

Saturday, Oct. 28, 2017

Dear St. Bridget Parish School Families:



Catholic Values...
21st Century Learning

All Saints' Day – Nov. 1

Why were the saints, saints?

**Because they were cheerful when it was difficult to be cheerful,
patient when it was difficult to be patient;
and because they pushed on when they wanted to stand still,
and kept silent when they wanted to talk,
and were agreeable when they wanted to be disagreeable.
That was all. It was quite simple and always will be.**

- Author Unknown

Early E-Buzz This Week:

I'm sending the weekly E-Buzz out early this week due to these announcements:

1. The **lunch menu for Mon., Oct. 30** will be changed to: Brat or Hot Dog, Chips, Diced Pears, Milk in order to make good use of the things purchased for the Block Party that were not needed.
2. Dress for Tues., Oct. 31 will be the same as Casual Friday Dress, with students encouraged to wear **orange and/or black!** Remember, no costumes.
3. **Gr. 1-8 Roller-skating permission slip:** Each year students in Grades 1-8 have a roller-skating unit in Phy Ed class, with skates being rented and brought in from SkateTime. The permission slip, a two-sided document, will be sent in the BEE Books on Mon., Oct. 30. Cost for rental is \$9 for the 5 days of PE classes from Nov. 29 – Dec. 8. Mrs. Kujak needs to submit the shoe sizes no later than Mon., Nov. 6, but would like to submit those even earlier if all permission slips are in with the needed shoe sizes. **Please help us but returning the permission slip with fee as soon as possible.** Thank you! This year, helmets will be required for students in Grades 1-5, with helmets being encouraged for Grades 6-8. Students will keep their helmet at school during this PE unit. Please be sure to label the helmet with your child's name. Thanks.

Parent-Teacher Conference Sign-Up: Sycamore is used to sign-up for Parent-Teacher Conferences. The link has been activated, and appears on the right hand side of the Sycamore School Home screen after you have logged in with your family log-in and password. If you've forgotten your log-in, please contact Mrs. Gilles or myself. The pattern for your log-in is the first 3 letters of your family name followed by a 4 digit family number assigned by Sycamore. We are not able to view your password, so if you have forgotten it, click on Reset Password and create a new one.

Conferences are schedule from 4-7 pm on Thurs., Nov. 9 and Tues., Nov. 14. These conferences are required for all students, PreK through Grade 8.

Let us know if you need help. Preferred times fill quickly so don't delay!

Thank You: **Thank you so much** to teachers and parents who helped so generously with our Grandparents' Day, and Block Party! We had over 400 people (including students) in attendance for our Grandparents' Day program! Many, positive comments were received regarding the program, location, and decision to change to a dessert reception. The cooperation for set-up and clean-up was really amazing! I am so grateful for **everyone** involved, including Father Harris for his leadership, and creation of the Prayer Service, and Mrs. Karen Hail for preparing the children for their presentation of songs! Our teachers also put a lot of effort into the gifts made for grandparents, readying the classrooms for our visitors, helping students transition from pew to sanctuary and back during the program, and helping with clean-up!

Our crowd for the family activities for the Block Party was smaller than we had hoped for, but those who came had fun. Special thanks, again, to our teachers and parents who helped with this event! I also want to recognize Tim Montgomery & sons who generously donated their time and supplies as a balloon artist, as well as Cedar Hills Greenhouse and Forrest Smith who donated the pumpkins. Also, many thanks to Sue Steckbauer for her behind-the-scenes work, organizing the Brat Trot, and helping with contact information! Thank you, all!

Halloween Candy Collection: On Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 1 & 2, we will have a collection box at our school to collect candy donations (store-bought and individually-wrapped) from our students. The collected candy will be donated to a program that sends gift boxes to troops overseas. For each pound of candy collected, Allina Health will donate \$1 to local food shelves, up to a total of \$1,000.

