



BRIDGET BULLETIN ~ November 2020

Saint Bridget Catholic School...building tradition through faith and learning!



LET'S READ!

When children learn to then continue to read, they open the door to a big, exciting world. As a parent, you can begin an endless learning chain when you support your child's reading. When you read to your children, they develop a love of stories and poems. They then want to read on their own. As they willingly practice reading, they begin to read for their own information or pleasure. When children become readers, their world is forever wider and richer.

To support strong beginning reading skills, here are some strategies to try at home:

- Read aloud to children – try books, newspapers and magazines articles, the back of the cereal box, labels on cans, or directions - any written word will work!
- Read poems aloud – both solo and together. Poems help children learn about rhythm and repeated sounds in language.
- Point to the words on the page as they are read, move the fingers from left to right.
- Listen to child read every day - they can read their homework or favorite stories.
- Go to the library together - Check out books and be sure to ask the librarian for recommendations appropriate for your child's age and skill level.
- Have books, magazines, and papers around the house - let your child see that you like to read, too.

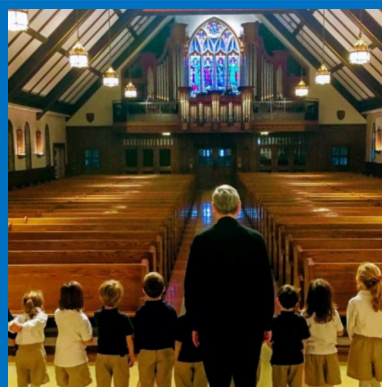
If your child has trouble reading words, you can help in several ways:

- Supply the word and keep reading - enjoyment is the main goal.
- Have your child skip over the word, read the rest of the sentence, and ask what word would make sense in the story; or
- Have your child use what they know about letters and the sounds they make to sound out the word.

To support those already reading, try these strategies:

- Encourage experienced reader to read to those just learning.
- Discuss a book's story elements (character, setting, plot, theme).
- Request a written book summary.

Regardless of the skill level of the reader you are supporting, set aside time every day devoted to reading.



2021-2022

New Student Admissions Now Open

We are excited to share all the wonderful ways our students learn spiritually and academically at the beautiful campuses of Saint Bridget School. Our online application is available for the 2021-2022 school year. Please visit our [website](https://www.saintbridget.org) to apply. If you have any questions, please contact admissions@saintbridget.org.



Thursday, November 5, 2020

All students will have their pictures taken.

Wear your "Sunday Best."

Please no P.E. uniforms.

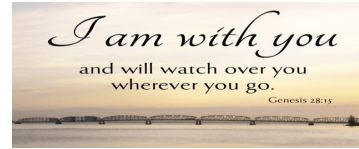
[Click here](#) to order now or you may place your order when proofs are sent home. Our Picture Day ID is **EVRT2XXBP**.

MISSION

Saint Bridget School is a Catholic, Christ-centered environment that provides a strong academic curriculum and fosters spiritual growth, moral development, and the pursuit of excellence in the whole person.

PRAYER FAMILIES FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

We ask that you join us in praying the prayer to the right for these Saint Bridget families each day beginning the 1st of October.



1 ST	SUNDAY	16 TH	Forczyk and Foster
2 ND	Dipboye and Domine	17 TH	Fox and Framme
3 RD	STUDENT HOLIDAY—Parent/Teacher Conferences	18 TH	Frink and Fulco
4 TH	D'Onofrio and Dooley	19 TH	Funk and Gallagher
5 TH	Dorais and Douglas	20 TH	Gans and Garcia Santos
6 TH	Both of our Drew families	21 ST	SATURDAY
7 TH	SATURDAY	22 ND	SUNDAY
8 TH	SUNDAY	23 RD	Both of our Gates families
9 TH	Efremidis and Ellington	24 TH	Gee and Gillis
10 TH	Escalante and Estill	25 TH	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
11 TH	Fabian and Fadely	26 TH	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
12 TH	Farmer and Ferguson	27 TH	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
13 TH	Fitzgerald and Foley	28 TH	SATURDAY
14 TH	SATURDAY	29 TH	SUNDAY
15 TH	SUNDAY	30 TH	Gipp and Gontaruk

IMPORANT DATES

The school calendar is posted on our [website](#) as well as in the [FACTS SIS Family Portal](#) and is updated regularly.

- Mon., Nov. 2 ****Winter Uniform Begins****
1:30PM Early Release; After School Program Open
Virtual Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Tues., Nov. 3 School Closed for Students; Virtual Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Wed., Nov. 4 9:30AM School Daily Mass (live streamed) ~ Kindergarten attends
- Thurs., Nov. 5 Lifetouch Picture Day
- Tues., Nov. 10 9:30AM Veteran's Day Prayer Service (live streamed) ~ Grade 3 attends
6:00PM PTO Board Meeting
- Wed., Nov. 11 9:30AM School Daily Mass (live streamed) ~ Grades 4 & 5 attend
- Thurs., Nov. 12 9:30AM School Daily Mass (live streamed) ~ Middle School attends
- Wed., Nov. 18 9:30AM School Daily Mass (live streamed) ~ Grades 2 & 3 attend
- Thurs., Nov. 19 9:30AM School Daily Mass (live-streamed) ~ Middle School attends
- Fri. Nov. 20 Spirit Day ~ Sports Jersey ~ Donation of \$1 for Parish Christmas Sharing
- Tues., Nov. 24 9:30am Thanksgiving Mass (live streamed) ~ Grade 1 attends
1:30PM Early Release ~ After School Program **Closed**
- Wed., Nov. 25 Thanksgiving Holidays ~ School Closed
- Thurs., Nov. 26 Thanksgiving Holidays ~ School Closed
- Fri., Nov. 27 Thanksgiving Holidays ~ School Closed
- Mon., Nov. 30 9:30AM Advent Prayer Service (live streamed) ~ Grade 4 attends



