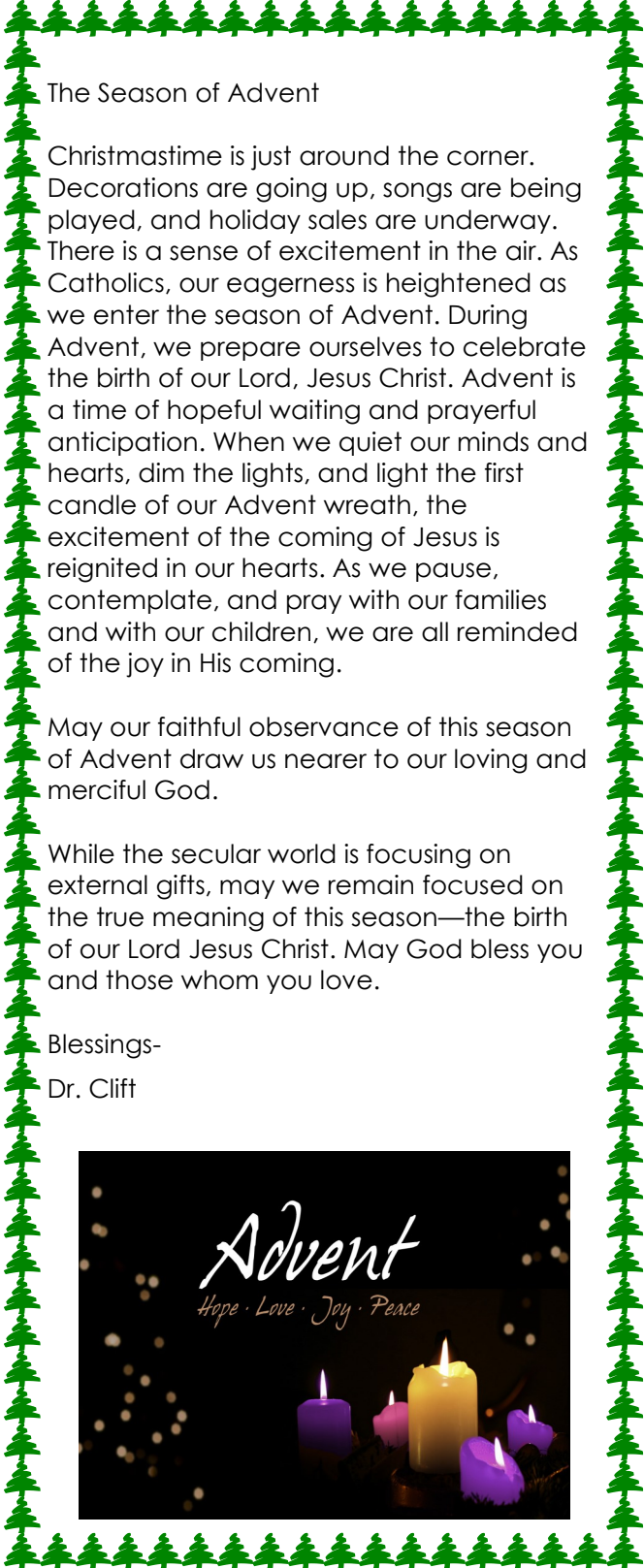




BRIDGET BULLETIN ~ December 2020

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



The Season of Advent

Christmastime is just around the corner. Decorations are going up, songs are being played, and holiday sales are underway. There is a sense of excitement in the air. As Catholics, our eagerness is heightened as we enter the season of Advent. During Advent, we prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Advent is a time of hopeful waiting and prayerful anticipation. When we quiet our minds and hearts, dim the lights, and light the first candle of our Advent wreath, the excitement of the coming of Jesus is reignited in our hearts. As we pause, contemplate, and pray with our families and with our children, we are all reminded of the joy in His coming.

May our faithful observance of this season of Advent draw us nearer to our loving and merciful God.

