



## ST. BRIDGET SCHOOL

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### A LETTER FROM OUR PRINCIPAL ~

Ash Wednesday, today, occurs in the middle of the week, a day when we don't usually go to Church. Yet this is one day our church is almost as full as on Sunday. So many coming to Church vouches for the fact that we take Lent seriously, that we recognize ourselves to be sinners, that we desire God's mercy and forgiveness. The scriptures set out more extraordinary standards for discipleship – almsgiving, prayer, and fasting. Probably by the time we get to church, many of us have already thought about and chosen our Lenten practices. All this is necessary and good, but it is not enough!

Lent is the time of year the Church sets aside to examine how well we have embraced **discipleship**. The catechumens will soon become Elect, and begin their final preparations for baptism; we join with them in their preparation, so that we might renew our own baptismal promises at Easter with fervor and renewed commitment. During these next six weeks, we **discipline** ourselves to embrace more adequately the “righteous deeds” of which the Gospel speaks (see Mt 6:1-6), and are reminded that these deeds are directed to God and changing ourselves, not to receiving human rewards.

We must take care that we don't live these next six weeks like the other weeks of the year. Now, we are in a special kind of “training” – we are redoubling our efforts to learn what gospel living means. During this season, we are especially encouraged to remember that the gospel doesn't *only* happen when we gather on Sunday. In fact, what happens at Church is rooted in what happens in our **Home Church** – the households in which we live. I encourage you during this Lenten season to renew the prayer of your home. Extra time faithfully spent in prayer, emptying ourselves through fasting so we hunger for God, being attentive to others – this is how we die to ourselves. Our good deeds will then reap the rewards of Easter joy.

Sincerely,

Raymond E. Honeycutt  
Principal

### SCHOOL NEWS ~

**Rice Bowls:** Our faith community here at St. Bridget School will participate in Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program, Operation Rice Bowl, as a part of our Lenten observance. Throughout Lent, Operation Rice Bowl will help us pray, fast, learn and give in solidarity with those in need around the world. We encourage you to be a part of this Lenten journey. Each student is asked to take the materials and participate in this reminder of the important themes of the Lenten season. The children are asked to bring their Rice Bowls, with the money saved, to school during Holy Week, the week of March 29<sup>th</sup>.

**February Cafeteria Calendar:** Please find on the school's website: [www.saintbridget.org](http://www.saintbridget.org) a revised February cafeteria calendar. Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, and Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup> were updated to reflect our Lenten observance of abstaining from meat.

**Wishing Well – Pennies for Healthy Kids:** From Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup> through Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, St. Bridget School participated in the “Pennies for Healthy Kids” program, created by the Children's Hospital of Richmond, VA. We also dedicated our Spirit Day, Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> to the Wishing Well project. The ladies were here Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> to collect the money you contributed. Once we hear from them, we will be happy to report the money our St. Bridget family collected. As always, thank you for your generous donations.

**Come support our talented St. Bridget's artists:** Since this year's art show was canceled, because of inclement weather, we are displaying the students' work throughout the hallways for everyone to come by and see. Each grade has put a lot of time and effort into creating unique works of art, including Indian elephants, Georgia O'Keeffe flowers, cardboard nature sculptures, and much more. We would love for everyone to stop by and check it out!

**Middle School Dance:** Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 10:00 PM is the next scheduled dance. Bring \$5 and your guests! Don't forget your permission slips! If you are interested in volunteering to help with the dance, please contact Tina Kadas at 730-3005 or by email at [tkad1111@comcast.net](mailto:tkad1111@comcast.net).

**CARITAS:** February 27<sup>th</sup> begins our CARITAS week ending on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Your help is needed! Please send your donated items in to school by Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please see the link below for more specific information:  
<http://saintbridget.org/events/downloads/CARITAS%20school%20donation%20request.pdf>.

**Stations of the Cross I:** Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 PM we celebrate the Stations of the Cross I. All are welcome!

**Tuition Assistance:** Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for applying for tuition assistance. If you are going to need assistance meeting your tuition needs next year, please get your application in as quickly as possible. This must be done on-line this year. Click on the link below to get step by step instructions: <http://saintbridget.org/admissions/downloads/2010-2011%20tuition%20assistance.pdf>. You do need this year's W2's, but you can use last year's 1040's. If you have any questions, call Sally McMullen in the Finance Office (288-1994).

**Progress Reports:** Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup> we will distribute Progress Reports to all our students. Be sure to ask your child for it.

**Spring Forward:** Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> Daylight Saving Time Begins. Don't forget to set your clock one hour forward!

**Summer Skills:** Again this year, we will distribute Summer Skills workbooks for grades K-8. Summer Skills workbooks reinforce materials learned through the school year. Please see the attached link for the **Parent Letter/Order Form:**  
[http://www.saintbridget.org/parents/downloads/parent\\_order\\_form%202010.pdf](http://www.saintbridget.org/parents/downloads/parent_order_form%202010.pdf). Please complete your order, and send it in to the school office with your check for \$17.00 per book made payable to St. Bridget School by Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. Once the individual orders are received, one large order will be made for the school. It will take two weeks for processing. We hope to have your orders filled upon return from Spring Break. To preview a sample of the Summer Skills workbooks, please come to the school office.

## AFTER SCHOOL NEWS ~

**After School Statements:** Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup> the 2009 Year End statements for the After School Program were sent home with the children. If you do not have it, please ask your child.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

**Calling all Future Altar Servers:** Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup> from 3:45-5:45 PM; and Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> from 1:15-3:15 PM are training sessions for any St. Bridget parishioner in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade and above who would like to be an altar server for 2010. Remember, you **must attend 3 full sessions** and are certainly welcome to attend all of the remaining 4. The Commissioning date is February 28<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 AM Mass.

**6<sup>th</sup> Annual Junior Book & Author:** February 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM, the Junior League of Richmond welcomes Gordon Korman. Please join us at the Oates Theater at Collegiate School! Tickets are on sale. For more information on Gordon Korman, please visit his website at [www.GordonKorman.com](http://www.GordonKorman.com).

**Mission Spaghetti Dinner:** Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> is the rescheduled date for the Spaghetti Dinner from 5:00-8:30 PM in Mother Presentation Hall. St. Bridget Church will hold its fifth annual Spaghetti Dinner to raise money for the Mission Trip 2010 Catholic Heart Work Camps. Enjoy a delicious dinner of spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert, coffee and cold drinks. Tickets for the dinner will be \$8 (pre-sale) and \$10 (at the door) for adults 12 and over, \$5 for children 4 to 11, free for those 3 and under. Family tickets may also be purchased for \$30 (pre-sale) and \$35 at the door. Wine will be available as well for an additional \$4 per glass. Take out is available for \$8 a dinner. Listen to Kent Alley's great music while you enjoy your meal! Tickets will be on sale after all masses during

the weekend of March 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Treat mom to a night out, bring the family and invite a friend. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Benedictine / Saint Gertrude 5K Challenge:** March 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM Benedictine and St. Gertrude High School will host its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 5K Challenge. The walk/run will begin and end in the Benedictine parking lot and will feature the Museum District and Windsor Farms neighborhood. Cost is \$20 per person by March 1<sup>st</sup> or after March 1<sup>st</sup> cost is \$25 per person. Family Maximum is \$60. For more information go to: [www.benedictinehighschool.org/home/calendar](http://www.benedictinehighschool.org/home/calendar_item.asp?id=4701) item.asp?id=4701.

**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.