



ST. BRIDGET SCHOOL

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SCHOOL NEWS ~

2010 FACTS: Those of you who paid your tuition through FACTS this year and indicated that you will pay monthly, quarterly or semi-annually next year, are being electronically re-enrolled for next year. You will receive a confirmation directly from FACTS. Please check it carefully. Be sure that the banking information, the amount, and the date your account will be debited each month is accurate and what you want. If any changes need to be made, please write them on the letter, sign it and send it to Sally McMullen at the school – NOT TO FACTS. If everything is accurate, please sign the letter and send it to Sally to be attached to your tuition contract.

If you indicated that you want to pay your tuition annually, an invoice will be sent to you June 1st from the school. Annual payments are made directly to St. Bridget School and are due by July 1st, although they may be made any time prior to that.

Middle School Dance: Friday, April 16th from 7:00 – 10:00 PM is the last Middle School dance. Bring \$5 and your guests! Don't forget your permission slips!

Report Cards: Friday, April 16th, report cards will be issued. There are a large number of students who will not be receiving their report cards this Friday. Either they owe money to the cafeteria, they owe money to the After School Program, they have an overdue library book, or their tuition account is in arrears. PLEASE take care of these accounts no later than Friday morning so that all students receive the report cards.

Spirit Day: Friday, April 22nd celebrate Earth Day with us by donating \$1 to wear your Ecology Wear! Donations will be forwarded to the Blackwell School to support our parish's outreach program, The Micah Initiative.

Noon Dismissal: Friday, April 23rd is a Noon Dismissal. For your convenience, the After School program will offer a Fun Friday lasting until 6:00 PM.

Kindergarten Mothers' Visit: Tuesday, April 27th at 8:00 AM, the mothers of our kindergartners are welcome to visit their child's class for a special treat.

Bulldog Blast: Saturday, May 1st will be the inaugural BULLDOG BLAST. The Bulldog Blast will encompass both the RUN and the CARNIVAL. Get your family or business name on the carnival attraction of your choice! Visit our website <https://saintbridget.ejoinme.org/BulldogBlast> to sponsor events and to order your carnival wristbands and tickets. Mark your calendars to come out to Run and Have Some Fun! Thank you for supporting this wonderful event and helping to promote health and fitness within the St. Bridget Community!

Register Now for the Bulldog Blast 5K Run: Saturday, May 1st is the day for our **Bulldog Blast 5k Run**. Online registration is open! T-shirts are guaranteed to the first 250 participants who register by April 15th. Non-refundable registration is \$15 with a \$60 family maximum. The race starts at 8:00 AM with packet pickup available Friday afternoon, April 30th, in the Saint Bridget Church Commons from 2:30 – 6:00 PM and Saturday, May 1st, starting at 6:30 AM. The school's annual Bulldog Blast Spring Carnival immediately follows the race! To register online or download a registration form visit www.saintbridget.org.

Calling all Future Stars!!! Saturday, May 1st come showcase your talents at the 2010 St. Bridget Talent Show. Performances will take place during the Bulldog Blast Carnival. Registration forms are available online at <https://saintbridget.ejoinme.org/BulldogBlast>.

Bulldog Blast Blood Drive- Saturday, May 1st we need 3 more donors to secure VA Blood Services!! It only takes a few minutes to give. If you are interested in donating on May 1st please contact Christy Barrafato at 804-319-9121 or email at christy2332@clearwire.net.

Bulldog Blast Volunteers: May 1st we need your help to make this a successful event. Please click on the classroom link for your child's class to enroll & volunteer:

KA <http://www.theoneplanner.com/index.php?code=VB75F2C8C3F>
KB <http://www.theoneplanner.com/index.php?code=V41AA618E20>
1A <http://www.theoneplanner.com/index.php?code=VA3731F3EC4>
1B <http://www.theoneplanner.com/index.php?code=V2BBFCF6585>
2A <http://www.theoneplanner.com/index.php?code=VA61A5AF692>
2B <http://www.theoneplanner.com/index.php?code=V1F9AA04B98>
3A <http://www.theoneplanner.com/index.php?code=V4429AE5818>
3B <http://www.theoneplanner.com/index.php?code=V674BA8BB2A>
4A <http://www.theoneplanner.com/index.php?code=V4377524D0E>
4B <http://www.theoneplanner.com/index.php?code=V1359FD7BA5>
5A <http://www.theoneplanner.com/index.php?code=VBCF7AA7BB6>
5B <http://www.theoneplanner.com/index.php?code=VB252CD78B6>
6A <http://www.theoneplanner.com/index.php?code=V7F2F868CD2>
6B <http://www.theoneplanner.com/index.php?code=VF584FB7638>
7A <http://www.theoneplanner.com/index.php?code=VEF8E4C7411>
7B <http://www.theoneplanner.com/index.php?code=V9509F3A051>
7C <http://www.theoneplanner.com/index.php?code=V9FE0E094D9>
8A <http://www.theoneplanner.com/index.php?code=V4B7E71061A>
8B <http://www.theoneplanner.com/index.php?code=V47D0EFE2A5>
BULLDOG RUN <http://www.theoneplanner.com/index.php?code=V4F4C2551BD>

