

## St. Bridget Parish School

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September 6, 2024

### First Day of School

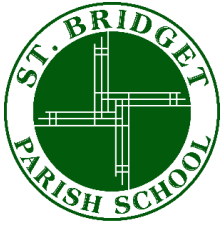


### "The Blessing of the Backpacks"

Father Bala leads the school in prayer before classes begin.







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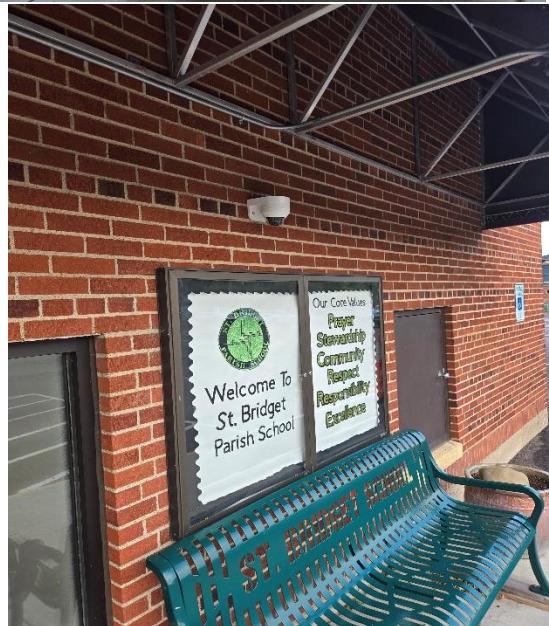
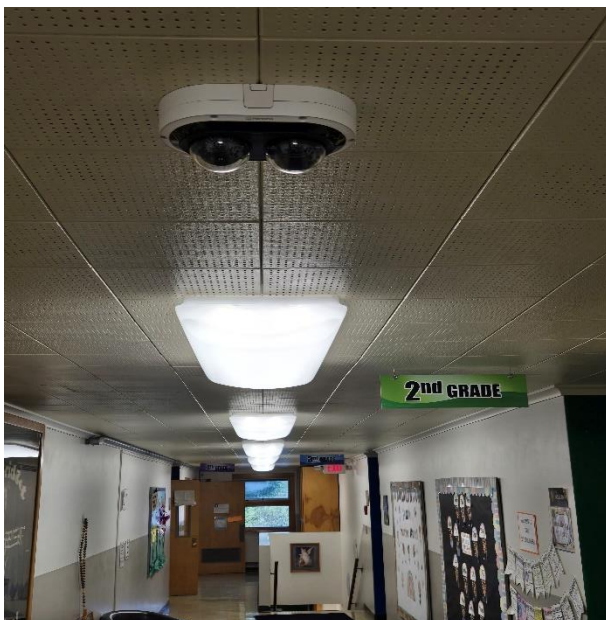
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### New Security Cameras installed!

A crew has been working in the school for the past two weeks and finally has all of our new security cameras installed. The cameras cover all the internal public spaces, all entrances (inside and out), and 360 degrees outside the building. This comes to us through the support from last school year's Gala fundraiser. Thanks to all those who organized and donated. It means tremendous improvements can continue to be made to our school.





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### Some PreK Pictures



Some of  
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children  
using their  
new rest  
bags



The lower elementary and PreK were taught the lessons or riding on the bus. This was great learning so we will be ready for field trips!



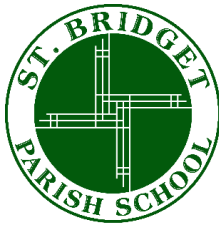
### eForms

If you have not done so already, please complete the orientation eForms. Go to [www.optionc.com](http://www.optionc.com), communication, eForms.

**NEW** – *Student/Family Health Insurance, Library permission slips PreK-4<sup>th</sup>*

Coming Soon – Future field trips





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### Substitute Teachers

As we prepare for the upcoming school year we are expanding our Substitute Teacher Directory. If you or someone you know would be interested in joining our Substitute Teacher list, please reach out to Mr. Leary at [principal@stbparish.com](mailto:principal@stbparish.com).

