



ST. BRIDGET SCHOOL

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SCHOOL NEWS ~

REMINDERS FROM CARPOOL REVIEW:

Afternoon Blacktop Drivers: Please remember to turn off your vehicle when you arrive on the blacktop. Vehicles are to stay off until traffic dismissal begins. We realize that this may cause some discomfort for infants and our older drivers, in particular. If that is the case, we encourage those carpools to utilize "second wave" where the cycle time is significantly shorter. Having 60-75 cars parking "stadium-style" with the resulting exhaust fumes is not ideal for anyone. It also increases the temperature on the Blacktop and raises concerns about accidental movement of vehicles. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Cone Zone: Please have your children exit vehicles at your first stopping point between the cones. We want to move as many vehicles through the lines as safely and expeditiously as possible. When all cars between the cones are emptying at once, it speeds up the process considerably.

Please Share this Information: Please be sure to share this information with other drivers (babysitters, grandparents, etc) that transport your children.

Book Drive: St. Bridget School collected over 3000 books! 1500 books were donated to Reach Out & Read VA and 1500 books were donated to St. Joseph's Home. Thank you all, for sharing your books with those in need.

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. Wednesday, May 26th, in MPH, dress rehearsal for the band is from 1:50-3:00 PM.

Congratulations: On April 25th PBS KIDS GO! Writers Contest was held. "The Life of a Flower" by Maggie S. was the second grade, second place winner for the 2010 WCVE PBS KIDS GO! Writers Contest. The winners from each grade level were invited to the studios of WCVE PBS for an awards ceremony honoring their achievements. Clifford, the Big Red Dog, was on-hand to meet and greet his fans...and to congratulate the young authors for a job well done. This is an annual contest open to kids in grades K-3 and is designed to encourage children to write and illustrate their own stories. Held in cooperation with PBS stations, the contest begins at the local level, with each participating station holding their own individual contest, then submitting their 1st place winners for national judging.

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.

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 form was emailed to all rising 6th – 8th grade girls on Tuesday, May 18th. If you need a copy of the form, please stop by the office.

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.

Spring Box Top Collection: Friday, May 28th through Friday, June 4th, the second Box Top Contest collection will run for one week. Send Box Tops in a bag labeled with your child's homeroom number to receive credit. Want to help even more? You or your child can count the Box Tops and write the number on the outside of the bag. If you have any questions, please contact Meghan Hess at meghan.hess@comcast.net. Thank you!

Memorial Day: Monday, May 31st is a school holiday in observance of Memorial Day.

Welcome Back ClassPacks: Friday, June 11th, the Welcome Back ClassPack orders are due. Please return your orders to the school office. The ClassPack order form can be found on the school's website at: <http://www.saintbridget.org/parents/downloads/Classpack2010.pdf>. The Supply List for the 2010-2011 school year can be found at: <http://www.saintbridget.org/parents/downloads/Supply%20List%202010-2011.pdf>. 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.

Sports Day: Thursday, June 17th, St. Bridget School will be holding "Sports Day" for grades 1-5. Parents are invited to watch their children rotate through a series of sports competitions and relays. Homerooms will have an opportunity to compete against each other in such activities as running and various relays. We ask all students in "A" homerooms to wear white shirts and all students in "B" homerooms to wear blue shirts. Activities will begin at 8:00 AM and will continue until 11:30 AM. Students may bring a water bottle from home. If you have any questions or ideas feel free to contact Coach Spelsberg, the *Sports Day* coordinator at 288-1994.

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 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.