Faith work group is looking at ways to ensure that Mother Brunner's teachings and values are evident in the new school.

ENROLLMENT NUMBERS STRONG!

With over 400 registered students, Mother Maria Anna Brunner Catholic School is well positioned for a strong start. Interested families continue to contact the school. In fact, several grades are now closed for enrollment.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are you interested in helping to plan and organize for appropriate ways to celebrate the legacy of the two schools and to celebrate the opening of the new school? If you are interested, please contact Dawn at dbarhorst2@woh.rr.com or 602-6951.