



## ST. BRIDGET SCHOOL

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### SCHOOL NEWS ~

**Outgrown Uniforms needed:** Do you have any outgrown sweats or PE uniforms? If you do, would you consider donating them to the clinic? They could use them. Thank you!

**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 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.

**Middle School Dance:** Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 120 students, which included 9 guests, attended last Friday's dance. \$655 was earned for the eighth grade year end class trip. Mark your calendar for the last Middle School dance: April 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Spirit Day:** Today, March 17<sup>th</sup>'s, Spirit Day is helping to raise money for the Autism Society. The Autism Society is a non-profit organization that supports families, and professionals affected and involved with autism. They aim to create awareness, develop intervention, and find the causes that lead to this disability. Founded in 1965, the organization has helped with resources in all 50 states. With your help and support, we can find the missing piece to the puzzle.

**Grandparents' Mass:** Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM, the grandparents of our Kindergarteners and first graders are invited to attend a special Mass in their honor.

**Summer Skills:** Friday, March 19<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 and checks should be made payable to St. Bridget School. Preview samples of the Summer Skills workbooks are available in the school office.

**National Basketball Free Throw Championship:** This Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM, the local Knights of Columbus Chapter is holding the first round at MPH. THIS EVENT IS HELD ONLY FOR CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES OF 10-14. Each player will shoot 15 free throws. The winners, by age group, will advance to the District Championships at Benedictine next Saturday March 27<sup>th</sup>. Those winners will advance to the Regional Championships at a later date. This is a fun event for the kids. Please come and participate!!!!

**Stations of the Cross III:** Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, please join us at 2:00 PM for the final Stations of the Cross.

**PAC Meeting:** Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 AM is the next PAC Meeting.

**PTO Board:** Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup> is the due date for letters to be sent to Grace Gallagher at [gracegallagher@msn.com](mailto:gracegallagher@msn.com) or Karen Perrine at [richmondperrines@comcast.net](mailto:richmondperrines@comcast.net) if you are 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.

**Rice Bowls:** The week of March 29<sup>th</sup>, Holy Week, students are asked to bring in their Rice Bowls. Throughout Lent, Operation Rice Bowl has helped us pray, fast, learn and give in solidarity with those in need, around the world.

**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!

**Bulldog Blast:** Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> will be the inaugural BULLDOG BLAST. The Bulldog Blast will encompass both the RUN and the CARNIVAL. Sponsorship opportunities are available online at <https://saintbridget.ejoinme.org/BulldogBlast>. Get your family or business name on the carnival attraction of your choice! Mark your calendars to come out to run and have some fun! Thank you for supporting this wonderful event and helping to promote health and fitness within the St. Bridget Community!

**Calling all Future Stars:** Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, come showcase your talents at the 2010 St. Bridget Talent Show. Performances will take place during the Bulldog Blast Carnival. Registration forms are available online at <https://saintbridget.ejoinme.org/BulldogBlast>.

**Bulldog Blast Blood Drive:** Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, we are very excited to incorporate a "health" theme into the Bulldog Blast this year! We would love to have the VA Blood Service at the event, and in order to do that, we need to pre-register donors. It only takes a few minutes to give. If you are interested in donating on May 1<sup>st</sup> please contact Christy Barrafato at 804-319-9121 or email at [christy2332@clearwire.net](mailto:christy2332@clearwire.net).

**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>.

**HELP OUR SCHOOL EARN CASH:** The more you shop at Food Lion, the more cash we can earn. Visit [www.foodlion.com](http://www.foodlion.com). Click on MVP Rewards, then on MVP Card Registration, and enter your card number, then the school code: 218223 or our school name and click: search Complete enrollment. *Thank you*

## 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.

**Virginia Association for Early Childhood Education Conference (VAECE):** Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, St. Bridget School will be represented at the Downtown Richmond Marriott at the 54<sup>th</sup> annual VAECE. Kathy Shepherd and Elva Mapp will present two workshops at the conference entitled "Organizing Your Chaos to Provide a Safe and Fun After School Program" and "Jump Starting Your After School Curriculum" to educators from across the state of Virginia!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

**News from the School Board:** Just what is the School Advisory Board? The School Advisory Board is a group of parents, and administrators that serve as advisors to the principal in the areas of Finance, Facilities and Grounds, Advancement and Marketing, Legislative and Legal, Development, and Strategic Planning. It is the job of the Finance Committee to balance the budget and set tuition for the coming year. The Facilities and Grounds committee has worked tirelessly to make the school renovations a reality as well as regularly addressing building repairs and upkeep. Advancement and Marketing has been active in the branding of St. Bridget School, by redesigning stationary and all means of marketing and communication including the school website. The Legislative and Legal effort works to represent the interests of Catholic education in the community and in the General Assembly as well as addressing any legal conflicts that should arise. The Development effort involves all aspects of fund raising, and generating the resources needed to fulfill the mission of our school. The Strategic Planning committee is charged with identifying short term and long term goals for the school, based on input from all stake holders.

Last year the School Advisory Board was focused on the school renovations and finding a new principal. I am happy to say that both of those efforts proved to be very successful. It would be nice to rest on our success, but there are more pressing issues that must be addressed. Advancement and Marketing is in the process of redesigning and updating the school website. Our development efforts are changing and expanding. We are in the beginning stages of creating a Strategic Plan for the school.

The School Advisory Board is looking for parents or friends of St. Bridget School to serve as committee members with skills in the following areas:

**Marketing and Communications: Contact:** Bart Leahey, [bart.leahey@capitalone.com](mailto:bart.leahey@capitalone.com)

**Development:** Consider volunteering to be part of an energetic group effort to reach out to our own community to raise the awareness of our school's important mission while generating resources to help fund that mission. Can you contribute a few hours a month to do one of the following: Communications/Public Relations, Volunteer Recruitment, Telephone Calling, Data Management, Alumni Engagement, Event Management, Grant Writing and Research. **Contact:** Wayne Slough, [wslough@saintbridget.org](mailto:wslough@saintbridget.org)

**Strategic Planning:** Are you a well organized person that has experience summarizing great amounts of detail to ensure that all critical elements of feedback are considered in the strategic planning process? Specific experience in any of the following areas that will be considered within the strategic plan is a strong plus: Enrollment, Curriculum enrichment, Staffing, Finance, Facilities, Development, and Catholic Identity. This job will require 2-3 hours per week during the strategic planning process. **Contact:** Greg Stivers, [greg.stivers@mckesson.com](mailto:greg.stivers@mckesson.com)

Please consider joining the School Advisory Board team by serving on one or more of these committees. Cynthia Gaertner, School Advisory Board Chair

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:15 PM in the Church, all are invited to join our parish youth in an Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The evening includes a brief talk by Seminarian Sean Prince on the History and Practice of Eucharistic Adoration. In addition, John Hopke from St. Thomas Aquinas in Charlottesville, VA will provide contemporary praise and worship music. Please note, this service is *not* limited to the youth; all are welcome to attend! Please join us for this one hour of prayer as we prepare to enter Holy Week on Palm Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>.

**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).

**St. Bridget Church Teen Mission Trip Dance-A-Thon:** Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 PM-midnight, seventh graders through high school seniors can participate in this fundraiser for the youth mission trip this summer. T-shirts and dinner will be provided by Chipotle, including snacks and drinks. In addition, a professional D.J. will present music. The cost is \$20 per person. Forms will be available after the masses on the weekend of March 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Make your payment, by check to St. Bridget Church CHWC. If you have any questions please call Anne-Marie Condlin at 426-5298.

**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.