



# St. Bridget Parish School

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Dear St. Bridget Parish School Families,

**Holy Saint Bridget,  
because you loved God,  
you shared what you had  
with those who needed it.  
Help us to be generous  
and love God as you did.  
Please take care of our school.  
St. Bridget, pray for us.**

Friday, February 1 was the Feast of St. Bridget. Let's continue to ask her to intercede with God for us on behalf of our school.

**Registration/Yard Signs:** Thanks to each of you who submitted the registration for your child last week. I really appreciate your timeliness as it will help us prepare an accurate budget.

If you have displayed one of our yard signs in your yard or at your business, I ask you to take it down now, and if it is in good condition save it for next fall. If it hasn't survived the weather elements, please dispose of it. We'll have another supply available for next fall. Thanks so much for your help in marketing our school! Among our PreK and Kindergarten registrations for next year we have **10 new families enrolled!** We know that word of mouth is the most effective means of advertisement and the word of satisfied parents makes a significant difference.



**GALA Help:** We are in need of many parents to help with our GALA! There is a large variety of tasks that need to be completed over these 5 days, with many different time shifts. Please take a click on this link to see where you could help in a manner that fits with your interest/ability and schedule! When everyone works together the job is easier and much more fun – and besides, the funds raised help our children! Our GALA Committee has been working on the GALA since late September – now we need YOUR help!

Set-up Wednesday  
Set-up Thursday  
Set-up Friday  
Set-up Saturday  
Event help Saturday  
Clean-up help Sunday

[GALA 2019 Help](#)

**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>

**Gr. 3-8 – Bakken Museum Residency – Today:** Students in Grades 3-8 will participate in a 2 part residency today, 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:** BOTH of tonight's games are at home! The girls LOVE playing for the home crowd! Come, cheer them on!

Tuesday, Feb. 5:       4:30 Grades 7/8 vs Mounds Park Academy  
                                  5:45 Grades 5/6 vs Immaculate Conception

Monday, Feb. 11:       4:30 Grades 5/6 vs Liberty Classical Academy

**Birthday Bag Service Project Extended:** We will continue to collect items (cake mixes, frosting, birthday candles, gift/birthday bags, party plates, plastic forks, or monetary donations to purchase these supplies) **through next Tuesday, February 12.** As a Spirit Family activity on Wednesday, February 13, we will pack the items into the individual gift bags. The gift bags will be taken to the River Falls Food Pantry by some members of our school staff. Thanks for your generosity with this project!

**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 10<sup>th</sup>: 4:00 pm – small social to follow
- Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup>: 6:30 pm
- Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>: 6:30 pm

**Family First Publication – Parents of Grade PreK-2:** A copy of the winter/spring edition of the *Family First* publication is being sent in BEE Books today for our PreK-Grade 2 families. The newspaper is a collaborative effort between the St. Croix County Early Childhood Interagency Council and RiverTowns Multimedia. In particular, I want to draw your attention to the articles on strengthening thinking development (p. 4), problem-solving and critical thinking skills (p. 8), and self-help development (p. 10-11).

**Middle School Students – Extreme Faith Camp – June 17-21:** Current Middle School students are highly encouraged to consider attending the Extreme Faith Camp, June 17-21. This is an amazing week of fun and faith, specifically focused on "reaching" Middle School students. Check out this short promo video to get a feel for it: [2019 Extreme Faith Camp Promo](#) [More specific details are available at: <https://catholicdos.org/extreme-faith-camp>.] The Joany Fund has very generously agreed to pay \$300 of the requested \$390 for the first 10 students to register! For more information, or to register, please contact Amy Burns at [aburns@stbparish.com](mailto:aburns@stbparish.com) A brochure is attached to today's E-Buzz for your reference.

**First Communion Reminders:** Second grade families whose child is preparing to receive First Communion are reminded of these dates:

Learning Centers: Thursday, February 21, 3:30 – 6:30 OR Sunday, February 24, 1:00 – 4:00  
(Note: The original February 17 date was **changed** to February 24 due to an important Diocesan meeting scheduled after this calendar was published.)

Retreat: Sunday, March 24, 1:00 – 2:00 (Bring your completed banner to this retreat.)

First Communion: Saturday, March 30, 2:30 p.m. OR Saturday, April 6, 2:30 p.m.

We continue to work at rescheduling our missed Catholic Schools Week events and will try to get at least a couple of them in before the GALA. We surely had fun with the activities of last Friday! Thanks for helping your child get in the spirit of Beach Day!

We are also waiting to hear of the River Falls School District's plans for snow make-up days before we announces changes to our schedule. We will let you know as soon as possible.

May God bless your week!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeanne M. McCoy".

Jeanne McCoy  
Principal

Attachments: Extreme Faith Camp – Middle School students