



St. Bridget Parish School

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Dear St. Bridget Parish School Families,

**“Accept the strength that come
from the grace of Christ Jesus.”**

-2 Timothy 2:1

Congratulations Starla Dixen and Mary Gribble! Congratulations to Starla Dixen, GOAL teacher, and Mary Gribble, Grade 1 teacher, who have earned their Orton-Gillingham Certified Teacher Level (OG-CT) after successfully completing extended OG coursework and a supervised practicum! We are proud of you, and appreciate your initiative in your continuing education!

Tuition Assistance Applications – Due May 1: This is a reminder that families wishing to apply for tuition assistance for next school year need to submit the Tuition Assistance Application, along with a copy of your 2018 Federal tax return, by May 1. I’ve attached a copy of the application to today’s E-Buzz. Please note that PreK students are not eligible for tuition assistance.

Sister Kathleen Agnes Brady Trust Tuition Scholarship – Grade K-8 Students: The purpose of the Sister Kathleen Agnes Brady Trust Tuition Scholarship is to provide tuition grants to Catholic children attending Catholic schools in the Diocese of Superior, Kindergarten through Eighth Grade. This program is administrated through the Diocese of Superior. All scholarship grants are awarded based on need as documented in the application process.

I’ve attached additional information and the application form to today’s E-Buzz. If interested, please return the completed application form, along with a copy of your 2018 Federal Income Tax Return (1040, 1040A, or 1040 EZ), to the principal no later than June 1. Applicant families are notified of eligibility and grant amounts in December, 2019.

Please call or email me if you have any questions about this opportunity: 715-425-1872 or principal@stbparish.com.

Bicycle Helmets – Due Tomorrow: The River Falls Police Department is taking orders for bicycle helmets. Orders are due by April 2, with no late orders accepted. It will take about a month to receive the order. **Checks should be made payable to the *City of River Falls*.** If you need an order form, see the March 19 E-Buzz.

All School Photo – April 3: We will take an all-school panoramic photo Wednesday, April 3. **PreK students are asked to be in uniform clothing for this photo.** Grades K-8 should already be in uniform clothing as it is a school Mass day.

Report Cards: Report cards will be sent home with students on Friday, April 5.

Home & School Meeting – April 8: Our next Home & School meeting will be held on Monday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m. in our Before/After Care room. Topics of discussion will include our Spring Fling (April 26) and Staff Appreciation Week (May 6-10). Please join us!

Congratulations First Communicants: Congratulations to these second grade students who received their First Communion on the dates indicated, and to classmates Alex Simpson & Alexis VanHandel who supported them in their preparation.

March 30

Owen Brantner
Tommy Czaplewski
Isa Madsen
Peter Oestreich

April 6

Isaac Baldeshwiler
Sammy Conway
Steven Conway
Matiss DeBoe
Jayden Jarosch
Mason Jeffery
Elise Kehoe
Keaton Leier
Gracie Sanford

Celebration of First Communicants – April 10: We will celebrate and honor our First Communicants during our school Mass on Wednesday, April 10. Parents of these children are asked to attend this Mass and sit with their child. Second grade students are invited to dress in their First Communion clothing wear for Mass. We will have a small reception for these second grade students and their parents in the Fellowship Hall immediately following Mass. Our PreK students will join us for the Mass, and are reminded to dress in school uniform clothing.

Spring Photos – April 11: Spring portraits will be taken of all students on Thursday, April 11. You have a choice of 6 background options, AND students may bring a prop for the photo, if that is acceptable to you as parent. **Please indicate your choice of background on the Spring Portrait flyer being sent home today and return with your child before picture day.**

In addition to individual student portraits, families have the option to have their children photographed together in a group. You may also have children younger than 4 years of age photographed individually or as part of your group of children. The only stipulation for the younger ones is that they must be able to stand for the photo. We will begin group photos at 8:45 in the gym. Please send a note if you would your children photographed together so that we know to call them from their classroom.

There is no obligation to purchase, and you will be able to see the photos before you purchase. If you choose not to purchase any of the photos, simply return the entire package to our school office. Call Lifetouch at 1-866-955-8342 with any questions or our office at 715-425-1872. Participation in this program does provide a commission to our school for each package purchased.