### Before and After Care workers

We are hiring! Please contact principal at [principal@stbparish.com](mailto:principal@stbparish.com) if you or someone you know would like a part time job that also helps our families and our school.

### St. Bridget's Sports

Volleyball has started. Here is the practice schedule for next week.

Monday 9/9 3:45-5:00 pm

Thursday 9/12 3:45-5:00 pm.

### Our Neighbors Place Backpack Program

Our Neighbors' Place, in collaboration with the River Falls School District, would like to offer food assistance for low-income families and/or families experiencing financial hardship. Please see the attachment.

### Saint Bridget School Core Principles:

***Prayer - Respect - Responsibility - Community - Stewardship – Excellence***

### Upcoming Dates:

September 8 – Mass with Blessing of the Students – Church

September 10 – Back to School Potluck 4-6 and MANDATORY MIDDLE SCHOOL MEETING 6-7:30

September 11 – First School Mass 9 am

September 14 – ***Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross***

September 19 – First After School SCRIP Sale – 3:15 – 4:00

September 24 – Picture Day!

September 24 – Home and School Meeting - Computer Lab 4:00. See attachments below

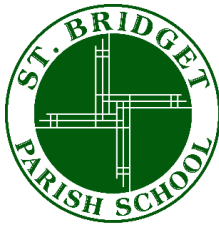
September 27 – Pizza with the Priests 5:30-6:30 pm, in the fellowship hall

October 2 – ***Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels***

October 4 – ***Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi***

October 5 – Fall Festival Food Truck Fundraiser 11:00-2:00 – School Parking Lot

October 6-8 – Encounter Christ – see attachment



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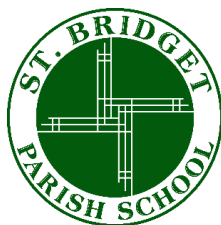
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## ST BRIDGET PARISH SCHOOL

### HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION



WELCOME TO THE 2024- 2025 SCHOOL YEAR!

**Greetings St. Bridget Families,**

**Welcome to St. Bridget Home and School Association (H&S)! My name is Lisa Bodin and I am excited to serve as your President, along with Jackie Jager, (VP) and Maureen Koranda (Treasurer) for the 2024-2025 academic year.**

**Our H&S is dedicated to creating a community that supports and uplifts our students, families, and teachers. We believe that by working together, we can enhance the educational experience of our children and make a positive impact.**

**Throughout the year, we will be exploring various opportunities to support our school, church, teachers, staff, students, and families. Our aim is to create enriching experiences that help our school and church grow and thrive together. Additionally, we will be fostering strong relationships among our St. Bridget families, creating a welcoming and fun community for all.**

**Thank you for your commitment to our school and for joining our H&S. We are thrilled to work with each and every one of you to make this academic year a success. Let's get started on this exciting journey together!**

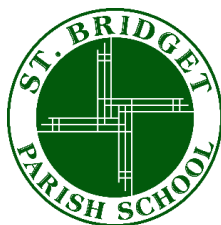
**Best regards,**

*Lisa Bodin*

**[lbodin1021@gmail.com](mailto:lbodin1021@gmail.com)**







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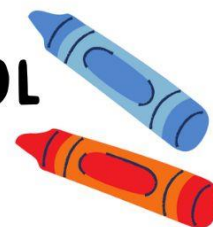
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# ST. BRIDGET HOME AND SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## 2024 - 2025



### AUGUST

08/22 - Outdoor Movie  
7:30 p.m.

08/26 - Staff Breakfast  
8:00 a.m.



### SEPTEMBER

09/10- Back to School  
Potluck 4:00 p.m.

09/24- Home and School  
Meeting 4:00 p.m.

09/27 - Pizza w/the Priests  
5:30-6:30 p.m.



### OCTOBER

10/24 -Grandparent's Day

TBD-Trunk or Treat



### NOVEMBER

11/5 - Blessing Bags

11/7 -Conferences  
11/12 Provide Dinner



### DECEMBER

No Activities



### JANUARY

1/8 - First Responder  
Mass 9:00 a.m.

