



ST. BRIDGET SCHOOL

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SCHOOL NEWS ~

A Message from the Carpool Committee: Beginning next week, Monday, May 24th, please be aware of and follow the new signage that you will see in various locations during Arrival and Dismissal. Our goal is two-fold: To provide for the expeditious transport of our children to and from school while making their safety our top priority. While we are not implementing any major changes to the current processes, we are hopeful that several tweaks will help improve traffic flow. The most visible signs will be those denoting the appropriate drop area for our children during Arrival--THE CONE ZONE. You will see these on both sides of the building--Blacktop (on rainy days) and Snowball (all days). Once your vehicle is between the cones, please have children exit the car. The cones are there to provide a buffered walk area for the children. Please do not wait until you are right in front of a particular door; your waiting causes unnecessary back-ups behind you. During inclement weather, children should use either the main entry doors or the flagpole entry doors--whichever is closer. Also effective Monday during Blacktop pick-up, a maximum of six cars per lane will be dismissed in each "wave." If you are the seventh car (or greater), you will be held until the next wave is released. Please plan your pick-up timing accordingly. Remember to share this information with other drivers who transport your children (babysitters, grandparents, etc). We are in the final phases of our review process. The procedures will be rewritten in time for our return to school next fall. If you have questions or concerns, please let us know. Thank you for your cooperation. Brooke Bell (2B), Tracy Craddock (4A, 7A), Violet Cox (2A, 7C), Melanie Davis (3A), Jean Hughes (2A, 7A), Carla LaFratta (3A, 5B), Jackie Moore (1B), Maria Morrison (2A, 2B), Gayle Smith (1A, 6B), and Linda Stockel (5B).

Welcome Back Classpacks: On Tuesday, May 11th, you should have received the Classpack order form, as well as the supply list via your email account. The ClassPack order form and Supply List information will be available on the school's website next Monday. Please look at the information provided, then if you choose, please return your orders to the school office by Friday, June 11th. 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.

Spirit Day: A note from Anne-Marie Condlin: Thank you for your generous gift for the May Spirit Day funds to the St. Bridget Youth Mission trip. Through your efforts, we received \$405.75. This money will not only help our youth and adults going on the trips, but will also help the members of the Lancaster, PA and Prince Frederick, MD communities. We will be repairing houses, cleaning yards, cleaning and painting during the days, and growing in our faith during the evenings. It has truly been an entire parish and school effort to bring these trips to fruition and the 120 people going are really representing all of us. Thank you again for supporting the parish and the mission trip.

PAC Meeting: Thursday, May 20th is the next scheduled PAC Meeting.

Spring Concert: Thursday, May 20th at 7:00 PM in MPH. The music classes are working hard preparing for our Spring Concert, "Give My Regards to Broadway". Doors will open at 6:30 PM. The *So You Think You Can Dance* class will perform at 6:45 PM. The concert begins promptly at 7:00 PM with the Band. Students must report to their classrooms between 6:30-6:45 PM. Please wait for your child's teacher before dropping off your student. Baker's Dozen and Handbell Choir must report to the computer room, Boys' Choir to 6A and Intermediate Choir to the library. As always, please be considerate of our teachers, students, other parents, and guests and **stay until the end of the show** and pick up your child from their classroom at the end of the show. Students must be picked up by a parent. They will not be permitted to leave their classrooms alone. Anyone who wishes to avoid the crowds on Thursday night is welcome to come Friday morning. A separate letter will be sent home regarding the band.

Concert Attire: *No hats or jeans are permitted unless specified below. Also no high heel shoes are allowed on stage.*

Kindergarten, First, Second, and Fifth Grades: nice spring clothes (no athletic logo apparel)

Third Grade: as a chimney sweep (old clothes, dark colors, hats are permitted)

Fourth Grade: 60's clothes

Intermediate Choir: black shirt and any color skirt or pants with a sequin headband

Boys' Choir: tuxedo t-shirt and khaki pants (must have a tissue as a prop)

Baker's Dozen: will have 2 costumes:

black shirt and any color skirt or pants with a sequin headband
spring dress with a fake flower in hair (dresses must have straps as thick as the Baker's Dozen dress that is worn for performances or you must wear a sweater on stage- any questions see Mrs. Ivens)

Handbell Choir: black shirt and any color skirt or pants with a sequin headband

The Spring Concert will be repeated for the School on Friday, May 21st, at 8:30 AM. Students participating in the concert may wear their concert attire on May 21st. All other students must be in uniform. To download your concert video order form please see the link: <http://www.saintbridget.org/parents/downloads/Spring%20Concert%20Video%20Form%202010.pdf>.