If our school collects the most candy (a “pounds per student” comparison based on the number of students at each school) of the participating schools in our area, we will win \$250 to be used towards equipment to help improve the health of our school along with other health and wellness prizes from Allina Health.

All Saints Day Mass - Welcome PreK Students: Our PreK students will be joining us for our school Mass on Wed., Nov. 1, the Feast of All Saints! We welcome you, and are excited to have you join us in prayer!

End of Quarter/Report Cards: Our quarter ends Fri., Nov. 3. Report cards will be sent home with individual students Tues., Nov. 7.

RFHS *Beauty and the Beast* – Nov. 9: We have been invited to view the River Falls High School production of *The Beauty and the Beast* Thurs., Nov. 9 at the high school. All grades will be attending. We will depart at 8:45 am and return by 11:45 am. There is no cost to students for this field trip as admission is free and the cost for busing will be paid for by the school! Because area schools are also attending on this date, seating is limited, and we will not be taking any parent chaperones. The permission slip is being sent home in the BEE Books on Mon., Oct. 30. Please return by Mon., Nov. 6.

Please note: Students are asked to bring a BAG LUNCH (including a beverage) and beach towel to sit on for lunch when we return to school. We will eat, picnic style, as one, large, all-school group in the gym.

SCRIP Changes: We are making some changes to how/when SCRIP may be ordered in an effort to make it even easier for our families to participate. In addition to the changes announced at the beginning of the school year, beginning Mon., Nov. 6, SCRIP orders and payment may be turned in at school, and filled orders may be sent home with students if a Pick-Up Waiver Form is on file, giving parent permission for the student to bring the SCRIP order home.

SCRIP sales at the church office will end at 3 pm, Monday through Friday.

Please see the information sent home last week for details. I sent the pink SCRIP Rebate Designation Form to everyone as part of that packet. This is the “Registration Form” referred to on the first page. If you are already ordering SCRIP, you do not need to complete another one.

Please remember that your participation in the SCRIP program is a way for your family to reduce your tuition cost for the next school year. As before, families who do not participate in the SCRIP program are required to pay \$100 in addition to the cost of tuition.

GALA Donation Committee: Our GALA donation committee is looking for individuals to help contact local businesses about GALA donations. Please contact Amy Tryba at amytryba10@gmail.com if interested in helping or if you would like to know more about what this involves!

Save the date! GALA 2018 will be held Sat., Feb. 24! You'll be hearing more from the entire GALA committee soon!

Upcoming Dates:

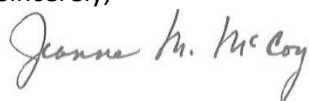
Fri., Nov. 3: End of First Quarter
Thurs., Nov. 9 & Tues., Nov. 14: Parent-Teacher Conferences, 4-7 pm
Fri., Nov. 10: No classes. Teacher inservice.
Mon., Nov. 13: Anticipated wreath delivery
Tues., Nov. 14: Education Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm

Items to be Returned:

<u>Date Sent</u>	<u>Date Due</u>	<u>Who?</u>	<u>Description</u>
	Due Mon., Oct. 30:	Grades 6-8:	Permission slip & fee for Sharing & Caring Hands Field Trip on Nov. 16. (This was sent with Middle School students last week by Ms. Robinson.)
(10/30 BEE Book)	Due Mon., Nov. 6:	Grades 1-8:	Permission slip & fee for Phy Ed Roller-Skating Unit
(10/30 BEE Book)	Due Mon., Nov. 6:	Grades PreK-8:	Permission slip (no fee) for <i>Beauty & the Beast</i> - Nov. 9.
(10/23 BEE Book)	Due Mon., Nov. 6:	By family:	SCRIP Pick-Up Waiver allowing SCRIP filled orders to be sent home with your child IF you are willing to receive your SCRIP in this manner.

Thanks for all you do to help make our school a great place for children!

Sincerely,



Jeanne McCoy
Principal