Tornado Drill – April 11: We will practice a tornado drill Thursday, April 11 at approximately 12:30 p.m. This is a little earlier than the state-wide drill at 1:45 pm, but because of our *Alice in Wonderland* dress rehearsal at 1:30 pm we'll move ours to an earlier time.

MAPS Testing – April 15 through May 10: Students will take the spring MAPS tests in reading, language arts, and math during the time period of April 15 through May 10. Similar to fall testing, these tests will provide data on individual student progress as well as grade level progress in these subjects since the beginning of the school year. Test results will be mailed to parents near the end of the school year. Teachers will notify you of specific dates for their grade in their weekly newsletter.

Music in Our School:

Grades 5-8: Our 5th through 8th grade students have been diligently rehearsing and are excited to present our spring musical, *Alice in Wonderland*, Friday and Saturday, **April 12 & 13** at 7 p.m. in our school gym. Admission will be free-will so no advance tickets are needed! Hope to see you there!

Grades PreK-4: The Spring Program for PreK-Grade 4 students will be presented Thursday, **May 16** at 6:30 p.m. in our school gym. They, too, have been working hard to learn the music for their program!

This evening will also celebrate artwork created by all grades, PreK-8!

Band-O-Rama: Our 6th grade band students will participate in the River Falls School District Band-O-Rama on Tuesday, **April 16** at 6:30 p.m. at the RF High School. This program is a celebration of all of the grade 6-12 bands.

Girls in Science – UW-River Falls – April 13: Girls are encouraged to participate in the UW-RF Girls in Science activity Saturday, April 13. Grades 3-6: 8 am – 12:15 pm; Grades 6-9: 1-5:15 pm. To register, go to www.rflearns.org -> Register Now->Youth Enrichment & Activities ->Girls in SCIENCE Session 1 or Session 2.

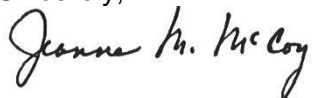
River Falls Swim Club: It is time for another session with River Falls Swim Club. The Spring/Summer session starts on April 15. We will have registration for new swimmers to our team that same night from 5:30-6:30pm. Due to the RFHS pool being under construction, the spring portion of our session will be held in Ellsworth under the dome! Parent coordinated carpooling is available as well. See attached flyers (spring and summer).

Grades 6-8 – The Diary of Anne Frank – April 18: Middle School students will travel to the Park Square Theatre in St. Paul on Thursday, April 18 to view the 10 a.m. performance of *The Diary of Anne Frank*. Students are currently reading/studying this book in reading class. The permission slip is being sent home today with students. Please complete and return with payment by Tuesday, April 12. Cost for admission and busing is \$20 per student. If the cost for this field trip presents a financial hardship for your family, please contact me (715-425-1872 or principal@stbparish.com) as I have some funds available to assist those in need. Please note that a bag lunch is needed for this field trip.

Spring Fling Sock Hop – April 26: Join us for our annual Spring Fling Sock Hop Friday, April 26 from 5-7 pm in our school gym! Your entire family is invited for an evening of fun! A DJ has been hired and pizza, hot dogs, chips, pop and root beer floats will be available for purchase! See attached flyer.

Pierce Pepin Poster Contest: Grade K-5 students are invited to participate in the annual Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services poster contest. There are three grade categories: grades K-1, 2-3 and 4-5. Three cash prizes will be awarded in each category: 1st place: \$40, 2nd place: \$25, and 3rd place: \$15. Entries should be submitted to the classroom teacher by **Monday, April 22**. I've attached a copy of the contest information to today's E-Buzz.

Sincerely,



Jeanne McCoy
Principal

Attachments:

- 1) St. Bridget Parish School Tuition Assistance Application
- 2) Sister Agnes Brady Trust Tuition Scholarship
- 2) UW-RF Girls in Science
- 3) RF Swim Club
- 4) Spring Fling Sock Hop
- 5) Pierce Pepin Poster Contest