St. Bridget Museum of Very Fine Arts and Crafts: Friday, May 7th from 5:00-8:00 PM in MPH, all are invited to attend a parish arts and crafts exhibit co-sponsored by the St. Bridget Saints and Sinners and St. Bridget School. All parishioners and St. Bridget school children are invited to exhibit their works of arts and crafts in "The St. Bridget Museum of Very Fine Arts and Crafts". There is no charge to exhibit or to attend. Light refreshments will be served, including cheese and crackers, fruit, sweets and punch. Students, you may submit a work of art completed in or outside of art class. This piece must be your own original work; **without any outside help**. It should be a **quality** representation of your **best efforts and creativity**. If you are interested, please bring your work by Ms. Wright's room for review by Friday, April 23rd.

Flynn & O'Hara Uniform Fitting: Tuesday, May 11th from 3:00-6:00 PM in MPH, representatives from Flynn & O'Hara will be here for a uniform fitting. Your oldest child should have brought home a pink/blue uniform brochure this week. Please use these brochures as a guide to find any of the school uniform you may need. The toll free number is 800-441-4122. You may also email them at custserv@flynnohara.com. Their website address is: www.flynnohara.com.

Fellowship! Golf! Food! Fun!: Friday, May 14th, join our school principal, Ray Honeycutt, in the 7th annual Saint Bridget School Golf Tournament at Glenwood Golf Club. Come on, gents and ladies, it's on a **mid-May, Friday afternoon** this year! Proceeds will benefit Saint Bridget School and its athletic association. For sponsor and entry information, go to <http://www.saintbridget.org/events/downloads/Golf%20Flyer%202010.pdf>.

HELP OUR SCHOOL EARN CASH: The more you shop at Food Lion, the more cash we can earn. Visit www.foodlion.com. Click on MVP Rewards, then on MVP Card Registration, and enter your card number, then the school code: 218223 or our school name and click: search Complete enrollment. *Thank you*

AFTER SCHOOL NEWS ~

Fun Friday: Friday, April 23rd is the fourth "Fun Friday" of the year. The After School program will be open from 12:00 – 6:00 PM. The cost of the day will be \$20 for one child; \$35 for two children, or \$50 for three or more children.

ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

Perpetuating our Legacy: You have recently received your copy of the just released *St. Bridget School Annual Report, 2008 – 2009*. Thank you for the many ways you support our school! Please continue to watch here for progress in the 2009 - 2010 annual fund campaign, **Perpetuating Our Legacy**. Please seriously consider making a donation as we strive to reach our goal of having 100% of our school families participate and contribute to this year's appeal. Our children and families will be the direct beneficiaries of our collective generosity. If you have any questions about the Annual Report or this year's annual fund, please contact Wayne Slough at wslough@saintbridget.org or 282-9511, ext. 331.

Please Help: St. Bridget Church is part of the Micah Initiative where volunteers from various places of worship in Richmond help out in the Richmond Public Schools. St. Bridget has a group of parishioners helping at Blackwell Elementary. More than 90% of Blackwell's students come from families living under the poverty line. The school serves breakfast to nearly every child in the school.

Last fall, we asked for donations of hand sanitizer and tissues and you responded very generously. We would be grateful for more donations of hand sanitizer and tissues to help the teachers and students get through the rest of the school year.

There will be a box outside the school office and it will be checked each day at morning arrival or dismissal. Supplies will be delivered once a week to Blackwell Elementary School. Thank you so much for your generous donations.

Youth Football or Cheering Training: The 2010 Season On-Line Registration is now open to those who are interested in playing youth football or cheering. To be eligible, children must be between the ages of 5-14 (flag football for ages 5-7). For more information, visit the website at <http://wee.westernwildcats.org>. For questions, please send your emails to: westernwildcatsfootball@gmail.com.

