

Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2017

Dear St. Bridget Parish School Families:

“Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take nothing that you have received, only what you have given: a full heart enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice, and courage.”

- St. Francis of Assisi



Education Committee Meeting – Oct. 10: Our Parish Education Committee will meet tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the Before/After Care Room. All are welcome!

Celtic Games – Oct. 12: Everyone is invited to join in the fun at our Celtic Games on Thurs., Oct. 12 from 4:30 – 6:30. Buy your tickets at the door – gym entrance. (See the attached flyer.)

Celtic Games is a Middle School service project designed to provide a late afternoon of games, great food, and two raffles! Middle School students will be taking charge of the activities, hoping for a GREAT turnout of PreK-5 students and their families to attend and participate in the event! Our eighth grade class has selected Mary Jo Copeland’s Sharing and Caring Hands, Mpls, MN as the charitable organization to receive the proceeds from this project.

Picture Retakes – Oct. 13: Pictures will be taken on Fri., Oct. 13 for anyone who was absent on the original Picture Day (Tues., Sept. 12), or anyone needing a retake. Return the complete original package for any retakes. Thank you.

Welcome to St. Bridget’s: We warmly welcome Annie & Michael Baker, and their sons, Tyler (Grade 7) and Erickson (Grade 5), to St. Bridget Parish School! This family is moving to the River Falls area from Florida. Tyler and Erickson will join classes on Fri., Oct. 13! We are so happy to have you!

MAP Testing Continues: MAP testing continues through Oct. 20.



Wolf Ridge Trip – Grades 6 & 7 – Oct. 16-20: Our sixth and seventh grade students will be taking their field trip to the Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center in Finland, MN next week, Oct. 16-20. In addition to the staff of Wolf Ridge, students will be chaperoned by Mrs. Starla Dixen, Mrs. Barb Kujak, and parents Nathan Nelson, and Justin Luther. Through this trip students are given the opportunity to observe nature directly,

develop greater awareness, curiosity, and sensitivity to the natural world, learn about behaviors and technologies which lead to a sustainable lifestyle, and grow personally in confidence, respect, and cooperation. Activities and classes at Wolf Ridge are nearly all outdoors, and include subjects such as environmental science, cultural history, environmental issues, team building, and outdoor recreation. Our teachers, Mrs. Dixen and Mrs. Kujak, will incorporate activities/discussions centered on the spiritual dimension of this experience of nature and the wonder of creation, including the gift and importance of relationships with others.



Fire Safety – Oct. 16: The River Falls Fire Department will be visiting PreK-5 classrooms (except Kindergarten, who had their presentation with the fire truck last week) to talk about Fire Safety on Mon., Oct. 16. This would be a good time of the year to review your family's exit plan & safe meeting place with your children. As a school, we practice Fire Drills each month.

Hearing Screening – Oct. 17: Students in Grades K-5 will have their hearing tested Tues., Oct. 17. If a referral for further screening is recommended, parents will be contacted.

Grandparents Day – Oct. 26 – Reservation Form in BEE Books Today: The reservation form for Grandparents Day is being sent home today in the BEE Books. Please complete and return by Fri., Oct. 20.

We are in need of parents to help with set up, serving, and clean-up. Please note the Wednesday **evening** shift, designed to provide an opportunity for parents to help who might be unable to get away during the day. Please use this SignUpGenius link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/tabs/43074DB07A0CBEAC42-20172018>

No School – Oct. 27: Students do not have classes on Fri., Oct. 27 as our teachers will be attending the Diocesan Fall Conference in Rice Lake.

We Need Your Help! In addition to Grandparents Day, we have a need for parent volunteers for various other events. When you click on the above Sign-UpGenius link, you'll see opportunities to help with the following items. **Please choose to lend a hand with at least one activity before Christmas!** Thanks to those who have already offered to help!

- Block Party – Oct. 28
- Conference Meals – Nov. 9
- Conference Meals – Nov. 14
- Wreath Sale – Nov. 13
- Poinsettia Sale – Dec. 4
- Christmas Bake Sale – Dec. 16-17

Basketball Team Registration: Have you returned your child's Basketball registration form? We are in still in need of coaches for Grades 4 & 5 Boys, and Middle School Boys, if there is enough interest. If you are interested in helping to coach, please contact Jeanne McCoy at principal@stbparish.com Thank you!

Wreath & Poinsettia Sale: Order forms for the evergreen wreaths, swags, centerpieces, memorial crosses, and poinsettias were sent home last week, and are also available in the school office. Orders will also be taken in the Garden View Room at church after Masses Oct. 14 & 15. **Orders will be taken through next Mon., Oct. 16.** Anyone willing to help distribute orders on delivery day is asked to sign up on the SignUpGenius link listed in this E-Buzz under Grandparents Day. Questions may be directed to Mrs. Gilles in the school office (715-425-1872 or office @stbparish.com).



Block Party - 5K Brat Trot Registration: Registrations are now being taken for the 5K Brat Trot to be held with our Parish Block Party on Sat., Oct. 28! Use the link below to register! All skill levels are welcome – run or walk. Registration fee (includes long sleeve t-shirt): \$25/adult; \$15/student (1-18); \$100 maximum per family. **You must register by Oct. 13 in order to guarantee a t-shirt.** All runners under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Check in at 9:30 am on the school parking lot. The race begins at 10, followed by games and food for families from 11 – 1 in the school parking lot. There will be a charge for the food/beverages, but the games will be free! Paper registration forms are available at both the church and school office.

5K Brat Trot Registration:
<https://connectnowgiving.parishsoft.com/f/f2?formid=cf5a5ddd-99c7-4b85-9cd4-ff8c0ad0acc2>

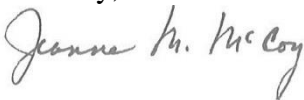
In addition to the above activities, following the 5 pm Mass, there will be an adult type gathering of music, food, and beverages. Plan to join us as we CELEBRATE our parish and school!

We need the help of **many people** to make these activities possible! Use the SignUpGenius link to sign up to help: <http://www.signupgenius.com/tabs/43074DB07AOCBEAC42-20172018>

Important Dates:

- Wed., Oct. 11: October Spirit Families
- Fri., Oct. 13: Picture Retakes
- Mon-Fri, Oct. 16-20: Gr. 6-7 Wolf Ridge Trip
- Mon., Oct. 16: BASE Training, 6:30 pm (at church)
- Tues., Oct. 17: Gr. K-5 Hearing Screening
- Thurs., Oct. 26: Grandparents Day
- Fri., Oct. 27: **No School – Diocesan Teacher Inservice in Rice Lake**
- Nov. 3: End of First Quarter
- Nov. 9 & Nov. 14: Parent-Teacher Conferences, 4-7 pm

Thanks for the ways **your help** makes a difference at our school! Please continue to keep Mrs. Dannel Nordstrom, PreK teacher, in your prayers. Her foot is healing, but she is unable to return to work for some time.

Sincerely,


Jeanne McCoy
Principal