



ST. BRIDGET SCHOOL

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INFORMATION ~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ IMPORTANT DATES

A NOTE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL ~

Carpool safety and guidelines have been a recurrent topic in recent months. As you know, I recently shared guidelines (STOP ~ Safety Tops Our Priorities) wherein I stated that no student is to be walked off the blacktop at carpool pick-up. My letter generated numerous responses and many of you shared similar concerns regarding the safety of our children. Safety continues to be our number one priority.

We are forming a Carpool Review Committee and we would like your help--in one of two (or both) ways. This is a chance for you to share your concerns and proposed solutions. Jackie Moore from PAC has agreed to chair the committee.

(1) Email your concerns/ideas/solutions to jmoore@directmailsolutions.com and title it "SBS Carpool". All comments should be submitted by March 26th.

(2) Volunteer to work on this Review Committee. Email Jackie to let her know you are willing to do so. She will be organizing a meeting in early April to begin the process.

We expect to roll out any new guidelines in time for our return to school in the fall. In the meantime, continue to follow our handbook and any common sense measures that promote safe arrival and dismissal to and from school.

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 29th.

Wishing Well – Pennies for Healthy Kids: From Monday, February 1st through Friday, February 12th, St. Bridget School participated in the "Pennies for Healthy Kids" program, created by the Children's Hospital of Richmond, VA. We also dedicated our Spirit Day, Friday, February 12th to the Wishing Well project. We collected a grand total of \$940.67 for the Wishing Well project for Children's Hospital! Thank you for your incredible generosity!

District I Workshop Chorus: February 12th and 13th Erin S. and Noelle J. represented St. Bridget School at District I Workshop Chorus on at Hermitage High School. Congratulations to the both of you!

Joe Corbi's Pizza and Cookie Dough Fundraiser: Wednesday, February 24th the sale order forms came home. The proceeds from this fundraiser help the 8th grade students with their end of the year class trip. Purchasing pizza, cookie dough, and other specialty items from them can help you with an end of the day dinner or snack decision. The deadline for orders is on Monday, March 8th, and the expected delivery date will be on Thursday, March 23rd. We thank you in advance for your support of this 8th grade fundraiser!

2010-2011 Registration: Monday, March 1st was the due date for your 2010/2011 contracts to be returned. If you have not returned it, please do so **IMMEDIATELY**. The contract is a legal document and should be read carefully. **After April 1st, the contract is binding and you will be responsible for the total tuition.** Those of you who have applied for tuition assistance will know by Friday, March 12th what assistance you will receive. One final reminder – only those parishioners who have made a pledge to the parish and honored it are eligible for the parishioner rate. If you have any question about your standing, you should contact Kimberly Lapkin, Director of Stewardship for St. Bridget Parish. Kimberly can be reached at 282-9511.

Congratulations to the St. Bridget Varsity Boys, Varsity Girls and JVB Boys Basketball teams for winning their respective Tournament Championships last weekend: Through their hard work in practice and dedication to the team throughout the season, the Varsity A Boys team was able to complete the regular season with an undefeated record. In addition to this accomplishment, they capped off their successful regular season by winning a 6th consecutive Tournament Championship. St. Bridget defeated Our Lady of Lourdes in the third game of a best of three series by a score of 38-34. Blaise S. led all scorers with 17 points. Faiz S. and Will Morgan each scored 9 points to help secure the victory. Congratulations to the following boys for such a stellar season: Jake C., Blake D., Andrew G., Michael G., Jack G., Alex G., Christian M., Will M., Jimmy R., Faiz S., Blaise S., Mac T.

Also winning their Tournament Championship was the St. Bridget Varsity Girls team, defeating Luther by a score of 21-13 in the Silver Division final. Olivia Simon and Caroline Reardon combined for 13 points to secure the victory. Congratulations to the following girls for such a great season: Mary Carter A., Haley B., Mariah C., Katie F., Hannah G., Colleen G., Erin G., Annie H., Emily H., Mallory M., Caroline R., Olivia S., Lisa S., Sammie T.

Coaches Will Simon and Troy Flinn led their 5th grade boys to an undefeated season, culminating with a Championship victory in the JVB division. The boys showed poise under pressure by coming from behind to beat Collegiate in the semi-final game by a score of 38-37. In the final, William S. scored 13 points and Graham F. added 12 points to secure a 33-26 victory against St. Mary's. Congratulations to the following 5th grade boys for posting an undefeated season: Christopher F., Graham F., Cameron H., Ben J., Connor L., Garrett L., Trent L., Chris M., William S., and Hugo S.

Progress Reports: Friday, March 5th Progress Reports will be distributed to all students.

K-2 Parent / Counselor Coffee: Monday, March 8th from 8:15 – 9:15 AM in the Parish Center Meeting Room (PCMR). Parents of K-2nd graders are invited to attend an informal discussion on Early Childhood Development. Please RSVP by Friday, March 5th to: loconnor@saintbridget.org.

Track Team: Wednesday, March 10th immediately after school, all middle school students and their parents are invited to attend an information session. We 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! Our practice and meet schedule will be handed out at this time. The first practice will be Wednesday, March 17th, at 2:00 PM. Any questions, please feel free to contact Heidi McNelis, Track Coach, at heidimcnelis@aol.com. See you on the 10th!

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

Music In Our Schools Month: On March 12th, 19th, and 26th the Intermediate Choir will be highlighted during morning announcements. We will also play "Name the Composer" each Friday during morning announcements this month.

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

Middle School Dance: Friday, March 12th 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 16th.

Annual Health Screening: Tuesday, March 16th 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). Please let us know if you are available for part or all of the day. Thank you for your support.

Summer Skills: Friday, March 19th is the last day to order Summer Skills workbooks. The **Parent Letter/Order Form** is online at http://www.saintbridget.org/parents/downloads/parent_order_form%202010.pdf. Please complete your order, and send it in to the school office with your check for \$17.00 per book made payable to St. Bridget School. Preview samples of the Summer Skills workbooks are available in the school office.

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Box Top News: Did you know you can contribute to our Box Top fund by shopping online? Visit <http://www.boxtops4education.com/Image.aspx?Id=3838> to learn how you can earn Box Top points shopping through the Box Top Marketplace.

Cheeburger Cheeburger: Wednesday, March 3rd at all locations, Cheeburger Cheeburger will donate 15% of all sales to our St. Bridget's Youth Mission Trip when you bring in their Mission Trip flyer for eat in or take out. If you can't find a flyer, please call the office; we'll be happy to print one for you.

Mission Spaghetti Dinner: Saturday, March 13th 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! Tickets will be on sale after all masses during the weekend of March 6th and 7th. 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 13th at 9:00 AM Benedictine and St. Gertrude High School will host its 2nd 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 item.asp?id=4701.

Bulldog Blast: Saturday, May 1st 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!

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.