



ST. BRIDGET SCHOOL

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INFORMATION ~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ IMPORTANT DATES

From the Principal's Desk...

Dear Parents,

Please join me in saying thank you and best wishes to several of our Saint Bridget teachers. We appreciate the service, dedication, and enthusiasm they have shared with our students, school, and community. With gratitude, we bid farewell to:

Mrs. Jane Perkins, French Teacher
Mr. Paul Joseph, Spanish Teacher
Mrs. Nancy Downing, Librarian
Mrs. Amanda Laschon, Instructional Assistant
Ms. Emily Tretiak, Instructional Assistant

*"May you have a world of wishes at your command,
God and his angels close at hand,
Friends and family their love impart,
And Irish blessings in your heart." (Irish Blessing)*

Best wishes and may God bless each of you.

Ray Honeycutt
Principal

SCHOOL NEWS ~

Math 24: Wednesday, May 26th, this year's Math 24 class competed in the 1st Annual St. Bridget Math 24 competition. The four finalists were Caroline L., Thomas S., Jacob C., and Frank H. The 2nd place winner of a \$15 iTunes gift card was Jacob C. and the 1st place winner of a \$25 iTunes gift card was Frank H. Congratulations to all our competitors! You all did a wonderful job! Thank you to the many parents who attended and cheered on our "Mathletes"!

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

Gift of Love: Monday, May 31st, Sophia P. of 2A donated 15 inches of her hair as a gift to Locks of Love, which will be used to create a wig for a cancer patient. Good job, Sophia!

Billy Hill Scholarship Award: Tuesday, 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 school office, to the attention Wayne Slough, 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!

Middle School Noon Dismissal: Wednesday, June 9th, Middle School students will have a Noon Dismissal. Please plan to pick up your Middle Schooler on Snowball Lane. Thank you.

Middle School Noon Dismissal: Thursday, June 10th, the 6th and 7th graders 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.

Last Call for the Welcome Back ClassPacks: The deadline is quickly approaching! 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, all are invited to 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, please plan to attend the kindergarten end-of-the-year closing ceremony.

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**.

Lost and Found: Friday, June 18, 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)

PTO Press: The Fourth Quarter Edition of the PTO Press is ready for viewing at <http://www.saintbridget.org/pto/press.php>.

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:

Fun Friday: 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. This year you'll have double the fun as we celebrate summer birthdays at the annual "End-of-the Year Summer Birthday Party Beach Blast"! The cost of the day will be \$20 for one child, \$35 for two children or \$50 for three or more children. Pack a lunch to include a beverage. The cafeteria will NOT be open. Snacks will be provided for the summer birthday party. Your children will want to be comfortable. Please bring a change of clothes. NOTE: for this special day, all students must follow the "Beach Blast Guidelines" (below).

Beach Blast Guidelines: All students may change into bathing suits when they arrive in the After School Program. Boys must wear shirts until water activities begin. Girls must wear shorts over their bathing suits. They are encouraged to wear one-piece bathing suits; however, a "tasteful" two piece suit is allowed. Girls must also wear shirts until water activities begin. **Important:** All students must bring a towel, a change of clothes, and a bag for after we get wet! All students must wear water shoes, sandals with a back strap, or old shoes for water activities (no flip flops or slip-on shoes of any kind.)

Last Day: Tuesday, June 15th will be the last day of the After School program for the 2009-2010 school year. 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.justsportscamps.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.