



# St. Bridget Parish School

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Dear St. Bridget Parish School Families,



**Shout for joy, O daughter Zion!  
Sing joyfully, O Israel!  
Be glad and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!  
The King of Israel, the Lord is in your midst,  
You have no further misfortune to fear.**

- Zephaniah 3:14-15

Thank you for attending our Christmas Program last Thursday! Wasn't it amazing? So proud of our school and all who helped to make it a great concert in anticipation of Christmas!

### **Congratulations to our Knights of Columbus Poster Contest Winners:**

Kindergarten: McKenna Rohl	Grade Four: Gracie Hovde	K-2 Overall: Mason Jeffery
Grade One: Emma Brunner	Grade Five: Kelsi Beadles	3-5 Overall: Evelyn Sykora
Grade Two: Matiss DeBoe	Grade Six: Layla Sloan	6-8 Overall: Maketalena Pupungatoa
Grade Three: Emily Nagel	Grade Seven: Rayne Santos	These 3 posters will be submitted for competition at the next level!

Special thanks to Jason Gaustad who helped us by taking our items to the recycling center on Friday, and assisted our 5<sup>th</sup> graders with returning the risers to our storage area.

We have a busy week this week:

- Tuesday:** Home basketball game (4:15: 5/6 vs St. Odilia)
- Wednesday:** School Mass (PreK will attend – wear uniforms), RFHS Costumed Carolers to visit at 10:45  
Gala Committee Meeting: 6 pm
- Thursday:** School Violence Drill (Similar to fire & tornado drills, we will talk through and practice this safety drill.)
- Friday:** **Dress in Christmas colors/theme.** Classroom Christmas parties.

**Christmas Vacation:** Friday, Dec. 21 is our last day of school before Christmas vacation. Classes resume Wed., Jan. 2.

**January Lunch Menu:** The January lunch menu is being sent home in BEE Books, and with middle school students today. We are going to continue the salad entrée option for Grades 3-8 at the same price during the month of January, and then evaluate whether or not we are able to keep it at the same price. Generally, we are averaging 20 salad requests per day, with total number of Grade 3-8 students eating hot lunch remaining very similar to our count in November. Your feedback on this option is invited!

**Looking Ahead:** We will be collecting items for “birthday bags” to be donated to the River Falls Area Food Pantry as one of our activities during Catholic Schools Week (January 27 – February 1). I’m noticing cake mixes and frosting have been on sale in current grocery ads. Perhaps you would consider purchasing these items while they are at a good price! We’ll also be looking for gift bags, birthday cards, sets of thank you cards, and so forth to include in our birthday bags.

**RFSD Community Ed Offerings:** The RF School District has just distributed their Winter 2019 Community Ed catalog. I want to draw your attention to several great opportunities for children:

**Robotic Adventures (K-3):** Saturday, February 9, 9 am – 12 pm

**Extreme Robotics (3-8):** Saturday, January 26, 9 am – 2 pm

**Babysitters Training Course (ages 11-15):** Saturday, January 26, 8:45 am – 3:45 pm

**Girls in Science Event 2019:** Saturday, April 13: Grades 3-6: 8:15 am – 12:15 pm; Grades 6-9: 1-5 pm

**Book Discussion Groups: (Grades 4 & 5)** 4-5 pm at River Falls Public Library (See catalog for dates)  
**(Middle School)** 4-5 pm at River Falls Public Library (starting Dec. 18 – see catalog for dates)

In addition, the Kleinpell Gallery (UWRF, 420 E. Cascade) will display a sampling of prints of **The Saint John’s Bible** from January 10 – February 12. The Saint John’s Bible is the first commissioned handwritten, monumental, illuminated Bible in the modern era. It was created by a group of 23 scribes, artists, and assistance under the direction of Donald Jackson, Senior Scribe to her Majesty Queen Elizabeth’s Crown Office. The team worked in conjunction with a committee from Saint John’s Abbey and University in Collegeville, MN, which is now the permanent home for the completed pages. How fortunate we are to have a sampling of this great work in our own backyard! Don’t miss it!

### **Celtics Basketball Home Game Schedule:**

#### 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, Dec. 18, 4:15 vs St. Odilia  
Tuesday, Jan. 22, 4:00 vs New Life Academy  
Monday, Feb. 11, 4:30 vs Liberty Classical Acad.

I wish each of you a very Merry Christmas! It is such a privilege to be among your children each day as we work together to grow in our faith and knowledge. Their smiles, innocence, and joyful spirit are pure gift to each of us!

Sincerely,



Jeanne McCoy  
Principal