



## 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 1<sup>st</sup> from the school. Annual payments are made directly to St. Bridget School and are due by July 1<sup>st</sup>, although they may be made any time prior to that.

**Middle School Dance:** Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, the last Middle School dance earned \$715.00 for the end of the year 8<sup>th</sup> grade field trip. 135 Middle School students attended along with eight of their guests.

**Spirit Day:** Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 23<sup>rd</sup> is a **Noon Dismissal**. For your convenience, the After School program will offer a Fun Friday lasting until 6:00 PM.

**Middle School Exploratories:** Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> is the next exploratory day. Don't forget your permission slips, money and / or materials needed for your classes.

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

**PAC Meeting:** Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup> is the next PAC Meeting.

**Bulldog Blast:** Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> will be the inaugural BULLDOG BLAST. **If you have registered for the run, please do not forget that you will need tickets or wristbands to participate in the carnival.** Tickets and wristbands can be purchased at <https://saintbridget.ejoinme.org/BulldogBlast>. The carnival will be from 9:00 AM -1:00 PM. Pick up your carnival registration on blacktop during pick up on Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, and Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, or at the reservations desk on the day of the carnival. Cuisines and Chick-fil-A will be providing healthy food. Dunk your favorite faculty member in the dunk tank. Give blood and save a life. This carnival is going to be a **BLAST!**"

**Register Now for the Bulldog Blast 5K Run:** Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup>. Non-refundable registration is \$15 with a \$60 family maximum. The race starts at 8:00 AM with packet pickup available Friday afternoon, April 30<sup>th</sup>, in the Saint Bridget Church Commons from 2:30 – 6:00 PM and Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 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](http://www.saintbridget.org).

**Kids Fun Run:** Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, a new addition to the Bulldog Blast, is the 1K Kids Fun Run. The start time is at 8:45 AM. Registration is not necessary.

**GOT TALENT?** Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> come showcase your talents at the 2010 St. Bridget Talent Show. Sign up to showcase your talent at <https://saintbridget.ejoinme.org/BulldogBlast>. Form a group or do your own thing... sing, dance, play the flute... we want to see if "You've Got Talent".

**Bulldog Blast Blood Drive:** Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:christy2332@clearwire.net).

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> WE DESPERATELY NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR THE BULLDOG BLAST CARNIVAL. IF YOU, YOUR SPOUSE, GRANDPARENTS, OR OLDER CHILD COULD WORK A ONE HOUR SHIFT, PLEASE CONTACT LINDA STOCKEL AT [lindastockel@aol.com](mailto:lindastockel@aol.com). Please remember there will be babysitting for your younger child.

**St. Bridget Museum of Very Fine Arts and Crafts:** Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Flynn & O'Hara Uniform Fitting:** Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:custserv@flynnohara.com). Their website address is: [www.flynnohara.com](http://www.flynnohara.com).

**Fellowship! Golf! Food! Fun!:** Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, join our school principal, Ray Honeycutt, in the 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 ~

**A Note from the Cafeteria:** To all our parents and grandparents who have volunteered for us, we thank you. The children love to see your smiling faces. We would also like to thank everyone who has donated disinfecting wipes to the cafeteria. We appreciate your generosity. The need for sanitizing wipes continues in the cafeteria. If it's convenient, please consider donating to our cleanliness cause. As always, thank you.

**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](mailto:westernwildcatsfootball@gmail.com).

**Book Drive:** April 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. 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 24<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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.

**Religious Lectures:** Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM, in the spirit of St. Anselm of Canterbury, St. Benedict Catholic School is hosting a series of lectures in our new St. Anselm Hall. Father John David Ramsey will speak about "The Language of Sacrifice and the New Mass Translations". The talk will help to explain the language of sacrifice that has always been a part of the Mass and is now much more clearly related in the new translations, and what that language means for Christian living. There is no cost, and everyone is invited to attend!

**Eagle Project:** During the weekend of May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 8<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:dcansell@comcast.net). Thank you very much for your support.

**Summer Class Offerings 2010:** June 1<sup>st</sup> through August 26<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**R-MC Girls' Basketball Camp:** Skill Development Day Camp, June 21-24, at Randolph-Macon College's Brock Sports and Recreation Center. Camp is designed for all ages, all skill levels. Tons of skill instruction & individual attention, competitive drills & games, and contests & prizes will be provided. More information can be found at (804) 752-4714 or [www.justsportsamps.com/rmc](http://www.justsportsamps.com/rmc).

**Camp St. Charles:** June 20<sup>th</sup> – July 3<sup>rd</sup>; July 4<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>; July 18<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>; and August 1<sup>st</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.campstcharles.com). Feel free to come to the school office for a copy of a brochure.

**MathScience Innovation Center:** Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup> starts the beginning of the summer student programs at the MathScience Innovation Center for 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions please call 343-6525 ext 243 or 245 or visit [www.msinnovation.info](http://www.msinnovation.info).

**Join Saint Gertrude High School for Summer Camps:** Saint Gertrude High School is offering camp opportunities for middle and high school girls. Sports camps include volleyball, basketball, and field hockey. Also being offered will be Teen Yoga and Fitness classes and an Oxygen & Iron Boot Camp. Digital Photography, Drama (for boys and girls) and Safe Sitter are also on the summer calendar. Explore, learn, make new friends, and have fun! For information, contact Maureen Williams at 358-9885 x341 or email [mwilliams@saintgertrude.org](mailto:mwilliams@saintgertrude.org). Information can also be found at [www.saintgertrude.org](http://www.saintgertrude.org).

**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](http://www.internalDrive.com) or call 1-888-709-TECH (8324) for details.