Cinderella: April 16th and April 17th the Troubadours present Rogers and Hammerstein's "*Cinderella*". All ages are welcome. Doors open at 7:00 PM at the Henrico Theatre. General Admission is \$7.00. For tickets, please call the Box Office at 426-9167 and for more information please visit: www.the-troubadours.net.

Family event: Walk for Children's Health, Saturday, April 17th from 1:00 -4:00 PM at Maymont-Children's Farm Entrance. There will be an obstacle course, nutritional hands on activities, over 20 interactive activities, and free goodies for participants (t-shirts, etc.) Sponsored by Bon Secours and Henrico Nutritional Services. **Free.** (<http://www.bonsecours.com/news/event-registration-form100417.asp> or 804-359-WELL for more details.)

Book Drive: April 19th – 23rd St. Bridget School is sponsoring a book drive for Reach Out and Read Virginia including St. Joseph's Villa for children "Give a book – Change a life". Please donate new or gently-used children's books. During this time collection boxes will be located in each classroom, the office, church commons and on the blacktop. Thank you for your generosity.

St. Bridget Church Teen Mission Trip Dance-A-Thon: Saturday, April 24th from 6:30 PM-midnight, seventh graders through high school seniors can participate in this fundraiser for the youth mission trip this summer. T-shirts and dinner will be provided by Chipotle, including snacks and drinks. The music for the evening will be provided by Bob Mednikov of AAA Disc Jockeys. The cost is \$20 per person. Forms will be available after the masses on the weekend of March 20th and 21st. Make your payment, by check, to St. Bridget Church CHWC. If you have any questions please call Anne-Marie Condlin at 426-5298.

Babysitting Classes: Saturday, April 24th, Saturday, May 15th and Saturday, June 12th Bon Secours Health System is offering babysitting classes, starting at 9:00 AM and lasting until 4:30 PM. Safe Sitter is a medically accurate, hands-on class that teaches boys and girls ages 11 to 13 how to handle emergencies when caring for children. A fee of \$55 covers the 1-day (7 ½ hour) program including materials. To register your son or daughter **OR** your babysitter, call 545-1958 or email loveandlearn@bshsi.org. Mail check and completed application to: Bon Secours Health Promotions, 4121 Cox Road, Suite 101, Glen Allen, VA 23060. Registration forms may also be obtained in the school office.

Eagle Project: During the weekend of May 1st and 2nd, after all masses, parishioner and Boy Scout, Timmy Ansell, from St. Bridget Troop 436, will be collecting gently used or new sports equipment to donate to the Girls and Boys Club of Richmond. This organization needs any kind of equipment such as footballs and basketballs, etc. There will also be a collection box at St. Bridget School through May 8th. There will be a sign up sheet after the masses for those interested in helping. If you have any questions contact: Timmy Ansell (804) 288-0003 or email address: dcansell@comcast.net. Thank you very much for your support.

Summer Class Offerings 2010: June 1st through August 26th, Dr. Karen Rooney presents classes for students from kindergarten to high school students. These classes are intended to help students improve reading comprehension and express ideas in writing, develop stronger reading and writing skills, develop SAT vocabulary, and help children build their literacy skills. For more information, please visit <http://www.krooney.com>. You may register on-line or call 804-747-1883.

Camp St. Charles: June 20th – July 3rd, July 4th – 17th, July 18th – 31st; and August 1st – 14th are the dates for the 2010 season consisting of two-week sessions costing \$1085. An additional charge of \$60 will be added for 12-13 year old campers. To register go to: www.campstcharles.com. Feel free to come to the school office for a copy of a brochure.

MathScience Innovation Center: Monday, July 19th starts the beginning of the summer student programs at the MathScience Innovation Center for 5th through 8th graders. The student programs are weeklong courses and meet for five half days. There is a \$100 fee for each half-day, weeklong course. Priority will be given to students who register by May 30th. If you have any questions please call 343-6525 ext 243 or 245 or visit www.msinnovation.info.

Attend a Fun, Educational Camp: The University of Virginia and the College of William and Mary hosts, this summer, iD Tech Camps – North America’s # 1 technology program. During this weeklong, day and overnight program, ages 7-17 create robots, iPhone® and Facebook® apps, websites with Flash®, video games, digital movies and more. With one computer per student and an average of six students per staff, students are given the attention they need to excel and take home a project at the end of the weeklong course. For more information, please visit www.internalDrive.com or call 1-888-709-TECH (8324) for details.