

July 20, 2017

Dear St. Bridget Families:

Summer greetings! I am looking forward to meeting each of you, and getting to know your children. Since my start at the beginning of July I have learned much about the good things happening at St. Bridget Parish School! I am confident that as a school we will continue to build on that firm foundation, focusing on faith, family, and individual academic excellence – to inspire students to think critically, develop a love of learning, work to their fullest potential, reach out to others in service, and deepen their relationship with God.

Our Catholic faith is very important to me, and as a result, all of my education and most of my employment has been in Catholic schools, including 10 years of teaching high school math and computer science, followed by 28 years as principal. Most recently, I served as principal at St. Francis School, Ellsworth from 1991 – 2015. Complications with a knee replacement kept me side-lined for the rest of 2015 and much of 2016. I am really pleased for this opportunity to be a part of the St. Bridget community.

I currently live in Cannon Falls, MN. I grew up on a farm near Cannon Falls, and have 5 siblings. I love spending time with family, including my 15 nieces & nephews and their children! In addition, I enjoy fishing, golfing, camping, photography, flower gardening, and reading.

School Calendar: The 2017-2018 school calendar has been revised to follow the River Falls School District calendar more closely. Listed below are the changes affecting students and families. Please discard the calendar sent at the end of this past school year.

- 1) There will be no Parent Drive-in Days. Friday, Nov. 10 and Friday, May 18 have been changed to inservice days as on the school district calendar. Students will not have classes on these days.
- 2) Christmas vacation will follow the district calendar, beginning at the end of the school day on Friday, Dec. 22 and ending Monday, Jan. 1. As a result, Friday, Dec. 22 and Tuesday, Jan. 2 have been changed to student days.
- 3) Friday, Oct. 27 remains a vacation day for St. Bridget students as our teachers will be attending the Diocesan Fall Conference.

Staffing: Mrs. Lisa Bents, part-time PreK teacher, has decided that she will not be returning in August. Mrs. Cathy Wunrow, currently teaching Grade 3, will move to this PreK position. Mrs. Jackie Poellinger, Grade 4, will move to Grade 3, and Ms. Jarosch, MS Math/Science, will move to Grade 4. We will be hiring teachers for Grade 5 and MS Math/Science.

Tuition Payment: Full tuition payment by end of the day on August 1 receives a 5% discount. Semester tuition payments made on or before Aug. 15 and Jan. 15 receive a 2% discount. Authorization forms for 10-month ACH (*Automated Clearing House*) withdrawals must be completed by August 15.

Payments of check or cash (or submission of ACH forms complete with voided check) can be made in person in the school or church office. **New this year**, you may also pay your balances with a credit card via Sycamore. If you would like more information about this process, please view the enclosure or contact Mrs. Gilles for more information. A statement for amount due was sent home the last week of school. If you need a reminder, contact the school office or we can confirm with you when you stop by to pay.

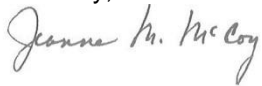
Lunch Prices: Lunch prices (Lunch or Salad Bar) have been modified since last year to the following:
PreK – 5th Grade: \$3.00 Middle School: \$3.25 Adult: \$4.00

Office Hours: Our office hours for the remainder of July are as follows: Friday, July 21: 10am-4pm. Monday, July 24 through Friday, July 28: 8:30am-4:30pm; Monday, July 31-Thursday, August 3: 8am-4pm.

Holy St. Bridget
Because you loved God
You shared what you had
With those who needed it.
Help us to be generous
And to love God as you did.
Please take care of our school.
St. Bridget, pray for us!

May God bless the remainder of your summer days! Please feel free to contact me at principal@stbparish.com with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Miss Jeanne McCoy
Principal