



ST. BRIDGET SCHOOL

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INFORMATION ~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ IMPORTANT DATES

SCHOOL NEWS ~

Book Fair: November 18th – 19th in the Library. Please see <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/cptoolkit/publish/saintbridget> for more information.

Thanksgiving Food Drive: Monday, November 16th through Monday, November 23rd. The food drive benefits St. Joseph's Home for the Aged. The Little Sisters of the Poor are especially in need of canned or vacuum sealed **meat** and **fish**, **mayonnaise**, and **salad dressing**.

Box Top Contest: Monday, November 16th until Friday, December 20th! Clip your Box Tops from participating items, and send them in with your child. Please remember to label all bags/envelopes with your child's homeroom number to receive credit! The homeroom with the most labels will receive a cafeteria treat! Questions? Want to help? Contact Meghan Hess at Meghan.hess@comcast.net.

Eighth Grade Students: On Thursday, November 19th from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., all eighth graders will spend the day visiting St. Gertrude and Benedictine High Schools. Just a reminder that teachers must have all permission slips. Also, although students will carpool to the high schools, parents must pick students up at St. Gertrude's and Benedictine at 2:00 p.m.

Kindergarten Fathers' Visit: Thursday, November 19th at 8:00 AM, is our Kinder Fathers' Visit. We look forward to seeing all our dads here!

Spirit Day: Friday, November 20th. Donate \$1. The proceeds from the November Spirit Day will go to purchase gifts for the Parish Christmas Sharing family.

Middle School Band – Mandatory Mondays: Monday, November 23rd, Monday, November 30th, and Monday, December 7th are all Mandatory Middle School Band classes from 2:50-3:40 PM.

Thanksgiving Mass: Tuesday, November 24th at 9:00 a.m. Join grades K-8 for our Thanksgiving Mass. The message, "What a Wonderful World" will feature our first graders.

Thanksgiving Holiday: Wednesday, November 25th through Friday, November 27th, St. Bridget School is **CLOSED**. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

Advent Prayer Service: Monday, November 30th at 9:15 AM, please join us as we begin the Season of Advent. All are welcome!

Poinsettia Sale: Tuesday, December 1st is the deadline to purchase a traditional poinsettia to deck your hall this Christmas Season. You can enjoy a beautiful poinsettia, as well as help out our eighth graders. You can see one of our eighth graders or print the order form from our website at <http://saintbridget.org/pto/downloads/POINSETTASFORSALE2009.pdf>.

Christmas Purse: Tuesday, December 15th is the deadline to send in your Christmas Purse envelope. This tradition allows all of our children to share in the joy of giving. Can't find or didn't get your envelope? Any envelope will do. Just write, "Christmas Purse" on the front. Thanks so much to all who have already sent in their "Christmas Purse" envelope.

Financial Assistance: February 20th is the deadline to apply. Applications for tuition assistance for the 2010 – 2011 school year will be available when we return from Christmas break. If you feel that you may need help meeting your tuition obligation next year, please apply for assistance. Those who received assistance this year **must reapply**. Applications will be available online this year. All applicants for tuition assistance are also reviewed by the Diocese for additional assistance from the McMahan Pareter Foundation. This enables us to spread our assistance a little further. Watch for further details about the application process.

Latin Lab: Open Enrollment is throughout the year allowing students to jump on board at 5-week intervals as new, non-cumulative units start. For more information, contact Hunter Cook, 784-5077, huntergcook@comcast.net. Unit #2 start date for Prima Latina (1st, 2nd, 3rd graders) is Wednesday, 12/9, 1:55-2:40 PM. Unit #2 start date for Latina Christiana, (3rd through 8th graders) is Thursday, 12/10, 3:00-3:45 PM. Classes are held in the large nursery at St. Bridget Church, and full course descriptions may be viewed in previous Wednesday bulletins.

AFTER SCHOOL NEWS ~

Please note that a new application requires 24 hours to process.

The After School program is accepting office scrap paper and gently used toys and games.

