



ST. BRIDGET SCHOOL

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INFORMATION ~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ IMPORTANT DATES

From the Principal's Desk...

Dear Parents,

Thank you for an amazing first year at Saint Bridget School. Children are one of God's special gifts. To be with these children everyday has been one of God's special gifts to me! I hope your summer is fun, safe and filled of the good times that make memories for a lifetime.

Take care and don't forget to read a good book or two!

Blessings,

Ray Honeycutt
Principal

SCHOOL NEWS ~

Box Tops: Congratulations to Mrs. O'Grady's 2B class won the Spring Box Tops collection contest with over 850 Tops! They will receive an ice cream treat from the cafeteria. Many thanks to our Box Top committee for a great job this year: Maureen Stengel, Jackie Moore, Jane Markow, Karen Kinslow, Ellen Gilliam, Denise Flinn, Cathy Rodriguez and Carey Leahey. Keep clipping and collecting!

River Roast October 9, 2010: A little reminder from the River Roast Committee will be in every child's backpack this week. We want to make sure while you are **Resting** and **Relaxing** this summer you do not forget to mark your calendars! Any questions please contact Nina Patton or Melanie Davis. ninapatton@verizon.net, daviscrew@verizon.net.

Noon Dismissal: Wednesday, June 16th and Thursday, June 17th all students will have a **Noon Dismissal**. Please plan accordingly, since there is **no After School**.

Sports Day: Thursday, June 17th, St. Bridget School will be holding "Sports Day" for grades 1-5. Parents are invited to watch their children rotate through a series of sports competitions and relays. Homerooms will have an opportunity to compete against each other in such activities as running and various relays. We ask all students in "A" homerooms to wear white shirts and all students in "B" homerooms to wear blue shirts, along with athletic shorts (PE or other types and athletic shoes). Activities will begin at 8:00 AM and will continue until 11:30 AM. Students may bring a water bottle from home. If you have any questions or ideas feel free to contact Coach Spelsberg, the *Sports Day* coordinator at 288-1994.

Billy Hill Scholarship Award: Friday, June 18th is the deadline for interested, rising 8th grade students to submit applications for the \$500.00 Billy Hill Scholarship. A reminder email, with attached application material, was sent to all 7th grade households yesterday. The four recipients of the 2010-2011 awards will be notified by a letter from Mr. Honeycutt by August 1st. Please direct any questions to Wayne Slough in the Development Office @ 282-9511, ext 331, or wslough@saintbridget.org. Good Luck!

Closing Liturgy / Awards: Friday, June 18th at 9:00 AM we will celebrate the close of the school year with a special Mass. The Awards Ceremony will take place immediately after Mass. All are welcome.

Report Cards: Report cards will be emailed to parents whose children are in grades 1-7. All accounts with St. Bridget School must be current in order for final report cards to be emailed. If your child has graduated from St. Bridget School this year, all accounts must be paid in full before final transcripts and other school records will be sent to the appropriate high school.

11:00 AM Dismissal: Friday, June 18th is an **11:00 AM Dismissal** for all to start your Summer Vacation! Please plan accordingly, since there is **no After School**.

Lost and Found: Friday, June 18th, is the last day your child has school. Please stop by the lost & found to reclaim your child(ren)'s lost items before the last day.

MOM AND DAD, we need your help! In order to help keep our tuition as low as possible next year, fund our school's many programs, and provide the outstanding Catholic education experience you expect for us, please help by contributing to this year's annual fund, Perpetuating Our Legacy. You can use the envelope which was mailed to us with the school's annual report last month, or, if it is easier, make a donation online right now at <http://www.saintbridgetchurch.org> at the "Give On Line" link. To date, 42% of our school families have made a donation to the fund this year. We're pretty sure 100% of our families love us and our school, so please, make a donation of *any size* to the Annual Fund by June 30th! We are counting on you! Thanks Mom and Dad! To see how our grade is doing in the Annual Fund appeal, visit <http://www.saintbridget.org>. (To learn more, please contact Wayne Slough 282-9511, ext. 331)

MATCHING GIFTS: If you or your spouse's employer is one which matches employee donations, please take advantage of how this additional clout will really boost our annual fund proceeds! Please accept this gentle reminder to submit your matching gift paperwork, or use your company's virtual site, on a timely basis so as to help our appeal NOW. This year's appeal **ends June 30, 2010!** For more information on the matching gifts process, please contact Joan Scarola in the development office at 282-9511, ext. 353, or jscarola@saintbridgetchurch.org.

