



ST. BRIDGET SCHOOL

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SCHOOL NEWS ~

Haiti Contributions: We appreciate the overwhelming response by the Saint Bridget School community for all Haitian relief. On Tuesday, Mrs. Quinn, who represents the Parish Haiti Project, spoke to the children about life in Haiti and the needs of the people. We also received direct appeals from the five members of the Saint Bridget delegation who were stranded by the earthquake. Additionally, the news media pointed our attention to the high percentage of refugees fleeing the capital to the outlining areas. Our twin parish and others outside the city of Port Au Prince are being overwhelmed. With the input of several parish and staff members, we made the decision to direct cash donations to the parish twin church and community of Hinche, while all checks were sent to Catholic Relief Services. So far, your contributions have resulted in \$1,615 being sent to Catholic Relief Services and \$4,035 being sent to help the Haitians who are relying on our twin parish to help them. The money continues to come in, and we will have a final figure for you next week.

Box Top Contest: Friday, December 18th the Box Top contest closed. A big congratulations goes to Mrs. Loeser's KA class for winning the contest for collecting over 1200 tops and winning an ice cream treat! We collected over 7500 Box Tops school-wide. Keep clipping! We also want to give a special thank you to all the volunteers who did the counting.

Spelling Bee: Tuesday, January 26, was the grade 1-4 Spelling Bee. The homeroom winners who participated in the bee were: Bella A. of 1A; Kylee S. of 1B; Sophia P. of 2A; Duncan M. of 2B; Cara D. of 3A; John H. of 3B; Connor J. of 4A; and Megan P. of 4B. The winner of the grade 1-4 contest was Sophia P. of 2A. She will go on to participate in the school wide Spelling Bee during Catholic Schools Week on Wednesday, February 3 at 8:30 AM in MPH. All are welcome to watch our students compete.

Middle School Exams: Wednesday, January 27th through Friday, January 29th. All Middle School students will be dismissed at noon.

Tuition Assistance: To date only one family has applied for tuition assistance. Please give this careful thought, and 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, and the instructions were in the bulletin last week and the week before. You can now go to the school's website: <http://saintbridget.org/admissions/downloads/2010-2011%20tuition%20assistance.pdf> and get step by step instructions. You do need this year's W2's, but you can use last year's 1040's. The deadline for applying is March 1st, but the sooner the better! If you have any questions, call Sally McMullen in the Finance Office (288-1994).

PAC Meeting: Thursday, January 28th at 8:15 AM is the next PAC Meeting.

Noon Dismissal: Friday, January 29th is a NOON DISMISSAL for all students K-8.

Report Card Reminder: This Friday, January 29th, is the last day of the grading period, and that means report cards come out next week. Report cards are NOT given to any student who has overdue materials from the library, an overdrawn account in the cafeteria, an After School account that is not current or tuition payments that are in arrears. Please review your accounts and get them up-to-date so that no student is embarrassed by not receiving a report card. If you have a question about one of your accounts, please call Sally McMullen in the Finance Office (288-1994).

"Buy a Treat, Help Haitians get back on their feet!": Sunday, January 31st from 10:00 AM -12:00 PM the third graders at St. Bridget School will be selling lemonade, coffee, and various baked goods to benefit Haiti. They will have a table in the commons at church and in front of MPH. Please stop by and support our school in helping Haiti!

Catholic Schools Week Open House: Sunday, January 31st from 10:00 – 12:15 PM is our Open House. Be sure to see your children's art work displayed in MPH. Tell all your friends to come and see what the excitement is about on York Road! For a complete list of activities during Catholic Schools Week please see the link: <http://saintbridget.org/parents/downloads/CSW.pdf>. In case of inclement weather, any changes will be posted as they occur on channels 6, 8, and 12 as well as the school website.

Wishing Well – Pennies for Healthy Kids: Monday, February 1st through Friday, February 12th St. Bridget School will participate in the "Pennies for Healthy Kids" program created by the Children's Hospital of Richmond, VA. To make this program successful, students are asked to bring in pennies, other coins and dollar bills. If a student contributes at least one dollar throughout the two weeks, he or she can dress down for a spirit day on Friday, February 12th. For more information, please visit link: <http://www.saintbridget.org/parents/downloads/Wishing%20Well.pdf>.

