



ST. BRIDGET SCHOOL

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INFORMATION ~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ IMPORTANT DATES

From the Principal's Desk...

One of the special characteristics of Saint Bridget School is the strong support it receives from the parent and parish community. Throughout the year, there are both individual, as well as committee assignments, that offer a variety of involvement opportunities. Please consider the message from the St. Bridget School Board as one of those key opportunities...

Dear Parents,

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

Development: Contact: Wayne Slough, wslough@saintbridget.org

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.

Strategic Planning: Contact: Greg Stivers, greg.stivers@mckesson.com

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.

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

Sincerely,

Cynthia Gaertner,

School Advisory Board Chair

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!

Clinic Note: Please give the nurse any medication which you would like your student/s to receive. In this manner, the nurse can insure that the necessary medication administration forms are correct before the parent leaves the building. Please refer to pages 15 and 16 of our Parent/Student Handbook/Calendar: “**B. Rules for Administration of Prescription and Non-Prescription Medications**” while at St Bridget School. Thank you very much.

Raise a Reader School Challenge: Monday, March 8th, 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.

Spirit Day: The March 17th Spirit Day raised \$445.00 for the Autism Society. Thank you for your generosity!

PAC Meeting: Thursday, March 25th at 8:15 AM is the next PAC Meeting.

Carpool Review Committee: Friday, March 26th is the last day to email Jackie Moore at jmoore@directmailolutions.com with any concerns/ideas/solutions regarding current drop-off and dismissal procedures.

PTO Board: Friday, March 26th is the due date for letters to be sent to Grace Gallagher at gracegallagher@msn.com or Karen Perrine at 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 29th, 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.

Classroom Group Pictures: Tuesday, March 30th our students will have their pictures taken together as a homeroom group. Be sure to wear your full uniform. Please do not wear your P.E. uniforms on this day.

Recorder Concert: Wednesday, March 31st from 12:15-12:45 PM in MPH, our fourth and fifth graders will give a Recorder Concert. Please join us!

Holy Thursday Prayer Service: Thursday, April 1st at 11:00 AM, we celebrate Holy Thursday with a special Prayer Service. All are welcome to join our celebration.

NOON DISMISSAL: Thursday, April 1st, is a Noon Dismissal. Please plan accordingly since there is no After School on this day. Thank you.

Spring Break: Thursday, April 1st (noon dismissal) through Sunday, April 11th. Classes resume on Monday, April 12th.

Middle School Dance: Friday, April 16th from 7:00 – 10:00 PM is the last Middle School dance. Bring \$5 and your guests! Don't forget your permission slips!

Report Cards: Friday, April 16th, report cards will be issued the week after we return from Easter Break (that's only one week away). Please be sure that all your accounts are up to date (tuition, library, cafeteria, and after school) so that your child(ren) will get report cards on time. If you have any questions about your cafeteria account, please contact the cafeteria directly as their accounting is separate from the school's. For questions regarding any other accounts, please contact Sally McMullen in the Finance office.

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

Bulldog Blast: Saturday, May 1st will be the inaugural BULLDOG BLAST. The Bulldog Blast will encompass both the RUN and the CARNIVAL. Get your family or business name on the carnival attraction of your choice! Visit our website <https://saintbridget.ejoinme.org/BulldogBlast> to sponsor events and to order your carnival wristbands and tickets. 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 1st 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 1st 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 1st please contact Christy Barrfatto at 804-319-9121 or email at christy2332@clearwire.net.

St. Bridget Museum of Very Fine Arts and Crafts: Friday, May 7th from 5:00-8:00 PM in MPH, all are invited to attend a parish art and crafts exhibit co-sponsored by the St. Bridget Saints and Sinners and St. Bridget School. All parishioners and St. Bridget school children are invited to exhibit their works of arts and crafts in "The St. Bridget Museum of Very Fine Arts and Crafts". There is no charge to exhibit or to attend. Light refreshments will be served, including cheese and crackers, fruit, sweets and punch. Students, you may submit a work of art completed in or outside of art class. This piece must be your own original work; **without any outside help**. It should be a **quality** representation of your **best efforts and creativity**. If you are interested, please bring your work by Ms. Wright's room for review by Friday, April 23rd.

Fellowship! Golf! Food! Fun!: Friday, May 14th, join our school principal, Ray Honeycutt, in the 7th 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. 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 26th 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 1st through the 9th for the Easter Holiday and Spring Break.

ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

Spaghetti Dinner: On, Saturday, March 13th, the Spaghetti Dinner was a huge success! The Catholic Heart Work Camp Committee would like to thank everyone for their tremendous support. We hope everyone enjoyed themselves as much as we did. Tom Giannasi did a fabulous job on the pasta and the desserts from Aziza's on Main and Frostings were out of this world. Kent Alley and his band entertained us and kept the spirit of the evening festive. We were able to raise just over \$4,600.00. A huge thank you to everyone who came and supported us. We hope to see you again next year!

Eucharistic Adoration: Friday, March 26th 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 28th.

Cinderella: April 16th and April 17th 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.

St. Bridget Church Teen Mission Trip Dance-A-Thon: Saturday, April 24th 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. The music for the evening will be provided by Bob Mednikov of AAA Disc Jockeys.

The cost is \$20 per person. Forms will be available after the masses on the weekend of March 20th and 21st. 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 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.

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 or call 1-888-709-TECH (8324) for details.