Monday, Nov. 20, 2017

Dear St. Bridget Parish School Families:

A few things that couldn't wait until next week:



Food Collection Results: We collected **553 pounds** of food for our River Falls Community Food Pantry! What an awesome job! May God bless you for your thoughtfulness and generosity!

<u>Thankful First Graders – St. Paul Pioneer Press:</u>
Congratulations to three of our first grade students, Steven Conway, Isa Madson, and Peter Oestreich, whose entries were selected for publication in the St. Paul Pioneer Press yesterday. The first grade contest asks, "What are you thankful for?" Each of Mrs. Gribble's students entered the contest earlier this year. The entries appeared in the Sunday Life section of yesterday's paper, along with numerous other first grade entries from the Twin Cities area.

<u>River Falls High School Mini Dance Camp:</u> PreK-8 students are invited to participate in a Mini Dance Camp on Mon., Nov. 27, and Tues., Nov. 28. Register online. See the attachment included with today's E-Buzz.

<u>Middle School Information Night – Nov. 30:</u> A postcard reminder is being sent home **today in the BEE Books** to families with students in Grades 3, 4, and 5. The evening is open to anyone interested in learning about what our middle school offers.

The main presentation will happen in the school gym from 6:30 - 7:00 pm, with an opportunity to visit classrooms <u>before</u> (5:30 - 6:30) <u>and after</u> (7:00 - 8:00). In addition to our teachers, graduates and parents 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.

<u>"An Evening in the Enchanted Forest" - Gala 2018 Invitation:</u> Invitations to our Gala 2018 are also being sent home **today in the BEE Books**. Please plan to join us for an evening of fun, fine dining, silent and live auctions on Sat., Feb. 24, 2018. Ticket are limited to the first 300 people!

This is our largest fundraiser of the year, and one we depend on. \$46,000 of the funds raised is needed just for our annual operating costs. Another \$5,000 is allocated annually for our Endowment Fund. We are hoping to raise at least another \$40,000 toward needs within our building, including an update of science textbooks.

Tickets are \$60 each or a table of 10 people for \$500. Talk to your friends and neighbors and put together your own group to create a special table!

<u>Holiday Happenings – Dec. 2:</u> 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 (<u>mleary@stbparish.com</u>). Thank you.

Link for: Link for: HH Food Items Needed HH Pies

<u>Poinsettia Delivery – Dec. 4:</u> 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!

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

Gr. 4 & 5 Elementary Ski/Snowboard Program: Fourth and fifth grade students are invited to join the RF Elementary Ski/Snowboard Program. Information is attached with today's E-Buzz. The program will run for six Tuesday evenings, Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, and Feb. 6. Registration forms and fee must be returned to Greenwood **by Fri., Dec. 15, 2017.**

<u>Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest – Grades K-8:</u>
Our St. Bridget Parish Knights of
Columbus Council #4902 is sponsoring their annual "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest. There are 3 age divisions:

Age 5-7 (Grades K-2)
Age 8-10 (Grades 3-5)
Age 11-14 (Grades 6-8)

This year, one winner will be selected from <u>each grade</u>, K-8. From the nine winning selections, 3 finalists will be chosen, one for each age division, to go on to compete at the diocesan level. We will announce the winners at the end of our Christmas Program on Thurs., Dec. 14.

Contest rules and judging rubrics will be distributed to classroom teachers. Posters must be turned in to the classroom teacher no later than Mon., Dec. 11.

Upcoming Dates:

Mon., Nov. 20: Deadline to sign up for Meyer Middle School Ski/Snowboard Club Tues., Nov. 21: Deadline to sign up (online) for RF High School Mini Dance Camp

Nov. 22-24: No School – Thanksgiving Vacation
Mon., Nov. 28: Roller Skating Unit begins – bring helmet
Thurs., Nov. 30: St. Bridget Middle School Information Night

Thanks to all who supported our Wreath Sale, and to all who helped sort orders, and hang the crosses on our fences!

Happy Thanksgiving to each of you!

Sincerely, Jeanne M. Mc Coy

Jeanne McCoy, Principal

BEE Book Enclosures Today – 11/20

- 1) Gr. 3, 4, 5 Middle School Information Night Reminder Postcard
- 2) Gala 2018 Invitation/Ticket Order Form

E-Buzz Attachments Today – 11/20

- 1) Gr. 4-5 Elementary Ski/Snowboard Program
- 2) Gr. PreK-8 RF High School Mini Dance Camp

Permission Slips Sent Today – 11/20

NONE!