Annual Health Screening: Tuesday, February 2nd is our annual health screening. We will start by 8:15 AM and should be finished before 2:00 PM. We are in need of 6-8 parent volunteers to help make this day run smoothly. If you are available, please contact the clinic by phone at 288-1994 or e-mail (clinic@saintbridget.org). Please let us know if you are available for part or all of the day. Thank you for your support.

Catholic Schools Week Mass: Thursday, February 4th at 10:00 AM we celebrate our Catholic School identity. Come and join our celebration.

Noon Dismissal: Friday, February 5th is a NOON DISMISSAL for all students K-8.

Spirit Day: Friday, February 5th is a "Free" Spirit Day. Show your school spirit and wear your school colors: blue and white! We also encourage you to wear Bulldog Boutique Spirit apparel. Need some? The Bulldog Boutique will be selling their wares on the blacktop at dismissal next Tuesday. Check out the new cute items for sale! Order forms are always available online.

Report Cards: Friday, February 5th look for your child's report card in his/her backpack.

Middle School Dance: Friday, February 19th is the next scheduled dance. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend with your friends.

AFTER SCHOOL NEWS ~

Important Dates for the After School Program:

1. Friday, January 29th – After School will be open from 12:00-6:00 PM (Students – bring a lunch with a drink)
2. Friday, January 29th – The January Birthday Party

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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.

Kindergarten Assessments: Contact Pamela Wray at 288-1994 ext. 305 or pwrap@saintbridget.org to register your rising Kindergarten for assessments for the 2010-11 school year. Assessments for rising Kindergartners are now being scheduled. Please note: the Kindergarten screening day on Saturday, February 6th is only for the Kindergarten applicants whose assessments have already been scheduled for that day. In case of inclement weather, you will be notified by email of any changes.

Bulldog Boutique: Winter Blow-out sale! Everything must go. Up to 75% off on most items. Keep your eyes open for new merchandise coming in the spring! For more information please call Jennifer Dortch at 399-6204.

Calling all Future Altar Servers: Friday, January 29th from 3:45-5:45 PM; Friday, February 5th from 3:45-5:45 PM; Sunday, February 7th from 1:15-3:15 PM; Friday, February 12th from 3:45-5:45 PM and Saturday, February 13th from 1:00-3:00 PM are all training sessions for any St. Bridget parishioner in the 5th grade and above who would like to be an altar server for 2010. If you are interested, you must attend any 3 complete sessions from the above dates. There will be a brief but important meeting for parents at the beginning of the first session in the church. Registration forms are available on the Youth Bulletin Board in the commons.

Youth League Night at Benedictine High School: Friday, February 5th at 6:00 PM is the Rut Classic against Woodberry Forest School. All youth league basketball players in grades 1st -8th who wear their jersey will be admitted free to the game. The free admission is for youth players only. Come out and support the Benedictine Cadets next Friday night.

Mission Spaghetti Dinner: Saturday, February 6th 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 weekends of January 23/24, and 30/31. Treat mom to a night out, bring the family and invite a friend. We'll look forward to seeing you there!

Music News: Friday, February 12th at 7:30 PM, the American Boychoir is returning to St. Bridget, back by popular demand, to give a concert. This world class choral group will present a concert of music from ancient to modern, from classical to popular styles. Tickets for the concert are available in the front section of the church for \$30 (\$15 for students and seniors), and in the back section of the church for \$15 (\$5 for students and seniors). Tickets will be available in the Commons after Masses the two weekends before the concert, anytime through the church website (<http://saintbridgetchurch.org/>), by visiting the St. Bridget Church office, or by calling the church office at 282-9511, ext. 328.

A message from Mrs. Storti: Thank you to all the parents, students, faculty and staff at Saint Bridget for welcoming me into your family these past months! I have enjoyed working with all your students as we have undertaken a musical journey of exploration and prayer together. Mrs. Ivens has taught you well, and it was a privilege to fill in for her absence from the Music Room. I will carry your faces and songs in my heart as I move on to other projects this spring!

6th Annual Junior Book & Author: February 25, 2010 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.