1/26 - Catholic Schools Week  
Kick-Off Event



### FEBRUARY

No Activities  
Gala Prep



### MARCH

3/4 - School Mardi Gras

3/4 - Mardi Gras Pancake  
Supper @ church

3/25 - Home and School  
Meeting 4:00 p.m.



### APRIL

04/16 - Dad's and Donuts  
8:00 a.m. @ church

04/10 - Conferences  
04/15 Provide Dinner

4/7- Easter Egg Hunt



### MAY

5/5-9 - Teacher  
Appreciation Week

05/14- Mom's and Muffins  
8:00 a.m. @church



### JUNE

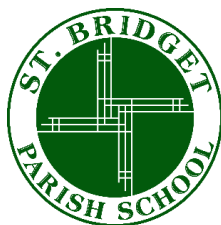
6/5 - Last Day Celebration



### JULY

River Falls Days Cook Out  
TBD





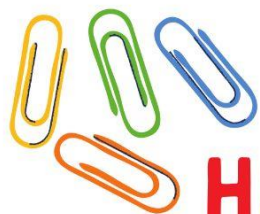
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# ST. BRIDGET PARISH SCHOOL

## H&S VOLUNTEER FORM



### PERSONAL INFORMATION



PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ OKAY TO TEXT? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT 1 \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT 2 \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT 3 \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT 4 \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_



### HOW ARE YOU INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED?

#### COMMUNICATION

EVENT SETUP/CLEANUP \_\_\_\_\_

SENDING EMAILS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE CALLS \_\_\_\_\_

NO PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_

#### EVENTS

GRANDPARENTS DAY \_\_\_\_\_ TRUNK OR TREAT \_\_\_\_\_

MARDI GRAS \_\_\_\_\_ CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK \_\_\_\_\_

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT \_\_\_\_\_ STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK \_\_\_\_\_

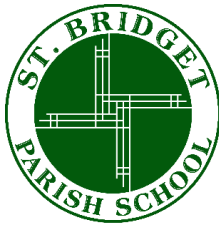
MUFFINS WITH MOM \_\_\_\_\_ END OF YEAR PARTY \_\_\_\_\_

DONUTS WITH DAD \_\_\_\_\_ NO PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT SKILLS/EXPERTISE WOULD YOU LIKE TO OFFER THE PTO?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_





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St. Bridget, St. Mary's Hammond, St. Thomas More Newman Center  
invite you to

# Encounter Christ

## *Holiness in Everyday Life*

6:30-8pm October 6, 7, 8 St. Bridget Church

- Dinner each evening by Chef Kevin and kitchen crew; begins at 5:00 pm Freewill offering suggested.
- Praise & worship 6:30 pm; program 6:45 – 8:00 pm.
- Confession available all three nights.
- Free childcare – advance registration required at Info Desk, St. Bridget website, or by clicking the QR code.
- To aid meal planning, sign up at the Info Desk, St. B website Spotlight section at [www.saintbridgets.org](http://www.saintbridgets.org), or by clicking the QR code.

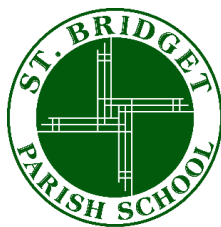
Sign-up for dinner and childcare by clicking the QR codes below!



Dinner



Childcare



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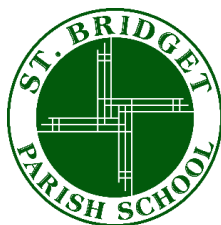
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## ONP Backpack Program

122 West Johnson Street · River Falls, WI 54022

715-426-9000

Dear Parents,

Our Neighbors' Place, in collaboration with the River Falls School District, would like to offer food assistance for low income families and/or families experiencing financial hardship.