While the secular world is focusing on external gifts, may we remain focused on the true meaning of this season—the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. May God bless you and those whom you love.

Blessings-

Dr. Cliff



News from Admissions and Development

Admissions: We are pleased to announce that our school's Admissions applications have been steadily increasing. Your support is the major reason for this success. Please continue to share information to your friends, because you are the main marketing source to promote our school.



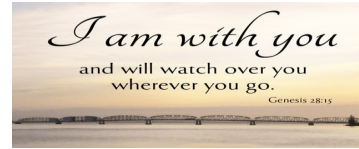
Annual Appeal: We are excited to have launched our Saint Bridget Catholic School Annual Appeal. This extremely important endeavor supports the school's budget by offsetting instructional and tuition costs. This appeal will enable us to upgrade our aging technology infrastructure in the elementary building. Our goal is to achieve 100% participation from all families. [Click here](#) to donate. Your generosity gives us the ability to continue to provide a faith-based education in an academically challenging environment. Please contact Gina McGee at gmcgee@saintbridget.org if you have any questions.

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 DECEMBER

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



1 ST	Graziano and Greber	16 TH	Hollomon and Horan
2 ND	Groome and both of our Hamnett families	17 TH	Hutchens and Jacquet
3 RD	Hargett and Harris	18 TH	Jernigan and both of our Jimenez families
4 TH	Harrison and Hart	19 TH	Saturday
5 TH	Saturday	20 TH	Sunday
6 TH	Sunday	21 ST	School closed for Christmas vacation.
7 TH	Hatfield and Haymore	22 ND	School closed for Christmas vacation.
8 TH	Hennessy and Henry	23 RD	School closed for Christmas vacation.
9 TH	Herbert and both of our Hernandez families	24 TH	School closed for Christmas vacation.
10 TH	Hess and Hewett	25 TH	School closed for Christmas vacation.
11 TH	Heyming and Hill	26 TH	Saturday
12 TH	Saturday	27 TH	Sunday
13 TH	Sunday	28 TH	School closed for Christmas vacation.
14 TH	Hillery and Hiner	29 TH	School closed for Christmas vacation.
15 TH	Hoekstra and Hogan	30 TH	School closed for Christmas vacation.
		31 ST	School closed for Christmas vacation.

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. 30 9:30AM Advent Prayer Service ([live streamed](#)) ~ Grade 4 attends
- Wed., Dec. 2 9:30AM School Daily Mass ([live streamed](#)) ~ Grades K & 1 attend
5-8PM Chick-fil-A Spirit Night @ The Shops at Willow Lawn to benefit 8th Grade class
- Fri., Dec. 4 PTO Volunteers Free Dress Day
2nd Quarter Interims posted
- Mon., Dec. 7 SCA Book Drive to benefit the Children's Museum Book Bank begins
- Tues., Dec. 8 6PM PTO Board Meeting
- Wed., Dec. 9 9:30AM School Daily Mass ([live streamed](#)) ~ Grades 4 & 5 attend
- Thurs., Dec. 10 9:30AM School Daily Mass ([live streamed](#)) ~ Grades 7 & 8 attend
- Fri., Dec. 11 Spirit Day ~ Christmas Colors ~ \$1 donation for Sleep in Heavenly Peace
- Wed., Dec. 16 9:30AM School Daily Mass ([live streamed](#)) ~ Grades 2 & 3 attend
- Thurs., Dec. 17 9:30AM School Daily Mass ([live streamed](#)) ~ Grade 6 attends
1:00PM Kindergarten Nativity ([live streamed](#))
- Fri., Dec. 18 10:00 All School Nativity ([live streamed](#))
SCA Book Drive ends
12:00NOON Early Release for ALL students; After School Program CLOSED
- Dec. 19-Jan. 3 School closed ~ Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
- Mon., Jan. 4 School re-opens

PTO NEWS

Candy Cane Lane Saint Bridget Christmas Shop December 10-11, 2020

It's Christmas time again! This year, we have changed the way Saint Bridget will host their annual Christmas Shop. We have not involved an outside vendor and the shop will be entirely run by the PTO (gifts have been purchased ahead of time!) This enabled us to personalize gifts for our small Saint Bridget community. The event will have a new framework that adheres to COVID guidelines and will become a special annual event that children can celebrate for years to come. We are excited to bring the spirit of giving to our school at such a special time!

