



Tuesday, December 5, 2017



*Catholic Values...
21st Century Learning*

Dear St. Bridget Parish School Families:

**God of Love,
Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.
He is a sign of your love.
Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent,
As we wait and prepare for his coming.
We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior.
Amen.**

Thanks to all who were able to attend our Middle School information night last Thursday. Thanks to parents and alumni who gave testimonials to the excellent quality of our program, and to our teachers who helped with the presentation as well as set-up and take-down. We were very pleased with the number of families who attended.

Thanks, too, to **all** who contributed to our Holiday Happenings fundraiser – Mr. Mike Leary, our eighth grade students and parents, and our school families who donated food, and/or money to purchase pies and other food! We are so grateful for your generosity and willingness to help with this activity!

Gala 2018 Family & Business Donations: Can you feel the excitement building? This week we take another step toward our Gala 2018 event! Last week the Gala invitations were sent home. This week the Family Donations letters are being sent in the BEE Books. Each school family is required to donate to the Gala. You may meet this requirement in several different ways: 1) by volunteering (4 hour minimum), 2) by a family donation or one you solicit from a business, or 3) through a monetary donation. Please see the Gala letter sent home in today's BEE Book for the specifics. Attached to the letter is the Family Donation Form. **Please complete and return this form to our school office as soon as possible.** I've attached an electronic version of these to this E-Buzz as well for your reference. Thank you for your help in make this year's Gala one of our most successful!

Girls Basketball Home Game – Tonight: Our girls' basketball teams each have a **HOME GAME** tonight! These students and coaches have been working hard after school getting ready for the basketball season! Come, cheer them on to victory! Concessions (popcorn, hot dogs, chips, water, juice boxes, etc.) will be sold. Proceeds will go back to the basketball program expenses.

Games:

5:15 pm Grades 4/5 Girls vs St. Ambrose
6:30 pm Grades 6-8 Girls vs Holy Spirit

Future Home Games:

Tues., Dec. 12 at 5:15 & 6:30
Tues., Dec. 19 at 4:15 & 5:15
Tues., Jan. 9 at 5:15 & 6:15

Uniform/Spirit Wear – Change of Days This Week: Because we will be attending Mass on Friday of this week instead of Wednesday, **please note this change:** **students need to wear uniform dress on Fri., Dec. 8, and may wear Spirit Wear tomorrow, Wed., Dec. 6.**

Cold Weather Outerwear: Living in Wisconsin requires adaptability to frequent weather changes. It is essential for St. Bridget PreK-8th grade students to have a daily opportunity for fresh air and exercise. We watch the radar and

thermometer and unless there are extreme weather conditions such as rain or severe cold/wind chill we will go outside, at least on the blacktop. Watch/Listen to local weather reports and help your child(ren) dress accordingly.

Students should come to school with a warm coat, some type of head covering, and gloves/mittens. If there is snow on the ground, your PreK-5th grade child(ren) will need boots and snow pants. These boots must be in addition to a pair of shoes. Wearing wet, snowy boots throughout our school makes for a damp carpet, slippery floors, uncomfortable wet clothing, and cold wet feet. Middle school students are not required to wear snow pants and boots, but are limited to the blacktop area only without them.

If the wind chill and temperature combination is below 0, it will be indoor recess.

Weather Related School Closings: If weather conditions or other circumstances develop which alter the normal school schedule, causing the River Falls School District to delay starting times, dismiss early, or cancel classes, the following will be notified and requested to announce the delayed start or school closing:

Radio Stations:

WCCO (830 AM)
WEVR (1550 AM & 106.3 FM)
WIXX (1590 AM & 107.1 FM)
KWNG (105.9 FM)

Television Stations:

WCCO (Channel 4)
KSTP (Channel 5, 45 & KSAX-TV-channel 42)
FOX (Channel 9 and 29)
KARE (Channel 11)
WEAU (Channel 13)

Websites:

wcco.com & wccoradio.com
kstp.com
myFOX9.Com
moose106.com
b95radio.com

- Please note:**
- 1) St. Bridget School may not be listed as a separate school, but is included when River Falls School District is listed.
 - 2) Please do not call to see if we anticipate an early closing. If many parents do this, it ties up our lines and we are not able to get the message from the school district in a timely manner.
 - 3) Please discuss with your children what your family's plans are in the event of an early dismissal.

In addition, we will activate Twilio, our school emergency notification system through Sycamore. Today at 12:29 pm we sent a batch text message out via this system. Please let our office know if you did not receive this text message. Sycamore reminds us that this is not an instant message system, and may take some time to deliver.

