



St. Bridget Parish School

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Dear St. Bridget Parish School Families,

**“People are like stained glass windows;
they sparkle and shine when the sun is out,
but when the darkness sets in
their true beauty is revealed
only if there is a light within.”**

-Elizabeth Kubler-Ross

What a week of extreme weather! I hope these snow/cold days permitted some extra rest for everyone, and the opportunity to heal from the sickness that had been hanging around our building.

Tomorrow we will follow the CSW plans for Friday: Beach Day (Think tropical shirts & sunglasses!) Bowling for Middle School (11 – 1:30 – includes lunch), and Grades 1, 2, & 4 (12:45 – 2:15); Dance Party & Ice Cream Social (2:30 – 3:30). Parents helping to scoop ice cream: we'd like to do this from 8:30 – 9:30 in the kitchen. We'll put it back in the freezer until the afternoon event. Thanks for your help!

Watch the E-Buzz for notification of any rescheduled CSW activities!

Student Registration for Next Year – February 1 Deadline: Please remember to register your child for next year by Friday, February 1. **After that date, returning students and any of their siblings have no priority in acceptance over any other person applying for enrollment.** Please contact me directly (715-425-1872 or principal@stbparish.com) if you have extenuating circumstances that may be a factor in this deadline for your child.

Use this link to begin registering:

<https://app.sycamoreschool.com/admissions/index.php?schoolid=2931>

Next week we begin to build the 19-20 budget and enrollment numbers are an important component of this process. The number of students in each class influences the number of teacher contracts to be offered as well as any potential wage increases, including cost-of-living increases, for our employees. As was stated in the January 27 parish bulletin, “our overall church operating budget year to date is under by about \$18,000 and adult envelope/contributions and gifts are down significantly by \$45,194. We need to be as accurate as possible with our enrollment numbers in order to create a sustainable budget.

Tuition assistance is available for students in Grades K-8. The application form is available in our school office. Stop by to pick one up or send a note/email requesting one. Please return completed applications, including a copy of your 2018 Federal tax return, in an envelope to my attention by May 1. A letter will be sent to you no later than May 15, 2019 notifying you of the amount of tuition assistance awarded to your family.

February Lunch Menu: The February lunch menu is attached. A copy will be sent home in BEE Books tomorrow. **Please note:** Our school kitchen is used for GALA preparations on Thursday & Friday before the GALA, making it extremely difficult to prepare school lunch on these days. As a result, families are asked to send a bag lunch with their child on these two days as no school lunch will be available. Students will eat lunch in their classrooms or the Before/After Care area. Thanks for your help with this!

GALA Tickets: As we turn the calendar to February, we are reminded that our GALA is just around the corner! Have you purchased your tickets yet? You may buy them in our school office, after weekend Masses, or online at <https://one.bidpal.net/stbgala2019> We'll be looking for lots of help with Gala set-up – watch for the Sign-Up Genius link.

Home & School Meeting – February 4: Our next Home & School meeting is Mon., Feb. 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the Before/After Care room. Please join us! Topics include Mardi Gras and Spring Fling. An agenda is attached for your reference.

Gr. 3-8 – Bakken Museum Residency – February 5: Students in Grades 3-8 will participate in a 2 part residency on Tues., Feb. 5 as the Bakken Museum comes to St. Bridget's. The residency will start with a 45 minute interactive assembly style show called *Small Stuff, Big Deal*. The show introduces the work "Nano" and deals with surface area and how even small things can have big reactions. The second part consists of classroom workshops which delve even deeper into Nano science with more demonstrations and a hands-on small group experiment.

Celtics Basketball Home Game Schedule: We have two more home games. The girls LOVE playing for the home crowd! Come, cheer them on!

Tuesday, Feb. 5: 4:30 Grades 7/8 vs Immaculate Conception
Monday, Feb. 11: 4:30 Grades 5/6 vs Liberty Classical Academy

St. Bridget Parish Mission – February 10-12 – Encounter Jesus – From Discovery to Discipleship: What is a Parish Mission? 3 nights set aside to come together in community for inspirational talks and experiences designed to enhance individual spiritual growth as we rejuvenate as a parish. **All are welcome!** Father Dave Pivonka is an evangelist who speaks at conferences, retreats and parish missions around the U.S. and world. For twenty years, Fr. Dave has also been leading pilgrimages around the world to some of the holiest and most important sites in our Christian faith. He spends much of his time helping others come to know God's love for them through his preaching, writings, CDs, and other spiritual outreaches.

Join us for 1, 2, or all 3 nights! All are welcome!

- Sunday, February 10th: 4:00 pm – small social to follow
- Monday, February 11th: 6:30 pm
- Tuesday, February 12th: 6:30 pm

Sincerely,



Jeanne McCoy
Principal