

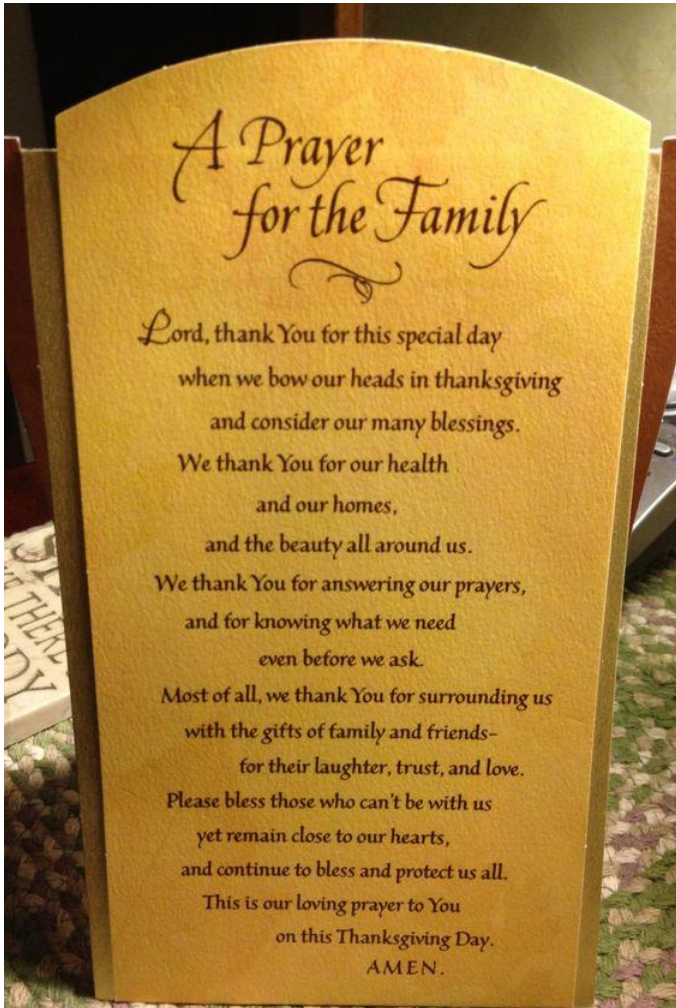
Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2017

Dear St. Bridget Parish School Families:



Catholic Values...
21st Century Learning

Today's E-Buzz will cover this week and Thanksgiving week. **Happy Thanksgiving to all!**



It was good to see so many of you at Parent-Teacher Conferences last Thursday! I look forward to seeing the rest of you tonight! Thank you to the following parents who provided a nice meal for our teachers each evening.

Nov. 9

Nicole Larson
Tessa Schuermann
Amy Frandrup
Kristen Csiacsek
Erin Stamets
Theresa Brantner
Shirley Leary
Ali Igou
Shelley Hovde

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Erin Stamets
Colleen Boissonneault
Shelley Hovde
Kristen Csiacsek
Tammy Nagel
Eileen Baldeshwiler
Sarah Nelson

Thanks, too, to those who helped with our wreath delivery: Mrs. Hillary Gilles, Mike Flanscha, Marlys Cernohous, Heidi Van Nurden, Lori Moran, Erin Jennings, Michael Van Handel, Eileen Baldeshwiler, Kate Terlinden, and Mara DeBoe.

St. Bridget's Retains Title! Congratulations! Our students brought in 59.7 pounds of candy, for a "pounds per student" average of .36 pounds. Honorable mention went to Westside Elementary whose students averaged .29 pounds per student. The total collected by all area schools is 321.4

pounds of candy! Allina Health is donating \$1 to local food shelves for each pound collected. Our school will receive a check for \$250. This money will be used to purchase additional playground balls for recesses!

Education Committee Meeting – Tonight - Nov. 14: Our Education Committee will meet tonight 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. Father Harris will offer a blessing over our collection, and following Mass we will walk with our Spirit Families to the food shelf to deliver the food. 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. We'll use a vehicle or two for whatever food we unable to carry!

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! The bus will depart at 9 am and return at approximately 2 pm.

Thanksgiving Vacation – Nov. 22-24: There will be no school Wed., Nov. 22 through Fri., Nov. 24.

Middle School Information Night – Nov. 30: Are you aware of **all** that happens in our Middle School program at St. Bridget's? What are the **advantages** of St. Bridget's Middle School? Why do families choose to have their child complete eighth grade at St. Bridget's and why do some choose to have their child attend Meyer Middle School? Are **you** beginning to think about what school your child will attend for grades 6, 7 & 8? What are your friends' families thinking?

We are offering an Information Night on Thurs., Nov. 30 for all families, but **especially for our families with students in Grades 3, 4, and 5**. The main presentation will happen in the school gym from 6:30 – 7:00 pm, with an opportunity to visit classrooms before (5:30 – 6:30) and after (7:00 – 8:00). In addition to our teachers, parents and graduates will be on hand to give their perspective on why St. Bridget's is an **excellent choice** for Grades 6, 7, and 8. Child care will be provided. Please enter through the gym doors.

Holiday Happenings – Dec. 2: Our 8th grade families will be selling food concessions during the annual Holiday Happenings Craft Show in our school gym Sat., Dec. 2, 9 am – 3 pm. Their proceeds will help fund graduation events. Please support these students by visiting the concession area as you do some early Christmas shopping at the craft sale! Over 70 vendors will be selling hand-crafted items. Our students will also have a table of craft items for sale.

In addition, it is a St. Bridget tradition that our entire school community helps these 8th grade students with food and pie donations for the concession area.

Dear St. Bridget Families,

The Holiday Happenings Fundraiser is fast approaching. This year, it is on Saturday, December 2.

Each year, the 8th grade works at concessions to earn the money need for their class trip, class retreat, and graduation expenses.

To help defray costs, we have always relied on the school community to help with donations (pies, food items, or money to buy these items). Below are the links for donations we are asking for to help ensure a successful fundraiser. Each year we help out as a school community, just as we will help when your children reach 8th grade.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Leary (mleary@stbparish.com).

Thank you,

Link for:
[HH Food Items Needed](#)

Link for:
[HH Pies](#)

Advent Begins Dec. 3: Our Church's liturgical calendar begins anew each year with the season of Advent. This four week year is observed in anticipation of Christmas. Many Advent traditions and feasts are celebrated during this time, including the Advent Wreath, the Jesse Tree, the Nativity scene, blessing of the tree, Advent Calendar, St. Nicholas Feast Day – Dec. 6, Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day – Dec. 12, and St. Lucy Feast Day – Dec. 13. What are your family traditions for this season? If you'd like to begin one, or add to what your family already does, there are many online resources available!

As a school, we have a tradition of gathering as a school in the gym to light an Advent Wreath each Monday, as well as lighting the Advent Wreath in church during our Wednesday School Mass.

Poinsettia Delivery – Dec. 4: We are anticipating the delivery of our poinsettias on Mon., Dec. 4. Families who have placed an order will receive an e-mail indicating that orders are ready for pick up as soon as we have sorted the product. Thanks to everyone who was able to support this fundraiser for our school!

Home & School Association Meeting – Dec. 4: Our next Home & School Association meeting will be held Mon., Dec. 4 at 6:30 pm in the Before/After Care room.

Upcoming Dates:

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)
Mon., Nov. 20:	Deadline to sign up for MMS Ski/Snowboard Club
Nov. 22-24:	No School – Thanksgiving Vacation
Thurs., Nov. 30:	St. Bridget Middle School Information Night

Sincerely,



Jeanne McCoy, Principal