

Monday, December 11, 2017

Dear St. Bridget Parish School Families:



Dear Lord,

Through the darkness, I look for your wisdom.
I want my heart to be open to you.
But sometimes in these days, it seems that
so many things come between us.

Help me to be awake and aware
of the radiance you bring to my life.
Help me to be grateful each day
for the blessings of family and friends.
Let me be a peacemaker
in my own life, and in the world.
Let me pray especially for this difficult world
and those who are so in need of an end to violence.
My heart begs for this as my Advent prayer today.

Welcome Ms. Jackie Cataract, School Cook! I am pleased to announce that Ms. Jackie Cataract has been hired as our school cook. She will begin today. Ms. Cataract has worked as a cook at Christian Community Homes, Hudson and most recently, Heart, Hands and Mind Childcare, Prescott.

Thanks again to our wonderful volunteers that helped us with our food service program through these past months! We couldn't have done it without you!

Congratulations – First Reconciliation: Congratulations to these second grade students who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday:

Aiden Adams
Jack Hayes
Avianna Hedlund
Kayla Hoeft
Zoe Johnston

Dalton Leier
Abigail Morgan
Piper Murphy
Emily Nagel
Cadence Novak

Evelyn Sykora
Emme Torgerson
Frankie Torgerson
Bennett Tryba
Charles VanNurden

Girls Basketball Home Game – Tomorrow: Our girls' basketball teams each have a **HOME GAME** tomorrow evening, Grades 4/5 at 5:15 and Middle School at 5:30. Come, enjoy the fun and cheer on our girls!

Parents of basketball team members are asked to help with score keeping and concessions. Click here to sign up to help: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f49ada92ba4ff2-girls>

Future Home Games:

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

Gr. 3-8 Field Trip to See the Movie WONDER – Dec. 12: Students in Grades 3-8 will have the opportunity to see the movie WONDER during a private showing at the Falls Theatre, River Falls on Tues., Dec. 12. Permissions slips were sent home last Thursday. We will walk to the theatre, and adjust lunch periods so that these students will eat first, at 11:30. Grades PreK-2 will have recess at 11:30, followed by lunch at 12:00.

Based on the New York Times bestseller, WONDER tells the inspiring and heartwarming story

of August Pullman. Born with facial differences that, up until now, have prevented him from going to a mainstream school, Auggie becomes the most unlikely of heroes when he enters the local fifth grade. As his family, his new classmates, and the larger community struggle to find their compassion and acceptance. Auggie's extraordinary journey will unite them all and prove you can't blend in when you were born to stand out.

As a school, we feel the theme of this movie and its emphasis on compassion and acceptance provides a perfect opportunity to reinforce the Christian values promoted here at St. Bridget Parish School.

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) Information/Reminders: Our Christmas Program will be presented in the gym Thurs., Dec. 14 at 6:30 pm. 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.

Please be aware:

1. Our After Care Program **will close at 5:30 pm** on Thurs., Dec. 14. Please make arrangements to pick up your child no later than 5:30 on this day.
2. Please **use the gym entrance** when coming for the program. Please keep your child with you until it is time for students to go to their classrooms (6 pm). Please keep your child's coat with you in the gym so that no students need to return to their classroom after the program.
3. Doors between the gym and the classroom area will be opened at 6 pm. Students are asked to report to their classrooms between 6 and 6:15. If you arrive before 6 pm, please keep your child with you in the gym.
The front doors will not be opened – please enter the building through the gym entrance.
4. Winners of the Knights of Columbus Christmas Poster Contest will be announced at the end of the program.
5. Cookies will be served in the gym immediately following the program.
6. Please help with clean-up by putting **your chair** away on a chair rack. Many hands make light work!
7. Student dress for the evening program should be festive and in good taste, reflective of the Christmas season as well as our Core Values.
8. Students are asked to dress in some combination of black, gray, navy & white or khaki during the school day on Dec. 14. Uniforms do not need to be worn.
9. The gates will be open to the lower gym parking area the night of the concert. We ask that you be considerate and reserve these few spots for those who are unable to maneuver stairs or have limited mobility.

We are in need of a few parents to help with cookies just before, and immediately following the program.
Click here to sign up: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f49ada92ba4ff2-christmas2>

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>

Gr. 8 Play – “The Christmas Crisis” – Dec. 19: Each year as part of the eighth reading curriculum, students study and perform a short play (10-15 min.) to the rest of our student body. This year's play, “The Christmas Crisis” will be presented to Grades PreK-7 on Tues., Dec. 19 in church.

We will move our lighting of the Advent Wreath on that day to church as well since we will be together as a school for the eighth grade play.

River Falls High School Costumed Carolers – Dec. 20: The RFHS Costumed Carolers will make a traditional visit to our school on Wed., Dec. 20 to perform their program of a cappella Christmas carols. Dressed in Dickens' attire, the Victorian gowns, tops hats and jackets coupled with four part harmonies lend a unique flavor to their presentation! We are excited to enjoy them. This presentation will take the place of our Spirit Families activity for December.

Packer/Viking and Christmas Dress Days – Dec. 21 & 22: 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. 21:	No uniforms. Wear your Packer/Viking colors, designs, logos, etc. Have fun!
Friday, Dec. 22:	No uniforms. Wear your Christmas colors, designs, etc. Have fun!

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.

I look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Program!

Sincerely,



Jeanne McCoy, Principal

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