



Saint Bridget School PTO Snippets

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Dates to Remember



Tues 11/7

No School

Thurs 11/9

PTO Speaker Series
6:30 pm

Wed 11/15

Spirit Day

Thurs 11/16

Last Day of Apple Raffle
Fundraiser

Tues 11/21

Thanksgiving Mass
9am

Wed 11/23-Fri 11-25

No school
Happy Thanksgiving!

11-7-17

Apple Raffle News

As of 11/3, we have made 50% of our goal. There are only two weeks remaining and it will take everyone's participation to help us reach our goal! Here are the current grade level standings.

JK: 69%

K: 48%

1: 72%

2: 40%

3: 35%

4: 59%

5: 53%

6: 29%

7: 20%

8: 21%

We ask all families to participate by selling at least ten raffle tickets. The deadline to sell tickets is November 16th. A huge thank you to those that have already sold tickets!

New this year: Win one of three \$1000 gift cards to Amazon!

The highest seller for each grade level will win a prize!

Please share our sales link with family and friends: <https://squareup.com/store/st-bridget-pt0>

More tickets are available in the offices on each campus. Questions? Contact Brooke Bell at brkbll@gmail.com or Shannon Jones at ptovicepresident@saintbridget.org.

PTO Speaker Series Presents: Raising Healthy Eaters in an Unhealthy World Thursday, November 9, 2017, 6:30pm, Saint Bridget Middle School Performing Arts Center

Raising healthy eaters has become more challenging in today's world due to the increasing presence of high sugar and highly processed foods, presenting numerous challenges to teaching kids healthy eating habits. Thus, parents often struggle with how to cultivate healthy eating behaviors in their children. Dr. Melanie Bean, Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Psychology, Children's Hospital of Richmond at Virginia Commonwealth University, and Saint Bridget parent, will discuss normative eating behaviors in children and highlight strategies parents can use to promote healthy eating behaviors and reduce power struggles around food.

Please RSVP:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/17BcODKoUPWcsml3ubLQ9UBWtMgD3Hh3_pYeh200Pr4s/edit

Christmas Tree Fundraiser

Make Christmas Tree shopping a whole lot easier this year by ordering a fresh cut frazer fir Christmas tree from Papa Bam while also supporting our school! A tree arrives at your door, wrapped for easy handling, with a fresh base cut that day to allow for free water flow. There are several size options, price points, and also delivery date preferences. Satisfaction guaranteed by Papa Bam! For details and to place an order, visit <http://bit.ly/2gxAuRv>. Be sure to select Saint Bridget in the fundraising section when placing your order. \$5 from every sale will go to benefit the school. Order deadline is **November 13th**, which is right around the corner!

2018 Saint Bridget School Gala

The “Saint Bridget School Gala: Bridging Faith and Community” will be held on **February 10, 2018** from 6-10pm at the Virginia Historical Society. Our Gala is the primary fundraising event for Saint Bridget School and is a wonderful way for parents, faculty and staff, and also Saint Bridget Church parishioners to celebrate the school and the community we have formed within and around us. The event includes dinner, drinks, live music, a live auction, a silent auction, and a teacher paddle raise. Proceeds from the event provide supplementary materials and educational programs, technology enhancements, and needed resources for our faculty and staff, resulting in an enriched experience for our students. The funds raised during the teacher paddle raise go directly to our teachers for the benefit of their students and classrooms.

Please feel welcome to participate in the planning of this event by serving on the planning committee and/or by contributing items to donate, or ideas for leads for donations, to our live auction. Goods and services, gift cards, sports and concert tickets, and vacation homes are all examples of live auction items we are seeking to offer to bidders during the Gala. For the silent auction, you will be receiving emails via your child’s room parent in the coming weeks asking for specific donations. We appreciate your help in securing these items. Please contact Katherine Hutchens at Hutchens.katherine@gmail.com if you have any questions or are interested in helping in any way.

Library Help Needed

Mrs. Kerr would love your help during your child’s library time. Help is needed in grades K-5, especially grades K-3!

Check out the attached sign up genius to look for openings. Class times are listed and multiple volunteers on the same day are encouraged.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0544acaf29a0f49-library>

If you would like another opportunity/time to come in to read to the class or bring a small seasonal craft to do with the class, Mrs. Kerr is happy to share some library time to make that happen! The joy of reading is contagious and it’s wonderful to have lots of parents showing support and role-modeling it for our students. Please email Mrs. Kerr ekerr@saintbridget.org directly to plan something fun!

Spirit Wear

Design your favorite Saint Bridget gear on-line! On this site you can order from a variety of items from hats, jackets, book bags and many other items. You are given a discount code for all orders. Mylocker will also give Saint Bridget athletics a portion of the sales to help us continue to grow the sports program at our school. <http://www.shop.mylocker.net/> Access code ak336. Thank you for your support!

Lunch Volunteers

Your child would love a lunch date! Come on in and join us in the cafeteria! You can begin by helping serve food, and when finished, enjoy eating with your child! Please use the following link to learn more and sign up! <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0449a5ae2dabfa7-cafeteria>

Saint Bridget School Volunteer Information

Thank you for volunteering at Saint Bridget School. We appreciate your time and effort in making our school a safe and wonderful place for our students. For the safety of all the students who attend Saint Bridget School, the Diocese of Richmond requires all volunteers to attend a VIRTUS Class. This includes all parents, grandparents, parishioners, friends or anyone who volunteers for the school and has contact with the children. According to the background screening policies in the Diocese of Richmond, “All school volunteers . . . all parish and non-school volunteers, who work with or have regular access to children/youth, must have

completed the VIRTUS training program, “Protecting God’s Children for Adults”, www.virtusonline.org and read the monthly training bulletins.” To learn about upcoming VIRTUS sessions offered, please visit www.virtusonline.org to register for a class. After you have completed this 3 hour session, please send a copy of your VIRTUS certificate to the office. The VIRTUS class only has to be completed once. Your VIRTUS certification never expires.