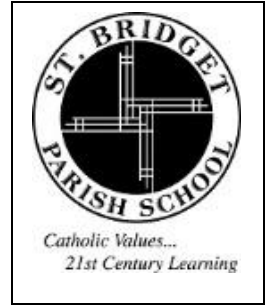


September 5, 2017

Dear St. Bridget Parish School Families,

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! We are looking forward to seeing each of you later today during our Orientation Day from 10am – 5 pm. We are hoping today's activities will provide an opportunity for families to meet the teachers, view classrooms, drop off school supplies, pay lunch fees, and complete the information forms provided in the student packets.



2017-2018 SCHOOL STAFF:

PreK: Mrs. Jill Tiffany, Mrs. Dannel Nordstrom & Mrs. Kim Langer, Mrs. Cathy Wunrow

K: Ms. Sam Hawkins, Mrs. Liz Parsons

1: Mrs. Mary Gribble

2: Mrs. Lisa Bodin

3: Mrs. Jackie Poellinger

4: Ms. Michele Jarosch

5: Mrs. Therese Stacy

Middle School: Math/Science/6th Grade Homeroom: Ms. Melissa Mussleman

Reading/Language Arts/7th Grade Homeroom: Ms. Billie Robinson

Religion/Social Studies/8th Grade Homeroom: Mr. Mike Leary

Goal: Mrs. Starla Dixen

Art: Ms. Lydia Chatt

Phy-Ed: Mrs. Barb Kujak

Music: (in final stages of hiring)

Office Assistant: Mrs. Hillary Gilles

Custodian: Mr. John Johnson

Cook: (hiring in process)

Principal: Miss Jeanne McCoy

SCRIP CHANGES: We are pleased to announce changes to the SCRIP program for our school families. New this school year: 1) St. Bridget Parish School families now must earn \$50 (instead of \$100) in SCRIP rebates; 2) All rebates are now calculated using a 70/30 split (instead of 100% for the first \$100, then a 50/50 split of remaining dollars); 3) These changes allow families to apply more of their earned rebate to their tuition for the following year!

On Orientation Day, Sept. 5, families are encouraged to **stop at the church office** to confirm that they are registered for SCRIP (or complete a new registration form) and buy SCRIP. Families who complete these steps on Orientation Day are eligible to enter a drawing for one of the following prizes: one of two \$25 SCRIP certificates, one of two \$10 SCRIP certificates, or a Rubbermaid LunchBlox!

SCHOOL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: There are many opportunities to volunteer at St. Bridget's – including helping during the school day as well as for numerous Home & School events. Our need is great but this need provides opportunities for parents to work with other parents for the good of our school, forming a strong school community.

This year, Sarah Fangmeier, a St. Bridget parent, will be helping coordinate our parent volunteer requests. We've compiled the list of opportunities for volunteers into one sign-up sheet that you will receive today in your student packet. Sarah will use the information gathered from this sheet to organize the list of volunteers according to their interest/availability/event. At a later date, a Sign-Up Genius link will be sent to sign up for specific shifts/donations for each event/need. We're hoping to streamline the sign-up process for volunteers.

Please know how deeply your involvement is appreciated, and the positive difference you can make for the success of our school. By working TOGETHER, we can do amazing things for our children.

UNIFORM SWAP: Gently used uniform items will be available in the gym on Orientation Day, Sept. 5.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING – SEPT. 11: Our Parish Education Committee will meet Mon., Sept. 11 at 6:30 pm in the Before/After Care room. This meeting is open to anyone interested in attending!

BASE TRAINING DATES: If you would like to volunteer at school or participate in any school activities with your student, such as field trips or classroom activities, you will need to complete a background check and attend a one-hour BASE training **PRIOR** to volunteering. The training is good for five years.

If you have not yet attended, or believe that you've attended more than four years ago, plan to attend one of the following dates. All trainings will be held at 6:30 pm in the Garden View Room of St. Bridget Church.

Dates:

- Monday, Sept. 11
- Monday, Oct. 16
- Saturday, Nov. 18
- Monday, Dec. 11
- Monday, Jan. 15
- Wednesday, June 6

To register for a BASE training date, or to check on the status of past training, please contact Mrs. Gilles in the school office (715-425-1872) or office@stbparish.com. Mrs. Gilles will give you a background check form which needs to be completed in conjunction with the training.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT – SEPT. 13: ALL families are encouraged to attend our first Home and School event of the year: our Back to School Night, Wed., Sept. 13 from 5 – 7 pm. This evening is intended to be an opportunity to come together as a school community, to have fun, to visit with each other, and enjoy pizza.

ST. BRIDGET YOUTH CHOIR – SEPT. 13: Students in Grades 3-8 are invited to participate in our parish Youth Choir, directed by Peggy Krasin. Practices will be from 6:00 – 6:30 pm on Wednesday evenings, beginning Sept. 13. To sign up, simply show up at the first practice on Sept. 13. This choir will sing at the 11:00 Mass on the first Sunday of each month, beginning in October.

FIRST RECONCILIATION and FIRST COMMUNION: Children in the second grade or above are welcome to prepare for and celebrate the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion. *(Please note that 2nd grade is only a guideline. If you do not believe that your 2nd grade child is ready to understand one, or both, of these sacraments, he/she can wait until later, when ready.)*

First Reconciliation Information and Registration Meeting: This meeting for parents and candidates will be on Sunday, Sept. 24 at 1:00 in the church. Celebration of this sacrament will be on Saturday, Dec. 9.

First Communion Information and Registration Meeting: This meeting for parents and candidates will be on Sunday, January 28 at 1:00 in the church. Celebrations of this sacrament will be at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 21 and Saturday, April 28.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION AVAILABLE: Registration information for the following groups will be available in the gym on Orientation Day.

- River Falls Swim Club
- River Falls High School Dance Team Mini Dance Camp
- Hunt Arena Skating School

IMPORTANT – PARKING ON TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY: The church parking lot will be seal coated, beginning Tuesday and continuing through Wednesday of this week. Parking will be congested on the school parking lot both days. Please drive with caution as our little ones will be EXCITED about the start of school and not necessarily watching for traffic. Thank you.

May God bless you and your children throughout this school year!

Sincerely,



Miss Jeanne McCoy, Principal