Food Lion: Only 17 St. Bridget School families have registered at Food Lion (there are more than 300 St. Bridget School families). We need 25 families to be registered before we can earn points (\$\$\$) at Food Lion. Once we have 25 families registered, we will receive a quarterly check from Food Lion representing a percentage of the business our families do there. **PLEASE REGISTER!!!**

Office Hours: Starting Monday, June 21st, the school office hours will be Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

A Message from the Clinic: Parents of rising 6th graders, please send documentation of your child's immunizations to the clinic / office over the summer. To be admitted to class on the first day of school, August 30th, we need Tdap documentation from your doctor. There is no special form for your doctor to complete; a prescription pad or note with the immunization date is fine, along with the doctor's signature.

Extra health questionnaires and forms to permit medications for the 2010-11 school year will also be included with the electronic summer mailing. If you know your child will need medication next year, please take the permit, to be completed by your doctor, before August 30th.

Finally, please remember to stop by the clinic the last week of school to pick up your child's medicines and other supplies. Any medication not retrieved, will be discarded at dismissal on Friday, June 18th. We are not allowed, by policy, to give the medications to your child to carry home.

Book Day: Friday, August 27th from 9:00 – 11:00 AM, please plan to attend Book Day, when you can purchase school supplies and your child can meet his / her new teacher.

First Day of School: Monday, August 30th. School starts at 8:00 AM. This is a regular school day. Dismissal will be at 2:50 PM.

St. Bridget Boys Choir: New to St. Bridget parish this fall will be its own boy's choir. Designed for rising 2nd, 3rd, and 4th graders, this group is a great place for boys to explore and develop their voices in an all-boy environment under the direction of St. Bridget Church's Music Minister, Allen Bean. The choir will start rehearsing in September on Tuesday afternoons from 4-5pm. The group will sing at one Mass per month from October through May. Long-time church cantor Trish Markow will be the assistant choir director. There is no cost to participate, although a music boosters program will be in place as a way to support the program. For more information, please contact Mr. Bean at the church at 282-9511, ext. 328, or at abean@stbridgets.com.

AFTER SCHOOL ~

Please mark your calendar: Wednesday, June 16th, Thursday, June 17th, and Friday, June 18th, the After School program will be CLOSED.

Re-Enrollment Packets: Friday, June 18th, please send in your After School Re-Enrollment forms. All After School fees are due by Thursday, June 17th. If you have not paid your fees, please do so immediately.

ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

Latin Lab 2010-2011: Enrollment is open now through Book Day, August 27th. Three classes are available and feed into the new middle school Latin elective program: PRIMA LATINA, Wednesdays from 1:55-2:40 PM for 2nd & 3rd graders; LATINA CHRISTIANA I, Tuesdays from 3:00-3:45 PM for 3rd - 5th graders; LATINA CHRISTIANA II, Thursdays from 3:00-3:45 PM for 4th - 6th graders (LC I pre-requisite). Classes run for 30 weeks, starting the second week of school through mid-May, and are held in the Church nurseries. The course fee is \$315, plus \$16 for a workbook and \$5 for a pronunciation CD. Homework is completed in class, leaving an easy audio CD vocabulary review (roughly 2 minutes a day) the only out-of-class work requirement. For more information or to register, please contact Hunter Cook (a St. Bridget School mom) at 784-5077 or at huntergcook@comcast.net.

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.

Summer Class Offerings 2010: Now through August 26th, Dr. Karen Rooney presents classes for students from kindergarten to high school. 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.

Summer Lego Camp: June 21st – 25th, July 12th – 16th and August 2nd - 6th, Benedictine will again offer the popular Lego summer camp for rising 4th - 8th graders this summer. Each day starts at 9:00 AM and ends at noon. The cost is \$185 per student per week. If you are interested, please contact Adria Hogan at ahogan@bhsrva.org for a registration form and more details.

Benedictine High School Basketball Camp: Monday, June 21st through Friday, June 25th, Monday, July 5th through Friday, July 9th, and Monday, July 19th through Friday, July 23rd at Benedictine High School for students in grades: Rising 3rd through rising 9th graders from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Monday -Thursday, 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon on Friday. WALK-UPS ARE WELCOME! Any questions or concerns feel free to call 804-342-1310 or email smcaloon@bhsrva.org.

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.

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. Feel free to stop by the school office for a brochure.

