



St. Bridget Parish School

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Dear St. Bridget Parish School Families,

The Seeker

**I do not ride on camels
through a wind-swept desert.
I do not carry gifts
that are fit for a king.
I do not see the star
that guides the stalwart riders.**

**Yet I, too, am seeking.
I, too, am longing.
I go among the busy days
yearning for the Unknown One.**

**In the breath of a prayer,
in the care of a friend,
in the beauty of a bird,
a star-like glimpse comes to me.**

**A flicker of hope arises,
enough to stay in the fray,
to keep searching for the One
who is slowly revealed
in tiny sparks of daily encounters.**

**Holy One, you who reveal,
make manifest your presence.
Open the eyes of my heart,
Awaken my unattuned spirit.**

**Bring me to full attention,
so that I come to know,
in my every moment,
your radiant star of guidance.**

- Joyce Rupp, OP

Happy New Year to each of you! I hope you had a great Christmas and enjoyed the extra days of vacation with your children! They were SO excited to tell of their gifts and special things they did when they returned last week!

Tuition Tax Statements: Summary statements for tuition and Before/After Care payments during the 2018 tax year have been prepared for your convenience and sent home in BEE Books today. Please check for this as you'll need it for your taxes. Any questions on these statements should be directed to Mrs. Hillary Gilles in our school office.

Student Registration for Next Year: We are waiting for the final determination of tuition rates for next year, and the district calendar, before opening our registration portal on Sycamore. ALL returning students and all new students will need to be registered via Sycamore. Watch for an email letting you know that we are ready to begin the registration process! I anticipate that it will be later this week.

GALA: This is a reminder that each family is asked to contribute to our GALA through 1) an item donation from your family or an area business, 2) monetary donation as a table sponsor or basket contribution or general GALA proceeds, or 3) a volunteer commitment of 4 hours or more. The Sign-Up Genius link for the third option will be available shortly. Donated items must be received by Friday, January 18.

Tickets are available for purchase using the GALA invitation form sent home in November, or through our school office, or after weekend Masses. Only 250 tickets will be sold, so don't delay!

End of First Semester – January 18: Our first semester ends Friday, January 18. Report cards will be sent home with students Friday, January 25.

First Communion Preparation Registration – January 20: Students who will receive their First Communion are asked to attend the registration meeting with their parents Sunday, January 20 from 1 – 2 p.m. in church.

No School – January 21 Inservice: There is no school for students on Monday, January 21, as this is a teacher inservice day.

Catholic Schools Week – January 27 – February 1: Plans are underway for our participation in the national celebration of Catholic Schools Week! **Activities and dress themes will be sent home next week.** Highlights include our kick-off on Sunday, January 27, with Mass and fellowship after, followed by Bingo in our school gym from 12:30 – 1:30 and open gym from 1:30 – 2:30, the annual Alumni Geography Baseball, hosting the regional Catholic Schools Mass (St. Pat's, Hudson; St. Anne's, Somerset; St. Mary's, New Richmond; and St. Bridget) with Bishop Powers on the morning of Wednesday, January 30, and an all-school assembly with The Raptor Center on the afternoon of January 30. We have many fun things planned as we CELEBRATE our school!

MAPS Science Testing – Gr. 3-8: We will assess student progress in Science in Grades 3-8 through the MAPS testing program. This will provide data to compare with Science test results from last January, as well as feedback on the implementation of our new K-6 science textbooks. Students will complete this single test sometime before January 25. MAPS Science is not available for testing in younger grades.

Spring Musical – *Alice in Wonderland*: We will be offering a spring musical, *Alice in Wonderland*. Students in Grades 5-8 will have the opportunity to participate in this play as members of the cast or stage crew. Auditions will begin Thursday of this week. Permission slips were sent home with students last Friday, but I've attached an electronic copy with today's E-Buzz, along with the parent-performer agreement, for your reference. All practices are held after school.

The play will be performed on 2 nights: Friday, April 12 and Saturday, April 13. We recognize that this is the same weekend as the Meyer Middle School spring play, but our selection of dates was affected by Easter (the next weekend) and Spring Fling (the following weekend). With spring break in the mix, we knew we couldn't be ready by the first weekend in April. Hopefully you are able to plan ahead and take in performances at both schools!

Grade 6-7 Project with Wellhaven Senior Citizens: As part of our Language Arts and Reading program, our sixth and seventh grade students will interview residents of the Wellhaven Senior Citizens Center in order to collect information that will be used to write a biography of the resident. Students will walk next door to Wellhaven on Tuesday, January 15, to begin the project. The permission slip for this activity was sent home with these students today. Please complete and return by Monday, January 14.

KC Free Throw Contest – January 25: The annual KC Free Throw Contest, open to students 9-14 in age, will be held in our school gym Friday, January 25, from 5-6 p.m. Check the *River Falls Journal* for more information.

Celtics Basketball Home Game Schedule: Don't forget to support our girls basketball teams! Let's have a great turn-out for these remaining home games!

Grades 7 & 8 Girls

Tuesday, Jan. 8, 4:30 vs Holy Spirit
Tuesday, Jan. 22, 5:15 vs New Life Academy
Tuesday, Feb. 5, 4:30 vs Mounds Park Academy

Grades 5 & 6 Girls

Tuesday, Jan. 22, 4:00 vs New Life Academy
Monday, Feb. 11, 4:30 vs Liberty Classical Acad.

Training of Grade 5 Mass Servers: Throughout the first semester, our Middle School students have served at our school Masses on Wednesdays. Traditionally, fifth grade students are given the opportunity to be trained how to serve Mass in January and will help as Mass servers, along with Middle School students, for our school Masses throughout second semester. In order to participate in this ministry, students must be Catholic. Fifth grade parents who would like their son or daughter to have this opportunity to learn how to serve are asked to send a note giving permission to their child's teacher, Mrs. Youngblood-Bourn, by Friday, January 11.

Wishing you and your family many blessings all throughout 2019!

Sincerely,



Jeanne McCoy
Principal