

Hello, this is Tom Cookman with a Community Comment

Saint Bernard's Catholic School is celebrating their 100 year anniversary. The school was founded in 1912 by the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Orange. The Sisters went on to found Saint Joseph Hospital in 1920. Saint Bernard's is a private, Catholic, college-preparatory school with grades preschool through twelfth grade. There are a total of 320 students enrolled, 170 of which are in high school. Saint Bernard's is accredited by the Western Association of School and Colleges. The education a student receives at Saint Bernard's is of the highest quality. This is achieved with an extremely motivated administration and faculty that prepares their students for college. The faculty to student ratio is one to fourteen which ensures the student is getting individual attention. This environment has a phenomenal success rate in placing their graduates in college. 98%, yes, 98% of their graduates go on to attend a college or university. These students return to Humboldt County as well educated productive members of our society. There are doctors, lawyers, business owners, teachers, politicians and many more professionals who make our lives better, who are graduates of Saint Bernard's. With that said, there is also a misconception that only the rich can afford to send their children to Saint Bernard's. This isn't the case. There are numerous scholarships available to pay some or all of a student's tuition. The administration will sit down with any parent and discuss the many options available to meet a family's individual financial needs. Saint Bernard's holds one major fund raiser every year. Their annual Cash Bash will be held this Friday April 27th at the High Scholl Gym. The theme for this year's event is a Night in

Vegas. The tickets are only \$135 each. This gets you two savory tri-tip dinners with all the trimmings, two drink tickets, a live aerial dance performance, a magician, fun filled gambling from 5:30-7:00, auctions and a chance to win a \$10,000 grand prize. There is also a \$500 cash prize a \$250 cash prize and several \$100 prizes to be awarded throughout the evening's festivities. There are a maximum of four hundred tickets being sold. The Live, Silent and Dutch auctions have some of the best items you'll come across in a fund raiser. There is a trip to Vegas, a wonderful vacation to Hawaii, two very cute and adorable lab puppies, a gun safe complete with guns inside, a crab feed for twenty, a \$1,200 patio set, a Squaw Valley vacation package, a Benbow Inn getaway complete with golf, dinner for eight at Shamus T-bone and much more. For \$135 you can have a great dinner, a chance for some great cash prizes and an opportunity to give back to a school that has been giving to Humboldt County for 100 years. The proceeds from this event will not only help with the operating expenses of the school, they will help fund the many scholarships available. To get tickets you can call the school at 443-2735 or you can call Michelle Hohman at 834-0473. If you feel your child isn't getting the small class attention they deserve and you would like to explore other options, give Saint Bernard's Catholic School a call. There are many scholarships and financial aid packages available and the administration will work with you and your family to try and make a quality education at Saint Bernard's Scholl affordable. Investing in your child's education, is an investment in their future.

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