

Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017

Dear St. Bridget Parish School Families:



**The LORD gives strength to his people;
the LORD blesses his people with peace.**

- Psalm 29:11

Take a look at the “saint” stained-glass windows in our Middle School area! These were designed and painted by our Middle School students in connection with All Saints’ Day on Nov. 1.

Parent-Teacher Conference Sign-Up: Have you signed up for conferences? Log in to Sycamore and look for the link on the right hand side of the Sycamore School Home screen. Conferences are scheduled 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 with scheduling.

Report Cards: Report cards are being sent home today with individual students. You’ll find each in a #10 (business) envelope. Report cards and envelopes do not need to be returned. Questions should be directed to your child’s teacher.

RFHS *Beauty and the Beast* – Nov. 9: We will be going 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. The start time for the play has moved to 9:30, so we are able to leave St. Bridget’s a little later, between 9 & 9:10 am and return by 11:45 am. **Students need to bring a BAG LUNCH (including a beverage) and a beach towel to sit on for lunch when we return to school.** We will eat picnic style, as one, all-school group in the gym.

No School – Teacher Inservice – Nov. 10: Please remember that students do not have classes on Fri., Nov. 10 due to a teacher inservice.

Wreath Delivery – Expected Nov. 13: We anticipate that our wreaths will be delivered Mon., Nov. 13. Watch for an e-mail on Monday indicating that we are ready for you to pick up your order Monday afternoon, between 1 & 6 pm. Thanks to those who have offered to help with sorting orders and hanging the memorial crosses on our fence! We are grateful for your help.

Poinsettias are expected Mon., Dec. 4.

Veterans’ Day Presentation – Nov. 13: Mr. Larry Larson, of the American Legion, will lead a presentation at St. Bridget’s on Mon., Nov. 13 in honor of our nation’s veterans. We will gather as a school in the gym at 9:30. The assembly will include an Honor Guard, Posting of the Colors, and a rifle salute (outside the gym). Parents, who are veterans, are invited to attend if they would like.

Education Committee Meeting – Nov. 14: Our next Education Committee meeting will be held Tues., Nov. 14 at 6:30 pm. As always, this meeting is open to any interested parents.

Food Collection - Spirit Families Mass & Activity – Nov. 15: Our Spirit Families activity for this month is a collection of food items for our River Falls Community Food Pantry. Food will be collected in classrooms from Nov. 8 through Nov. 15. We will bring whatever food we have collected over to Mass on Nov. 15 & sit together with our Spirit Families for Mass. Following Mass, we will walk with our Spirit Families to the food shelf to deliver the food. **The permission slip for this activity is in today’s BEE Books.** Please complete and return by Mon., Nov. 13.

Thank you for your generosity in sending food for the Food Pantry. If possible, please send your items in a bag with handles so that it is easy for students to carry to the Food Pantry.

School Cook Needed: Are you aware that we are still searching for a School Cook? Would you consider working 8 am – 1 pm on school days? We're willing to train the right candidate! We also continue to look for people to volunteer for 2-3 hours to help with prep or to serve one day a week or more. Contact the office or principal to sign up or ask more questions.

I'm so grateful to the many volunteers and our staff that have helped with lunches to date in order to make it possible to keep feeding the children! Special acknowledgement goes out to Mrs. Hillary Gilles for the menu preparation and Sysco ordering, and parent – Mrs. Anjanette Conway for taking the lead on many days, but the list of others who have also helped **a lot** is long! Thank you to each of you: Molly Miller, Ro Santos, Mia Johnston, Kristin Killian, Woody Fangmeier, Karin Jarosch, Nancy Gunderson, Lori Moran, Erin Stamets, Quincy Conrad, Terry Harris, Starla Dixen, Mike Leary, and Father Jerry Harris.

Grade 7 & 8 Boys – St. Lawrence Seminary High School Presentation – Nov. 15: Matthias Hoffman, of Lawrence Seminary, Mount Calvary, WI, will be here Wed., Nov. 15 to talk with our 7th and 8th grade boys about the offerings of the high school seminary program at Mount Calvary, WI.

Middle School – Sharing & Caring Hands – Nov. 16: Our Middle School students will take a field trip to Sharing & Caring Hands in Minneapolis on Thurs., Nov. 16. These students will meet Mary Jo Copeland, founder, to deliver the \$700 raised through the Celtic Games, and tour the facility on Oct. 16! This field trip will be a nice follow-up for the eighth grade students as they read the story of Mary Jo's life, *Great Love: The Mary Jo Copeland Story*, as part of their reading class.

The bus will depart at 9 am and return at approximately 2 pm. The permission slip has already been sent home.

Ski/Snowboard Club: Does your Middle School child love to ski or snowboard? Meyer Middle School Ski/Snowboard Club will hold an informational meeting for anyone in Grades 6-8 on Thurs., Nov. 9 in the MMS auditorium during the TA period (7:45- 8:04). I'll send the information in a separate email to MS families. The deadline for sign-up is Mon., Nov. 20 at 3pm. While attendance at the information meeting on Nov. 9 is not required, Mr. Stokes, the advisor, recommended it as a great opportunity to ask questions about this activity.

Upcoming Dates:

Wed., Nov. 8: Food Drive begins for the RF Community Food Pantry
Thurs., Nov. 9: *Beauty & the Beast* – Bring bag lunch (with a beverage) & beach towel!
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
Wed., Nov. 15: Walk food to the RF Food Pantry following School Mass
Thurs., Nov. 16: MS field trip to Sharing & Caring Hands (bag lunch needed)

Items to be Returned:

<u>Date Sent</u>	<u>Date Due</u>	<u>Who?</u>	<u>Description</u>
(11/7 BEE Book)	Due Mon., Nov. 13:	All Grades	Permission slip for Spirit Family Activity – Nov. 15 (Walking to the River Falls Community Food Pantry)

Please be sure to send your child dressed for outside recess each day. We have many students searching our Lost & Found for a pair of gloves or mittens to wear because they forgot to bring some. Unfortunately, we do not have enough to cover everyone!

Sincerely,



Jeanne McCoy, Principal