Through the ONP Backpack Program, a bag filled with nutritious, kid-friendly food items from all the food groups, can be sent home with your child(ren) at their school at the end of each week during the school year. **Another option** is to pick up the food bag from Our Neighbors' Place Day Center, 122 West Johnson Street, between the hours of **12:00pm and 4:00pm** Monday-Friday or by special arrangement. Bags are delivered to Our Neighbors' Place on Tuesdays. **Please mark your preference below.**

If you are interested in your child(ren) being a part of ONP Backpack Program, **please complete BOTH sides of this form and return to your child(ren)'s school counselor/office/teacher.** Families may join the program at any time throughout the school year.

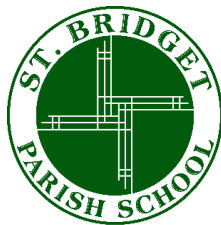
Child's Name	Birthdate	School	Grade	Send Home w/ Child	Pick up at ONP

Parent's/Guardian's Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's/Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Can we text to this number?    Yes    No

Please provide the following information for each person in the household:



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	<b>Sex</b> (circle one)	<b>Date of Birth</b> (mm/dd/yy)	<b>Race</b>  White Hispanic African Am. Asian American Indian/Alaskan Other (list)	<b>First Language Spoken in Home</b>  English Spanish Hmong Other	<b>Employment Status</b> (list one for each adult)  Employed FT Employed PT Unemployed	<b>Children</b>  (for each child, list if in school (grade & school) or at home)
Household Member #1	M / F					
Household Member #2	M / F					
Household Member #3	M / F					
Household Member #4	M / F					
Household Member #5	M / F					
Household Member #6	M / F					
Household Member #7	M / F					
Household Member #8	M / F					

In which county do you live?    \_\_\_\_\_ Pierce    \_\_\_\_\_ St. Croix

Annual Household Income (check one):

\_\_\_\_\_ less than \$16,240    \_\_\_\_\_ \$16,241 - \$20,420    \_\_\_\_\_ \$20,421 - \$24,600    \_\_\_\_\_ \$24,601 - \$28,780

\_\_\_\_\_ \$28,781 - \$32,960    \_\_\_\_\_ \$32,961 - \$37,140    \_\_\_\_\_ \$37,141 - \$41,320    \_\_\_\_\_ more than \$41,321

Do you currently participate in the following programs?

\_\_\_\_\_ Free school lunch    \_\_\_\_\_ Reduced school lunch    \_\_\_\_\_ No, we do not participate in any programs

Do you currently receive food from the River Falls Community Food Pantry?    \_\_\_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_\_\_ No

### **VOUCHERS (milk, meat, eggs, bread, produce - 1 different voucher given each week)**

If your family had a choice, where would you prefer to redeem vouchers?

\_\_\_\_\_ Płacek's Family Market    \_\_\_\_\_ Kwik Trip(north end, by Dunkin Donuts)    \_\_\_\_\_ Family Fresh (RF)





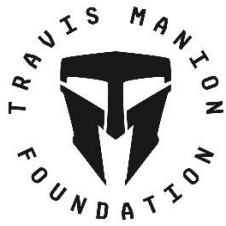
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## Pathfinder and Junior Pathfinder Club

WHO: 4<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade students

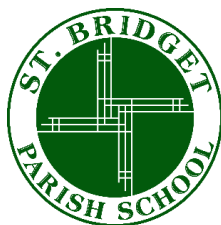
WHAT: Informational Meeting and Presentation Regarding Pathfinders and Junior Pathfinders Club

WHEN: **Tuesday, 10 Sep beginning 6:00 P.M.**

WHERE: Meyer Middle School Media Center

HOW: Character Development / Leadership Skills / Service Projects / Team Building Critical Thinking Skills / Challenging Yourself mentally & physically





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# Song Leading Choir Contract 2024-2025

## School Year Quarter 1

Dear Middle School Student & Family,

Thank you for your desire and commitment to join the Song Leading Choir. Your involvement in this choir will bless your fellow St Bridget's community but most importantly, it will bring glory to your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In signing the following you are committing to rehearsing with Mrs. Dietsche during select middle school recesses throughout the week, a Wednesday morning rehearsal in the Sanctuary beginning at 8:20 and to song leading for the weekly Mass.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Middle School Parent/Guardian,