The name of our shop is **Candy Cane Lane**. It was chosen with our Catholic faith in mind:



"The striped heart reminds us of God's great love sent long ago. The Father sent His Son to pay the price for man's sin. The red stripe is for the blood He shed. The white stripe is for His perfect righteousness. If God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."

EVENT DETAILS:

- All gifts will cost \$3.50.
- Candy Cane Lane will be held on Thursday, December 10th and Friday, December 11th. You child will shop during school hours at their scheduled time.
- The shop will be open to grades JK-5 and remote students.
- There will be Christmas music, fake snow, lights, balloons, games, etc. The event will be **very festive and fun!**
- There will be gifts for Mom, Dad, grandparents, siblings, friends, and pets!

LOGISTICS:

1. On Monday November 30th gift tags will come home with each child in their folder.
2. Your family will make a decision as to how many tags you would like to purchase, and the **child will address/label the front of the tags at home.**
3. Please return the addressed tags by December 4th. (For example, if the child purchased 4 tags x \$3.50 = \$14.00 cash or check made out to PTO.)
4. If your family would like more to purchase more than 8 gift tags there will be extra sheets available in the office.
5. The tags will be redistributed along with a shopping bag to your child during their allotted time at the shop.



Christmas Purse

To honor our faculty and staff during Christmas, we ask for your participation by contributing to the "Christmas Purse" in lieu of purchasing individual gifts for teachers. Please be on the lookout for the Christmas Purse letter and envelope to be returned by December 9 or [click here](#) to donate online. Thank you for supporting our wonderful teachers!

Saint Bridget Parish Advent Mission

Looking to be transformed this Advent season? Connect to your family and your faith in a whole new way as you prepare for the coming of our Savior this Christmas. Join our whole parish family on a journey through Advent with the Holy Family as we prepare our hearts and minds in a profound way for the birth of Jesus. [Click here](#) to learn more.



Book Drive



December 7 – 18
Wanted: new or gently used books
child to teen reading level



To benefit: Children's Museum Book Bank

“As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.”
1 Peter 4:10

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.](#)

Food Drive for Commonwealth Catholic Charities! and Blackwell School Christmas Dinners!

Drop-off Date: Saturday, December 12th between 8:45 am and 12 Noon
Location: St. Bridget School Parking Lot

Please help others have enough food to eat! This food drive will help restock the food pantry at Commonwealth Catholic Charities which provides food to many needy in the community. See their list of desired items below. Gift cards from Kroger and Walmart are welcome, as are checks made out to CCC.

We also ask you to consider donating Christmas Dinner groceries for families at Blackwell School. Please assemble the requested items below and place in a shopping bag marked for Blackwell School.

When you arrive, the Knights will collect your food and Christmas Dinner contributions from the trunk of your car. Thank you very much for your generosity! Please call John McCulla at 804-306-2488 with any questions.

Food Items for Comm Catholic Charities

Peanut Butter	Canned Chicken and
Assorted Soups	Ham
Assorted Canned Fruit	Rice and Pasta
Canned Vegetables	Canned Sauces
Canned Beans	Bread
Cereals	Granola/Protein Bars

Christmas Dinners for Blackwell Families

- 1 box mashed potatoes
- 1 box stuffing mix
- 2 boxes mac n' cheese
- 1 box cornbread/biscuit mix
- 1 box cake or brownie mix
- 4 cans of vegetables (corn, green beans, carrots, sweet potatoes, etc.)
- 1 box of candy canes for the kids



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