Thank you to everyone for being so patient as we navigate our PTO community-building activities around COVID. We want to make you aware of some changes we have made to several of this year's events. For starters, our Second Annual Bulldog Bowl is canceled this November. Do not worry; we plan to bring it back in full force next year and every year thereafter! Also, we are hoping to provide a substitute for the Oyster Roast that had been scheduled for September. Planning for a spring version has

begun, though it may become a "seafood event" instead of oysters. Still, it will be fun! Last, the "Winter Fundraiser" has been changed to a "Spring Fling," and it is being entirely reworked to include a family-friendly portion during the day and an adults-only party at night. We are excited to share the new details below.

Thank you again for your support and patience during this unusual time!

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Holiday Shop

Dec. 10-11, 2020

The holidays are coming, and we want to help make the season even more special for your children by giving them the opportunity to shop (in secret!) for the perfect gift for Mom, Dad, grandparents, siblings, pets and other important people. We will be holding a Saint Bridget PTO-run holiday shop on Dec. 10-11 during school hours.

We will need lots of help for this event, so please consider joining us. If you are crafty/creative and want to assist with personalizing gifts before the event, please contact Katie Ellington at katieellington21@gmail.com



Just a reminder that Trunk or Treat is tonight! Thank to everyone who is participating. Please remember to wear masks and safely distance. Thanks!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AADAA29A3F58-stbridget2>



The PTO proudly presents the biggest social FUNdraiser event for the year! It's two events in one day!

Save the Date for "Spring Fling!"
Saturday, April 24, 2021

Family Fun (Rain or Shine)~ 10AM-2PM ~ Westhampton Field Games, food, and prizes for children and a preview of items for the evening's auction

Adult Party ~ 6:00-10:30PM ~ MPH

80's theme party to include silent and live auctions, food, and dancing...it's going to be totally radical!



Scholastic Book Fair



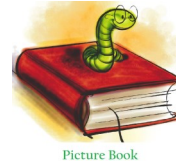
SAINT BRIDGET SCHOOL Book Fair

October 26—November 6

We are excited to share that we are hosting an onsite physical book fair! It is being held in MPH, now through November 6. We will practice social distancing, hand-washing and mask wearing, along with, and standard sanitizing procedures, to ensure the safety of all students. Parents are welcome to shop during Virtual Parent/Teacher Conferences on Tuesday, November 3. Please contact Mrs. Brata, abrata@saintbridget.org, with any questions.

[Scholastic Book Fair St. Bridget School Homepage](#)

[Parent's Guide: Book Fair Procedures](#)

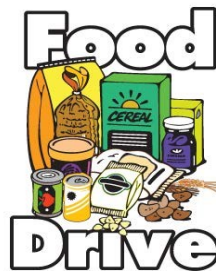


Picture Book



Board Book

Nov. 4
to
Nov. 17



Saint
Joseph's
Home

Nov. 18 - Macaroni Monday (pasta products)

Nov. 19 - Tuna Tuesday (canned meats)

Nov. 20 - Wheatle Wednesday (cereal, oatmeal)

Nov. 21 - Souper Thursday (soups)

Nov. 22 - Peanut Butter Friday (peanut butter/
nut butter)



QUICK LINKS

[FACTS Family Portal](#) ~ District code: stb-va

[Saint Bridget Library](#)

[Diocesan Virtus and Background Screening Requirements for All Volunteers with Access to Minors.](#)



Got Coats?



Give Thanks . . . And Give the Gift of Warmth!

The Saint Bridget Knights of Columbus are holding a coat drive to aid many in our community to keep warm! Please donate new and gently used coats for both adults and children. Your gift will help clothe others and provide them comfort through the winter.

The coats we collect will be delivered to Puritan Cleaners, who will accept and clean them. Puritan has been collecting coats for 30 years and we are pleased to work with them. The Salvation Army will distribute them to organizations across the area, including several that St. Bridget has supported in its food drives: Commonwealth Catholic Charities, St. Peter's Food Pantry, and the Sacred Heart Center.

Week-long Drop-Off Bin: Sunday, Nov. 8th to Friday, Nov. 13th - A drop-off bin – clearly marked for the Coat Drive - will be placed in Snowball Alley behind the school building. Drop-off your coat donations at any time (but please avoid school pick-up/drop-off times on school days - 7:45-8:15 am and 2:15 to 3:15 pm). Please watch out for children when dropping off coats.

In-Person Drop-Off: Saturday, Nov. 14th, 8:45 am to Noon in the St. Bridget parking lot. The Knights will collect the coats from the trunk or back of your car when you pull up.



Thank you and God Bless you for your generosity!

Questions? Call Doug Lynch at (609) 977-8953.