Important Dates for the After School Program:

1. Friday, November 20th – The November Birthday Party
2. Wednesday, November 25th through Friday, November 27th – After School is closed. Happy Thanksgiving!!

SAINT BRIDGET EVENTS ~

Girls' Night Out: November 19th, 6:00-10:00 PM, hope to see you TOMORROW at Girls' Night Out! Today is the last day to purchase tickets on the blacktop at dismissal. Save \$5 and buy your ticket now! Advance tickets will be available until **tomorrow at noon** online at <https://saintbridget.ejoinme.org/gno>. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$15. If you have purchased tickets in advance, simply give your name at the check-in table in the lobby when you arrive, and don't forget to fill out a DOOR PRIZE ticket. Door prizes will be announced every half hour during the event (must be present to win), and there will be live Christmas music to put you in the holiday spirit. Be sure to stop by the refreshments table for a few treats or to buy a glass of wine (only \$2 each) or beer (only \$1 each). Thank you to the many who have sponsored one of the **Twelve Days of Shopping!** To sponsor or to view a list of vendors, please see the website.

Advent Wreath Kit: Kits provided by Tommy's Garden for \$25.00. Order by November 20th and pick up on the blacktop November 24th. Please see <https://saintbridget.ejoinme.org/?tabid=173240> for more information.

The Santa Breakfast: Saturday, December 5th, St. Bridget Church is sponsoring *The Santa Breakfast* in the school cafeteria. For more information please see: <http://saintbridget.org/PTO/downloads/Santa%20Breakfast%202009.pdf>.

Christmas Concert: Thursday, December 10th at 7:00 PM and again on Friday, December 11th at 8:30 AM is our Annual Christmas Concert. While Mrs. Ivens has been on leave, I have been getting to know your children in the music classroom, and I'm really excited about the Christmas Concert! They are enthusiastic learners, and we have been practicing our concert music now for several weeks. The evening Christmas Concert involves all students in grades K-5 and our performing ensembles. Video Magic will be recording the evening concert and will be selling copies of their video. More information on that will follow. Doors will open at 6:45 PM for general seating. For the evening concert (Dec. 10th), Saint Bridget's students like to get a little dressed up for this special occasion. For everyone - please do not wear jeans in any color or sneakers. Students may wear the same "dress-up" clothes for the daytime concert the next day (Dec. 11th). Middle School students who are not in the concert should wear their school uniform.

Here are some guidelines for grades K-5:

Boys may wear a nice sweater, a turtleneck, a dress shirt and tie, or a shirt and vest with khaki or dark dress slacks. Girls may wear a holiday or church dress (solid colors work best) or a sweater or blouse over dark slacks or a dark skirt with tights.

Chimes Choir:

A white shirt, turtleneck, blouse or sweater over dark slacks or skirt.

Handbell Choir:

A blue, green or purple top over dark slacks or skirt.

Intermediate Choir and MS Girls Choir:

Any solid or separates combination in jewel tones - red, green, royal blue, purple, raspberry, navy, etc. Try to avoid tones in yellow, orange, and gold, please. If your daughter is wearing a skirt, please wear tights or dark hosiery.

Baker's Dozen:

Royal blue concert dress, dark hosiery and dress black shoes (heels should be 2" or less).

If you have any questions about concert attire, you may e-mail Mrs. Storti at mstorti@saintbridget.org or leave a message in the office at 288-1994.

Because this is my first Christmas concert at Saint Bridget School, I would also welcome any parents who are able to help with production details! Please contact me at 288-1994 or mstorti@saintbridget.org if you are able to help in any way.

Springtacular: Looking for a great way to volunteer? How about joining the Spring Carnival committee? We would love to have your help. Email Becky Gleberman at igleberman@mac.com or phone 282-5499.

PTO Press: Are you smarter than a 5th grader? Find out in the second quarter edition of the PTO Press, now available for viewing at <http://www.saintbridget.org/pto/press.php>. Articles include Sky Dome Planetarium coming in February to St. Bridget School, Girls' Night Out plans and vendors, River Roast details, and much more!