



## ST. BRIDGET SCHOOL

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### SCHOOL NEWS ~

**Rice Bowls:** Our faith community here at St. Bridget School is participating 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 were asked to bring their Rice Bowls, with the money saved, to school during Holy Week, the week of March 29<sup>th</sup>.

**PLEDGE REMINDER:** As you know, the church subsidizes the school generously. This subsidy helps us to keep the tuition for St. Bridget Parishioners quite reasonable. Those persons who pledge to the church are given a Parish Tuition Rate that is substantially lower than the rate for non-parishioners or those who choose not to contribute to the offertory. Please be sure you have a 2010 Pledge Card on file at the church so that you will be eligible for the lower parishioner tuition rate. If you have any question about your pledge, please contact Kimberly Lapin who is the Director of Stewardship for the church. Mrs. Lapkin can be reached at 282-9511.

**PTO Board:** Interested in becoming a member of the PTO Board? The Board has several vacancies to fill for the 2010-2011 school year. The Board is responsible for fundraising, educational events, and hospitality (see the PTO Press for more details). Members attend a board meeting once a month and volunteer at events. If you are interested, please send a letter to Grace Gallagher at [gracegallagher@msn.com](mailto:gracegallagher@msn.com) or Karen Perrine at [richmondperrines@comcast.net](mailto:richmondperrines@comcast.net) by March 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Raise a Reader School Challenge:** Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, was the first day to help our school win \$5,000! We've entered a nationwide reading contest and we need your help. The Raise a Reader School Challenge, sponsored by the International Reading Association, Parents magazine, and Parents.com, is rewarding the school that reads the most this spring. Follow this link <http://parents.com/reading/stbridgetschoolricva> and register your child for the reading program. The link may be found on the school's website, as well as individual classroom Quia pages. The program is totally free and records minutes, books read, and even has a print option if you'd like to track your child's achievements. Individual readers are also eligible to win \$50 gift cards to Barnes and Noble. Let's encourage reading and show your support with 100% participation in this program! **PLEASE NOTE:** When you register your child, make sure you uncheck the boxes that permit emails and advertisements from Parents Magazine to be sent to you.

**Track Team:** Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> immediately after school, all middle school students and their parents are invited to attend an information session. They will meet on the front steps of the church. This meeting is for information and sign-up. To ensure that all interested students are able to join the track team, we need parent volunteers. Please plan on attending this very important meeting. The time commitment is minimal; the rewards enormous! The practice and meet schedule will be handed out at this time. The first practice will be Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 PM. Any questions, please feel free to contact Heidi McNelis, Track Coach, at [heidimcnelis@aol.com](mailto:heidimcnelis@aol.com). See you on the 10<sup>th</sup>!

**Wax Museum:** Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM, Grade 5 will present this year's Wax Museum. All are welcome!

**Stations of the Cross II:** Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM we will celebrate Stations of the Cross II. All are welcome!

**Middle School Dance:** Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 10:00 PM is the next Middle School dance. Bring \$5 and your guests! Don't forget your permission slips! Mark your calendar for the last Middle School dance of the year: April 16<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Annual Health Screening:** Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> is the re-scheduled annual health screening. Screenings will begin at 8:15 AM and conclude by 1:30 PM. Six or eight parent volunteers are needed to help make this day run smoothly. If you are available, please contact the clinic at 288-1994 or e-mail ([clinic@saintbridget.org](mailto:clinic@saintbridget.org)). Please let us know if you are available for part or all of the day. Thank you for your support.

**Summer Skills:** Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup> is the last day to order Summer Skills workbooks. If you would like to order the workbooks for your child please call the school office at 288-1994. We will be happy to send home the Parent Letter/Order Form to you. Each workbook is \$17.00 made payable to St. Bridget School. Preview samples of the Summer Skills workbooks are available in the school office.

**Congratulations:** Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, Jacob D. of 8A, will represent our school and participate at the state level of the National Geographic Bee, sponsored by Google and Plum Creek. The state Bee will be held at Shenandoah University, 1460 University Drive in Winchester. Good luck, Jacob!

**Fellowship! Golf! Food! Fun!:** Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, join our school principal, Ray Honeycutt, in the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Saint Bridget School Golf Tournament at Glenwood Golf Club. Come on, gents and ladies, it's on a *mid-May, Friday afternoon* this year! Proceeds will benefit Saint Bridget School and its athletic association. For sponsor and entry information, go to <http://www.saintbridget.org/events/downloads/Golf%20Flyer%202010.pdf>.

## AFTER SCHOOL NEWS ~

**Please note the following:** Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup> is the March Birthday Party. Please sign up on the check-out table if you can donate to this party. The After School Program will be CLOSED April 1<sup>st</sup> through the 9<sup>th</sup> for the Easter Holiday and Spring Break.

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**Cheeburger Cheeburger:** Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, Cheeburger Cheeburger donated 15% of all sales to our St. Bridget's Youth Mission Trip. They made \$308.00! A big thank you goes to the parents for supporting Catholic Heart Work Camp once again. The two fundraisers netted approx. \$730.00.

**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! 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 \$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.

**Lenten Adoration:** Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:15 PM in the Church, all youth are invited to an Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

**Cinderella:** April 16<sup>th</sup> and April 17<sup>th</sup> the Troubadours present Rogers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella". All ages are welcome. Doors open at 7:00 PM at the Henrico Theatre. General Admission is \$7.00. For tickets, please call the Box Office at 426-9167 and for more information please visit: [www.the-troubadours.net](http://www.the-troubadours.net).

**Bulldog Blast 5K Run Registration is Now Open:** Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> we celebrate the Bulldog Blast 5K Run. Online registration is now open! The race starts at 8 AM with packet pickup available Friday afternoon in the Saint Bridget Church Commons from 2:30 – 6:00 PM and Saturday starting at 6:30 AM. T-shirts are guaranteed to the first 250 participants who register by April 15<sup>th</sup>. Non-refundable registration is \$15 with a \$60 family maximum. The school's annual Bulldog Blast Spring Carnival immediately follows the race! To register online or download a registration form visit [www.saintbridget.org](http://www.saintbridget.org).

**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.

**Attend a Fun, Educational Camp:** The University of Virginia and the College of William and Mary hosts, this 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](http://www.internalDrive.com) or call 1-888-709-TECH (8324) for details.