



ST. BRIDGET SCHOOL

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SCHOOL NEWS ~

Congratulations to the Following Newly Elected Student Council Members for the 2010-11 School Year: On Thursday, May 27th, the following Student Council members were elected to serve our school: Jacob G., President; Clara D., Vice-President; Quinn F., Secretary; Ben M., Treasurer; Lisa S., Publicity Director; Lucy S., Spirit Director; Olivia S., Safety Director; and Anna D., Service Director. We are very proud of all our candidates. Student Council could not function if it weren't for all who participate. Congratulations to all who were elected.

Spring Box Top Collection: Friday, May 28th through Friday, June 4th, the second Box Top Contest collection will run for one week. Send Box Tops in a bag labeled with your child's homeroom number to receive credit. Want to help even more? You or your child can count the Box Tops and write the number on the outside of the bag. If you have any questions, please contact Meghan Hess at meghan.hess@comcast.net. Thank you!

Kindergarten Graduation Group Pictures: Friday, May 28, Lifetouch flyers went home. If you would like to order the Kindergarten Graduation group picture, please bring the order form with you to the graduation ceremony on Wednesday, June 16th. No orders will be taken after June 16th.

Billy Hill Scholarship Award: *Yesterday, June 1st*, all rising 8th grade students should have received an application packet for the Billy Hill Scholarship Award in an email attachment. Applications are due in the office no later than Friday, June 18, 2010. 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!

Benedictine Middies: Wednesday, June 2nd at 6:00 PM, there will be an informational meeting about Benedictine Middies Football at Mary Mother of the Church Abbey. If you are a rising 7th or 8th grade boy, and are interested in signing up for the Middies Football program, please plan to attend.

Student Council Installation: Thursday, June 3rd at 2:00 PM in the church, please join us for the installation of our new Student Council officers for the 2010-2011 school year. All are welcome to attend.

TerraNova: Thursday, June 3rd, the students in grades 1-7 will bring home the TerraNova Home Report and letter of explanation. The report and letter will be sent home in a sealed envelope addressed to the parents. Please ask your child for this important information.

Third Grade Prayer Service: Friday, June 4th at 9:00 AM in the church, the third grade families are invited to come celebrate the end of the year through music and prayer.

Middle School Noon Dismissal: Tuesday, June 8th through Thursday, June 10th, Middle School students will have a Noon Dismissal. Please plan to pick up your Middle Schooler on Snowball Lane. Thank you.

Eighth Grade Retreat: Thursday, June 10th, the 8th graders will enjoy a retreat. They will dismiss at regular time from school.

Eighth Grade Bowling Party: Friday, June 11th, the 8th grade will be at a bowling party and must be picked up at Bowl America in Short Pump at 12:30 PM.

Welcome Back ClassPacks: Friday, June 11th, the Welcome Back ClassPack orders are due. Please return your orders to the school office. The ClassPack order form can be found on the school's website at: <http://www.saintbridget.org/parents/downloads/Classpack2010.pdf>. The Supply List for the 2010-2011 school year can be found at: <http://www.saintbridget.org/parents/downloads/Supply%20List%202010-2011.pdf>. This is a great opportunity to get next year's school shopping done early! If you need a ClassPack order form, please call or stop by the office. Thank you.

Noon Dismissal: Friday, June 11th is a school-wide Noon Dismissal. For your convenience, the After School Program will be open from 12 noon until 6:00 PM.

Eighth Grade Closing Exercises: Monday, June 14th at 7:00 PM in the church, come see our 8th graders graduate.

Sixth Grade Retreat: Tuesday, June 15th, our 6th graders will enjoy a retreat.

Kindergarten Closing Exercises: Wednesday, June 16th at 9:00 AM in the church.

Noon Dismissal: Wednesday, June 16th – 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. 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.

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: Friday, June 18th please look for your child’s final report card. Report cards will NOT be issued to students whose After School, Cafeteria, Library or Tuition accounts are not current.

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.

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 from 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 on line right now at <http://saintbridgetchurch.org> at the “Give On Line” link. So far, only 1/3 of our school families have made a donation to the fund this year! To see how your grade is doing, you can visit <http://www.saintbridget.org/>.

Thanks Mom and Dad! (To learn more, please contact Wayne Slough 282-9511, ext. 331)

A Note from the Cafeteria: Beginning May 24th, the cafeteria NO longer accepts prepayments for cafeteria accounts. If your account is at a negative balance, you must make a payment to bring your balance to a zero (\$0.00) amount. If your balance is still at a negative amount after May 24th, you will NO longer be allowed the privilege of charging or even purchasing any food/beverage item on your account. Once your account has been satisfied, you will be allowed to purchase items with CASH ONLY for the remainder of the school year. Students who have a positive balance on their account will be able to use their account until all of their money has been used. Once an account has been used to the limit of money that has been prepaid on it, you must bring CASH ONLY to purchase items for the remainder of the school year. Thank you for your co-operation.

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.

AFTER SCHOOL ~

Please mark your calendar: Friday, June 11th is the last “Fun Friday” that the After School Program will offer, which is an extended day. After School hours will be from 12:00-6:00 PM. The summer birthdays and end of the year beach party will be celebrated on Friday, June 11th. The last day of the After School program for the 2009-2010 school year be Tuesday, June 15th. Thanks for a great year! The After School program will be CLOSED on the following days: Wednesday, June 16th, Thursday, June 17th, and Friday, June 18th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

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.

Babysitting Class: Saturday, June 12th, Bon Secours Health System is offering a babysitting class, 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.

Summer Class Offerings 2010: June 1st 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.

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 Plshal 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 hincerelief.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.