

St. Bede Welcomes New Freshmen At Chaplain's Day

As we said goodbye to summer break, we gave a warm welcome to incoming freshmen and boarding students to our St. Bede family. Students participated in Chaplain's Day on August 11, where they were introduced to some of the St. Bede essentials. The St. Bede Ambassadors talked to students about the first day of school and showed them what they can get involved in while at the Academy. They also showed students how to log into their Chromebooks, how to use their PE locks, and took them on a photo scavenger hunt around the campus. Finally, all students learned about important rules and the expectations of St. Bede students.

This event is one of the first memories students create about their time at St. Bede and it is one that is remembered fondly by current students. "Talking to the upperclassmen at Chaplain's Day, I started to make friends that I would have through the year," says senior Petra Mitchell. Starting at a new school can be challenging and even a little scary. But our Ambassadors know how to make new Bruins feel right at home. "I really liked getting to know these freshmen and all the things they were excited or nervous about," says junior Ambassador Johnna Bogatitus. "It was a great way to start building relationships".

These friendships and traditions are part of what makes St. Bede Academy so special. Talk to a SBA student to learn more, or come visit us for a game or a tour! See more at www.st-bede.com.



Students strike a pose on the Chaplain's Day Photo Scavenger Hunt.



Student-athletes sharpen their skills at Football and Speed/Agility Camp

SBA Summer Sports Camps Show Athletes How to Compete Like a Bruin

St. Bede Athletics opened summer with a bang at the annual St. Bede Bruins Summer Sports Camps. Local student-athletes ranging from 3rd to 9th grade came to St. Bede's campus to develop new skills and hone their athleticism with top-flight coaches and facilities. Golf, volleyball, basketball, softball, football, and wrestling all hosted camps, as well as a speed and agility camp for all athletes. Campers learned about proper technique, skills of the game, and developed communication and teamwork skills on the field.

In addition to working with the coaches, St. Bede Academy students helped run the camps, teaching the younger campers all the fundamentals and what it takes to be a St. Bede Bruin athlete. "The campers were able to improve their ball skills and become more confident in their abilities. They were able to get an inside look into what high school sports are like", explained senior basketball player Abby Michels. Beyond the athletic focus, the camps brought local kids together for a week of fun and exercise with others from their neighborhoods.

Camps are hosted each summer for local children ages 3rd grade through 9th grade. For more information, visit www.st-bede.com or contact Jon Steben, director of enrollment management at 815-250-0279 or via email at jsteben@st-bede.com.

We Want YOU to Join the St. Bede Family!

Are you an 8th grader interested in attending St. Bede Academy? We will be hosting our annual Open House on **Wednesday, November 2nd at 6:30**. This is an event that shows the Class of 2027 all that St. Bede offers. Future students and their families will be shown the school on a campus tour, meet with current students and teachers, and learn about St. Bede clubs, activities, and athletics. Guests can also hear from alumni and see how St. Bede helped them be successful after high school. We hope you will join us to see WHERE YOU BELONG!



Better Know a Bruin!

Name: Mr. Jon Steben

Job: Director of Enrollment Management

Interests: Music, football, video games, cooking, and family

Favorite Holiday: Christmas

Favorite thing about St. Bede: I love the family atmosphere and the supportive staff here. I feel free to be myself and be the best I can be!



Come join us for a game!

Volleyball Home Games

9/13 - Kewanee @ 7:00 PM
 9/17 - Freshmen Tournament @ 8:00 AM
 9/19 - Streator @ 7:00 PM
 9/28 - Mendota @ 7:00 PM
 10/3 - Putnam County @ 7:00 PM
 10/11 - Princeton @ 7:00 PM
 10/13 - Bureau Valley @ 7:00 PM

Football Home Games

9/19 - JV vs. Newman @ 5:30
 10/1 - Varsity vs. Bureau Valley @ 1:00
 10/11 - JV vs. Princeton @ 5:30
 10/15 - Varsity vs. Hall @ 5:00
 10/24 - JV vs. Mendota @ 5:30

Tennis Home Matches

10/04 - Newman Central Catholic @ 4:30
 * plays at Hegeler Park Courts

Golf Home Matches

9/14 - Monmouth-Roseville @ TBA
 9/19 - Mendota & Morrison @ 4:00
 9/20 - Newman Central Catholic @ 4:30
 * plays at Spring Creek Golf Course

Exciting Renovations Make St. Bede a Great Place to Learn

The halls of the Academy were filled with sounds of pounding hammers, buzzing saws, and the smell of new furniture as our second floor classrooms received a complete makeover. In the first phase of a complete school renovation, classrooms were equipped with air conditioning and heating units, new desks, fresh paint and flooring, and new school technology. The rest of the school's classrooms will receive similar updates.

Our students have especially enjoyed the updates to the building. "I really like the new carpets and the tall ceilings," said freshman Kamila Ortiz. Other students have had improved learning from the updates. "We use the new video boards to draw right on our homework," noted freshman Carsyn Hartford.

The new updates to St. Bede blend together modern technology with our welcoming home. It is the beginning of a new era of learning and the future of the Academy is brighter than ever.