Band Members: Thursday, May 20th is the Spring Concert at 7:00 PM. Band members; please arrive by 6:15 PM. Friday, May 21st is the school spring concert at 8:30 AM. Band members please arrive in MPH by 8:10 AM. Please remain after the concert to return chairs / stands to the closets. Do not leave your instruments at school Wednesday night after school. You may leave your music on the stand in MPH Wednesday & Thursday. **Concert Dress:** May 20th and 21st concert attire may be the same costume required for other ensembles. If no other costume is required, black pants/long skirt and black or white top. School uniform pants are acceptable as well. May 26th attire – preferably black or dark blue pants/long skirt and black or white top. School uniform pants acceptable as well.

Band Concert: Wednesday, May 26th at 7:00 PM in MPH, please join us for our Spring Band Concert. All are welcome! Out of courtesy to our performers, guests, and other parents, please stay until the end of the show. Band members please arrive by 6:30 PM. Mandatory Monday rehearsals are for the Advanced and Middle School Band members: Monday, May 17th from 2:50-3:40 PM; and Monday, May 24th from 2:50-3:40 PM. Mandatory Dress Rehearsal for all band members is on Wednesday, May 19th in MPH, rehearsal will be from 1:50 – 3:00. Wednesday, May 26th, in MPH, dress rehearsal is from 1:50-3:00 PM.

River Roast 2010: Monday, May 24th please join us in the PCMR (Parish Council Meeting Room) at St. Bridget Church for a short gathering after drop-off. We need YOU to help us make this event a success! If you are not able to make it, but would like to help, please contact Nina Patton or Melanie Davis. ninapatton@verizon.net and Melanie@daviscrew.us.com. Saturday, October 9th from 5:00 – 11:00 PM the 2010 St. Bridget School PTO River Roast will be held at the Rolling Hill Farm, featuring: Todd Washington “Raizin’ Caine”.

A Note from the Cafeteria: Beginning May 24th, the cafeteria will NO longer accept prepayments for cafeteria accounts. If your account is at a negative balance, you must make a payment to bring your balance to a zero (\$0.00) amount prior to May 24th. If your balance is still at a negative amount after May 24th, you will NO longer be allowed the privilege of charging or even purchasing any food/beverage item on your account. Once your account has been satisfied, you will be allowed to purchase items with CASH ONLY for the remainder of the school year. Students that have a positive balance on their account, will be able to use their account until all of their money has been used. Once an account has been used to the limit of money that has been prepaid on it, you must bring CASH ONLY to purchase items for the remainder of the school year. Thank you for your co-operation.

Drama / Drama Tech Play: Tuesday, May 25th at 1:30 PM in MPH, please join the Middle School Drama and Drama Tech classes for their production of “The Idi-Odyssey” by Burton Bumgarner.

Baker's Dozen Auditions: Wednesday, May 26th, auditions for next years' Baker's Dozen will be held from 1:45-3:30 PM in the music room. A sign- up sheet and permission forms will be available in the coming weeks.

Mothers' Day Prayer Service: Friday, May 28th, in the chapel, the 1A classroom will have a prayer service at 9:00 AM, and the 1B classroom will have a prayer service at 10:00 AM. Families of 1st Grade Students, please mark your calendars for this special First Grade Prayer Service.

NOON DISMISSAL: Friday, May 28th, is a Noon Dismissal. Please plan accordingly since there is no After School on this day. Thank you.

Memorial Day: Monday, May 31st is a school holiday in observance of Memorial 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 on line right now at <http://saintbridgetchurch.org> at the “Give On Line” link. So far, only 1/3 of our school families have made a donation to the fund this year! To see how our grade is doing, you can visit <http://www.saintbridget.org/>.

Thanks Mom and Dad! (To learn more, please contact Wayne Slough 282-9511, ext. 331)

AFTER SCHOOL ~

Please mark your calendar: Thursday, May 20th, the After School Program will close early at 5:00 PM due to the Spring Concert. Thursday, May 27th, the After School Program will celebrate the May birthdays. Friday, May 28th and Monday, May 31st, the After School Program will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.

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 babysitting classes, 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 students. 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.justsportsamps.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 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.