

Tuesday, January 2, 2018



Dear St. Brigid Parish School Families:

Happy New Year! I hope that your time with family and friends during this blessed Christmas season was filled with reminders of God's tremendous love for you and your loved ones.

Standing at the Gates of the New Year

Sacred Mystery,
waiting on the threshold
of this new year,
you open the gates
and beckon to me:

"Come! Come!
Be not wary of what awaits you
as you enter the unknown terrain,
be not doubtful of your ability
to grow from its joys and sorrows.

For I am with you.
I will be your Guide.
I will be your Protector.
You will never be alone."

Guardian of this new year,
I set aside my fears, worries, concerns,
I open my life to mystery, to beauty,
to hospitality, to questions,
to the endless opportunity
of discovering you in my relationships,
and to all the silent wisps of wonder
that will draw me to your heart.

I welcome your unfailing Presence
and walk with hope into this new year.

- Joyce Rupp

Welcome Back, Mrs. Nordstrom!

We are eager to welcome back Mrs. Dannel Nordstrom, PreK teacher, this week! She has been out since mid-September with a broken foot!

Welcome, New Grade 3 Student!

Welcome to Clara Gaustad, grade 3, and her parents, Cassie & Jason Gaustad, who have joined our school family beginning today! Clara & her family have recently moved to the River Falls area from Ellsworth. We are happy to have you!

2018 Gala Tickets & Donations: Please remember to return your Gala **Family Donation Form**. The deadline for donations is Fri., Jan. 19. Have you ordered your Gala **tickets**? Our Gala committee has been working steadily since summer to make this year's event something special! We'd love to have you be a part of it!

Tuition Rates/Registration for Next School Year: Tuition rates for the 2018-2019 school year have been set by the Parish Finance Council in consultation with St. Bridget Parish School Education Committee.

Grades K-8:	\$2900 per child plus \$50 SCRIP <u>profit per family</u>
PreK (Part-Time: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays):	\$2325 per child
PreK (Full Time):	\$3600 per child

- If you have more than two children enrolled at St. Bridget's, these discounts apply:
Third Child: 50% of lowest tuition
Fourth (or more) Child: Free tuition
- **Students baptized through St. Bridget Parish** are eligible for a one-time \$150 tuition credit for their K-8 tuition.
- **Current St. B PreK students** are eligible for a \$500 tuition discount applicable to their kindergarten tuition for next year.
- **Tuition grant information** is available from the principal and must be requested prior to 3/1/2018. Grants are based on financial need. Grant recipients will be notified no later than 6/1/2018.
- **All school families are also required to donate an item to our annual Gala event in February.** This is our largest school fundraiser of the year, and the success of this fundraiser is a large factor in keeping tuition rates affordable.

Registrations for next year will be done through Sycamore. The **Registration Portal** on Sycamore will open at noon tomorrow, Jan. 3, and will remain open through Friday, February 2 at midnight. Please complete your child's registration form, including choice of tuition payment methods as soon as possible but no later than February 2. Thank you.

Girls Basketball: Our next home games will be Tues., Jan. 9 at 5:15 and 6:15 respectively.

Home Games:

Tues., Jan. 9: 5:15: Middle School vs St. Agnes
6:15: Grades 4/5 vs St. Peter North St. Paul (NSP)

Remaining Schedule (all Away Games):

Grades 4/5

Jan. 16: 5:00 vs Liberty Classical Academy
Jan. 22: 4:00 vs St. Pat's, Hudson
Jan. 29: 5:45 vs St. Odilia
Feb. 5: 5:30 vs Transfiguration
Feb. 12: 5:00 vs St. Peter NSP

Middle School

Jan. 17: 5:15 vs St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Jan. 25: 5:00 vs St. Pascal
Feb. 1: 5:15 vs Liberty Classical Academy
Feb. 8: 5:15 vs St. Agnes

For the latest information, including game/time changes, refer to www.stpaulcaa.org

Gr. 3-8 Physics Show at Northrup Auditorium – Jan. 12:

Students in Grades 3-8 will take a field trip to the U of M Northrup Auditorium on Fri., Jan. 12. The permission slip is included in today's BEE Books. Please complete and return by Tues., Jan. 9. The show is FREE, but busing will cost \$4 per student. Since our return to school will be after our lunch service is finished, students will need to bring a bag lunch to be eaten at school upon our return.

We reserved our tickets in October, and have tickets available for parent chaperones for the following grades. There is NO COST for parent chaperones, but your BASE training must be current in order to go along. **If interested in helping as a parent chaperone, please contact Mrs. Hillary Gilles at office@stbparish.com We will fill these spots on a first-come, first-served basis.**

Grade 3: 4 parent chaperones

Grade 4: 4 parent chaperones

Grade 5: 3 parent chaperones (2 spots filled, 1 more needed)

Middle School: no parent chaperones needed

MAPS Testing – Science:

We will be adopting new Science textbooks for next school year for Grades K-5. Science texts for Grades 6-8 are in year 3 of a 7 year purchase commitment and will not be changed until the purchase commitment is completed. (This means that their consumable Science textbooks are provided for 7 years at no additional cost as part of the original purchase dated March, 2015.)

In preparation for our examinations of various Science textbooks, we will do **January MAPS testing** with Grades 1-8 students in **Science only**, beginning January 8. These test results should provide a snapshot of how our students are performing in this subject area, and help identify areas of strength and weakness in our program in relation to other students in our diocese and to national norms.

January 15 – No School:

Students do not have school on Mon., Jan. 15. It is an inservice day for our teachers.

End of First Semester – Jan. 19:

Our second quarter/first semester ends Fri., Jan. 19. Report cards will be sent home with students the following week.

Catholic Schools Week – Jan. 28 – Feb. 2:

We will join in the national celebration of Catholic School during the week of Jan. 28 through Feb. 2. We are in the process of planning activities and dress themes for the week, along with special activities to kick off the week on Sun., Jan. 28! More information will be coming next week.

Weather-Related Reminders:

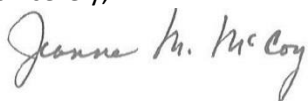
In the event of weather-related changes to our school start/end times, please be aware of these policies:

- If we have a 2 hour late start, our **Before Care Program will not be available.**
- If we have an early dismissal, our **After Care Program will not be available.**
- If school is closed, our **Before Care and After Care Program will not be available.**

If the outside temperature/wind chill is zero degrees or less, students will have inside recess. We may also have students wait inside at dismissal time as we did today.

Hope you have an awesome week!

Sincerely,



Jeanne McCoy, Principal

Attachments (Jan. 2): 2018-2019 Tuition Obligations for St. Bridget Parish School Families

BEE Book Enclosures (Jan. 2): 1. Grades 3-8: Permission Slip for Jan. 12 Physics Show Field Trip – due Jan. 9.