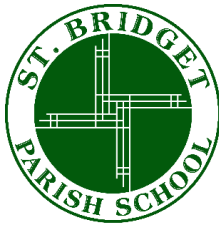
Thank you for supporting your song leading student. In signing this contract, you are allowing your student to participate in rehearsals that will be held during select middle school recesses during the week, and a Wednesday morning rehearsal which begins at 8:20 in the Sanctuary, and the weekly Mass that follows.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord, all the Earth!*

*Serve the Lord with Gladness! Come into His Presence with  
Singing! Psalm 100:1-2*





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### St. Bridget Parish School Uniform Policy

Clothing Grades	Bottoms	Tops	Shoes, Accessories, Socks, Hair
<b>Pre-K - 4th grade Monday - Friday And Mass Days</b>	<p><b>Pants</b> - solid navy blue or khaki Chino style. Regular or relaxed-fit dress pants (no sweatpants/joggers and no leggings as pants)</p> <p><b>Jumpers</b> - navy blue, khaki, or <u>Land's End white/evergreen plaid</u> (navy or white tights or leggings may be worn underneath) *</p> <p><b>Skirts/Skorts</b> - navy blue, khaki, or <u>Land's End white/evergreen plaid</u> (navy or white tights or leggings may be worn underneath) *</p> <p><b>Shorts</b> - September and May/June <b>ONLY</b>. Navy or Khaki Chino style <b>No</b> shorts worn to mass*</p> <p>*Shirts/Skorts/Shorts must be no shorter than fingertip length</p>	<p><b>Classic Polo Shirts</b>- must have a collar, long or short sleeves, solid hunter green, navy or white</p> <p><b>Cardigans</b> - solid colors: hunter green, navy or white</p> <p><b>Dress Shirts</b> - solid white, button front, collar with short or long sleeves</p> <p><b>Sweatshirts</b>- hunter green, navy, gray; no sweatshirts at mass</p> <p>St. Bridget LOGOs are encouraged on tops. Other logos must be smaller than the palm of your hand.</p>	<p><b>Shoes</b> - footwear should be fastened securely, and without embellishments, heels should be lower than one half inch. Sandals <b>must</b> have a strap around the back of the foot. Sandals in September and May/June <b>only</b>. Light-soled tennis shoes are required for Phy. Ed.</p> <p><b>Socks</b> - solid navy, or solid white</p> <p><b>Hair</b> - must be groomed and of natural born colors. Hair must not cover the eyes. Extreme hairstyles are not permitted</p> <p><b>Earrings</b> - less than 1", no oversized or dangling</p>
<b>Middle School Monday - Friday And Mass Days</b>	<p><b>Pants</b>- Same as PreK - 4th. Also; regular or relaxed fit denim blue jeans, no jeggings, <b>Shorts ONLY</b> September, May/June. <b>No</b> shorts worn to Mass. <b>No</b> jeans worn to Mass</p>	<p>Same as PreK - 4th.</p>	<p>Same as PreK - 4</p>

-In order to maintain an effective learning environment, we ask that students do not alter their appearance that draws undue attention to oneself and/or is distracting to the learning process. All attire is to be modest.

-All attire is to be in good repair, free from rips, tears/holes, and must fit properly.

-Attire, hairstyle, makeup, and accessories that are a distraction to our learning environment will be asked to be removed or altered. Believing in the dignity of the human body, we ask that students not have body parts (other than ears) pierced and/or marked. No tattoos, stickers, or writing on the skin. Makeup is not allowed in grades Pre K - 4, modestly worn makeup in Grades 5-8 is permitted.

-St. Bridget sporting wear is not part of the uniform code, and may only be worn on Spirit Days or to sporting events outside of the class day. St. Bridget/Celtic team uniform jersey may be worn on game day. (Not to be worn to mass)

-Links to uniform piece options: Acceptable plaid is Land's End white/evergreen plaid.

[GAP](#) [Old Navy](#) [Target](#) [Walmart](#) [JCPenney](#) [Land's End](#) school id- 900147778.