Feast of St. Nicholas – Tomorrow: We celebrate the feast of St. Nicholas, the patron saint of children, on Dec. 6. St. Nicholas is the classroom saint for our PreK classrooms. Our PreK has a tradition of making a paper stocking for everyone in our school for this special day. Hopefully St. Nicholas will provide a sweet treat or two for our delightful boys and girls!

Feast of the Immaculate Conception – Dec. 8: On Fri., Dec. 8 we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This day is a celebration of our belief that Mary, the Mother of Jesus, from the first moment of her existence, was “full of grace”, without the stain/effects of original sin. This is a holy day in our church and fittingly, we will attend Mass as a school on Friday instead of our usual Wednesday.

Education Committee Meeting – Dec. 12: Our Education Committee will meet Tues., Dec. 12 at 6:30 pm in the Before/After Care room. This meeting is open to anyone interested.

Christmas Program – Dec. 14: Hopefully you already have this date circled on your calendar! Our Christmas Program will be presented in the gym Thurs., Dec. 14 at 6:30 pm. **Students are asked to “dress up” for the evening performance, keeping in mind basic modesty and good taste! Color choices are up to you for the evening.**

We will also have a dress rehearsal Thurs., Dec. 14 at 2 pm. This is open to anyone who would like attend, but especially to those who would find it difficult to come in the evening. Your presence at a dress rehearsal really helps the students put the finishing touches on their program, as there some aspects of a performance that we are unable to

simulate without an audience! Come, if you are able! **Students do not need to wear uniforms on this day, but are encouraged to dress in black and white (khaki), or close to that, if possible, for the dress rehearsal.** No need to purchase something new to accommodate this request. We think they will be an impressive group dressed in similar colors!

Home & School Bake Sale – Dec. 16—17: Our Home & School will sponsor a holiday bake sale at the church following the Dec. 16-17 weekend Masses. Families are asked to bring their donations to school on Fri., Dec. 15 or bring them to the Garden View Room at church before Mass on Saturday/Sunday. Items are sold for a freewill donation. The funds from this event go to the activities that our Home & School puts on such as the Back-to-School Night, Mardi Gras, Spring Fling, and Staff Appreciation.

We need a variety of adult help with this Bake Sale to collect money and give change as needed while people purchase the baked goods after Mass. If you'd be willing to help, sign up at the link listed below. These are 30 minute shifts!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f49ada92ba4ff2-christmas1>

Packer/Viking and Christmas Dress Days – Dec. 22 & 23: The MN Vikings take on the Green Bay Packers at Lambeau on Sat., Dec. 23, and our last day of school before Christmas vacation is Fri., Dec. 22. Seems we should have a Packer/Viking dress day, and a Christmas colors day – but in what order?!!

This is the plan:

Thursday, Dec. 22: No uniforms. Wear your Packer/Viking colors, designs, logos, etc. Have fun!

Friday, Dec. 23: No uniforms. Wear your Christmas colors, designs, etc. Have fun!

Christmas Gift Ideas – Imaging World Uniform & Spirit Wear or Lands End: Have you started your Christmas shopping? Looking for gift ideas for your children? How about something from Imaging World Uniform & Spirit Wear or Lands End School Uniforms? Shop online at these links:

Imaging World:

<https://stbuniformsspiritwear2016.itemorder.com>

Lands End:

www.landsend.com/SchoolUniforms

This summer we added a fleece jacket in navy or forest to the Lands End choices. **School #900147778**

Christmas Vacation: Christmas vacation begins at 3:40 pm on Fri., Dec. 22. Classes resume Tues., Jan. 2.

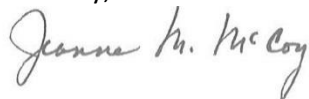
Registration for Next Year: We will begin taking registrations for next school year at the beginning of January. This is a few weeks earlier than in the past but will help us determine the budget, including the issuance of teacher contracts in a timely manner. Our Education Committee and Finance Council will be making recommendations for the 2018-2019 tuition rates in these next weeks before Christmas.

May you have a very blessed Advent!

SignUpGenius Link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f49ada92ba4ff2-christmas1>

Sincerely,



Jeanne McCoy, Principal

Bee Book Enclosures Today – 12/5

1) Gala 2018 Family Donation Letter & Form

E-Buzz Attachments Today – 12/5

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2) Home & School Bake Sale Flyer – Dec. 16-17