Monday, Oct. 2, 2017

Dear St. Bridget Parish School Families:

Today our church celebrates the **Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels.** The following is taken from today's gospel:



At that time the disciples approached Jesus and said, "Who is the greatest in  $^{\perp}$ 

the kingdom of heaven?" He called a child over, placed it in their midst, and said, "Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. And whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me....See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that *their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father*."

-Matt 18:1-5,10

We ask for your sympathy and prayers for Mrs. Therese Stacy, our fifth grade teacher, and her family. Mrs. Stacy's brother, Jerry "Brian" Byng, passed away unexpectedly Thurs., Sept. 28.

**School Pictures/Retakes:** School pictures arrived last week and were sent home with students. If you are unsatisfied with your child's picture, please return the entire package before the Oct. 13 Retake Day, with a note for the photographer as to what you'd like different, such as more smile, straighten glasses, etc., to help the photographer with the retake. Thank you.

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

**Home & School Association Mtg. – Tonight:** All school families are reminded of our first Home & School Association meeting scheduled for tonight at 6:30 p.m. We will meet in the Before/After Care room, near the PreK classrooms. Please see the *attached agenda* for tonight's meeting.

<u>PreK Field Trip – Maple Leaf Apple Orchard – Tomorrow:</u> Our PreK students will be taking a field trip to the Maple Leaf Apple Orchard, Spring Valley on Tues., Oct. 3. Students will leave school at 9, and return at approximately 11 am. Thanks to those parents who have offered to help chaperone!

**River Falls Fire Department Visit – Oct. 4:** The River Falls Fire Department will visit St. Bridget Parish School on Wed., Oct. 4. Kindergarten students will have tour of a fire truck, a short safety talk, and hopefully a visit from Sparky, the Safety Pup!



**<u>Grandparents Day – Oct. 26</u>** Our celebration will be held in the church beginning at 1:30 p.m. Grandparents are invited to visit classrooms from 1 - 1:30, then bring their grandchildren over to church by 1:30. Grandparents may also meet their grandchildren at church if that is preferred. The reservation form will be sent home <u>next Tuesday</u>.

We are in need of parent help with set up, serving, and clean-up. We've added a Wednesday evening shift to provide an opportunity for parents to help who might be unable to get away during the day. Please use this Sign-Up Genius link:

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

Thanks, in advance, for your help in making this a delightful event for our students and their grandparents!

## Save The Dates!!! (Message from Sarah Fangmeier, Parent Volunteer Coordinator)

Dear Parents of St. Bridget's Parish School,

As a committee we are truly excited for the events planned for this year!

We know how valuable your time is and how most of us need to plan ahead in order to coordinate our busy schedules. Our goal is to have event sign ups available sooner so that it is easier for you to plan. We also made the time slots manageable lengths of time. Feel free to sign up for one or more slots, whatever works for you. :)

We updated our signup genius account this year in hopes to make things easier as well. When you go to the sign up genius link you will see tabs at the top for all sign up genius forms ready to use. Simply sign up like usual for the ones you have a desire to help with!

We have all the sign ups ready for Grandparents Day, both dates of Teacher Conference Meals, The Annual Wreath Sale and The Annual Bake Sale.

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Without the help of our parents these events are too much to for us to manage as a committee. We appreciate you and look forward to having a great turn out this year! Thank you in advance for your help in making these times fun and enjoyable!

Thank you again, Your HSA Committee

**Basketball Team Registration:** Basketball season is not far away! Included in today's attachments is the *registration form* for St. B's basketball. Please complete and return by Mon., Oct. 9.

We are in need of coaches for Grades 4 & 5 Boys, and Middle School Boys, if there is enough interest. Thanks to Kyle Brunner and Heather Beadles who will coach Grades 4 & 5 Girls, and to Dwayne Santos and Dr. Greg Miller who will coach the Middle School Girls team. If you are interested in helping to coach, please contact Jeanne McCoy at <u>principal@stbparish.com</u> Thank you!

<u>Wreath Sale:</u> St. Bridget Parish School has a tradition of selling beautiful evergreen wreaths, swags, centerpieces, and memorial crosses. Orders will be taken Oct. 3 - 16. The order form, and sales flyer will be sent home <u>tomorrow</u> in the BEE Books. Anyone willing to help distribute orders on delivery day is asked to sign up on the Sign-Up Genius 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).

**Family Directory:** All families have access to (and are listed in) our Family Directory found on Sycamore. This Directory is helpful to arrange playdates, send birthday party invitations, etc. To access the Directory, simply log into Sycamore. On the left-hand sidebar, under School Home, click on the dropdown menu called "Front Desk", then choose "Family Directory". You can look at families alphabetically or search by student name to find which family they are listed with.

Listings default to including <u>all</u> of your family's contact information – phone number, cell phone, email address, and mailing address. If you DO NOT want specific information listed for <u>your</u> family, changing this is easy. Midway down on the blue sidebar, you will see a listing for "My Family". Click this, and it will display the information you provided when registering your child. If you want to exclude your phone number, email, or mailing address, check the box next to that field. Then be sure to click "Update" in the upper right side of the screen.

If you have questions on this, or have forgotten your log-in information, let us know.

**<u>Parish Block Party – Oct. 28</u>:** Have you heard? St. Bridget Parish & School will sponsor a Block Party on Sat., Oct. 28! The plan is for a 5K Brat Trot at 10 am, followed by food and games for families on the school parking lot from 11 - 1, and then an adult type gathering of music, food, and beverages in the evening, following the 5 pm Mass. Plan to join us as we CELEBRATE our parish and school! More information will be coming, along with opportunities to help make the activities enjoyable for everyone!

## **Upcoming Events:**

Mon., Oct. 9:	No School – Teacher Inservice
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

May you be especially aware of your guardian angel this week!

Sincerely,

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