Summer Study* & Exercise: July 26th – 30th from 9:00 – 11:00 AM & 2:00-4:00 PM and on August 23rd – 27th from 2:00 – 4:00 PM at 7 Roslyn Road. The cost is \$250.00. Experienced teachers will work with your child in a small group setting to reinforce **reading, writing, and math skills**. This three part workshop is designed to strengthen comprehension, vocabulary, writing skills, and increase fluency. **Children's yoga class** offered daily prior to instruction to enhance strength, flexibility, and thinking skills!

***individualized & small group tutoring available upon request. Reading, Writing, & Math Objectives:**

- Students will read an engaging book from a summer reading list; active reading comprehension strategies will be taught.
- Journal writing & composition skills reinforced with emphasis placed on mechanics of writing (basic sentence structure, capitalization, & punctuation) and content (writing effective, clear sentences & paragraphs).
- A review of math skills will be included to extend existing understanding of concepts.

The contact is Margaret Simpson (simpsongirls@earthlink.net) 282-5266 or Sally Young (bsrm4@verizon.net) 288-2313.

Integrated Therapy Services: July 26th – August 6th, Integrated Therapy Services is once again offering Therapeutic Summer Camps which builds confidence and improves the foundations for learning and play. Kids in Motion is a therapeutic and self-esteem building camp designed to develop motor skills for ages 6-14. The various programs are: "How Does Your Engine Run", The Alert Program for Self-Regulation - Drama and Role-play for Social Skills Development, Sport Skills and Drills for Gross Motor Development, Art

by Young Rembrandts, and Handwriting Camps. The deadline for registration is June 18th. For more information you may call 804-282-4596.

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. Information can also be found at www.saintgertrude.org.

St. Bridget School will be participating in a Middle School Girls Summer Basketball League sponsored by St. Gertrude's. All rising 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls are eligible to play. Games will be held on Saturday's from June 19th - July 31st. Please contact John Plashal at "plash1@mac.com" if you are interested in playing. The deadline for registration is Tuesday, June 1st.

Musical Theatre Camp: August 9th – August 13th from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, rising third graders through rising high school seniors, learn songs and dances from your favorite Broadway musicals. Be part of a benefit performance where you can show off all your hard work! The location will be at the Maggie L. Walker Governor's School on 1000 North Lombardy Street. The cost is \$125 for the week and \$100 for additional children. The performance dates are: Friday, August 13th at 7:30 PM and Saturday, August 14th at 2:00 PM. All proceeds benefit the earthquake victims in Haiti through the organization, Hinche Relief. For more information please contact Laurie Follmer at 622-6711 or lafmdf@aol.com or Lisa Harrison at 359-1799 or wefixhorns@aol.com. Registration forms can be downloaded at harrisonmusic.net. You may learn more about Hinche Relief at hincherelief.wordpress.com.

Attend a Fun, Educational Camp: The University of Virginia and the College of William and Mary host 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.

University of Richmond Summer Youth Programs: From June 29th through August 29th the University of Richmond School Of Continuing Studies is offering a variety of classes for rising students in grades 1-8. They are offering students the opportunity to explore their passions and discover hidden talents. There are cooking, art, golf, acting, and technology classes among many others. Registration is online at www.scs.richmond.edu/ocpe. For details call 804-289-8133. Feel free to come to the school office for a brochure.

St. Bridget School
Class of 2010

Benedictine High School

T. J. B.
Jake C.
Jacob D.
Andrew G.
Matthew K.
Jimmy R.
Blaise S.
Faiz S.
Charlie T.

Glen Allen High School

Stephen K.

Collegiate School

Ashton P.
Mac T.

Program at Henrico High School

Shree P.

Center for the Arts at Henrico High School

Ellie B.

Maggie L. Walker Governor's School

Stephen D.
Alex F.
Richard W.

Math and Science Center at Godwin High School

Emma L.

Trinity Episcopal School

Will M.

International School of Brussels (Belgium)

Christian M.

Woodberry Forest School

Reid M.

St. Gertrude High School

Mary Carter A.
Haley B.
Margaret M.
Erin S.
Mary Grace S.

Deep Run High School

Danielle M.

James River High School

Michael B.

Atlee High School

Paul K.

Godwin High School

Katie F. *International Baccalaureate*

Leadership Center at Freeman High School

Lillian G.

Freeman High School

Will B.
Blake D.
Hannah G.
Jack G.
Annie H.
Noelle J.
Halle K.
Claire L.
Charles M.
Thomas M.
Mary P.
Matthew S.
Sarah T.

Shrine High School (Royal Oak, Michigan)

Tess L.