



# St. Bridget Parish School

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Dear St. Bridget Parish School Families,

**“Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?  
Since you cannot do this very little thing,  
why do you worry about the rest?”**

- Luke 12:25-26

**Regional Religion Bee:** Congratulations to Layla Czaplewski (8<sup>th</sup> grade) and Esabella Behnam (7<sup>th</sup> grade) who won the St. Bridget Parish School Religion Bee, and represented our school at the Regional Religion Bee hosted by St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School in Hastings, MN on Thursday, April 25. Eight other schools were represented by 26 of their school winners.

Mr. Leary reports “It was a fun and hard fought Bee with Layla and Esabella finishing near the middle of the pack of Bible and Catholic Trivia Scholars. Congratulations to them and many thanks for representing our school so well!”

**MAPS Testing – April 15 through May 10:** MAPS testing will continue through May 10.

**May & June Lunch Menu:** The lunch menu for May and June was sent today in BEE Books. Please note that the menu for June 3-6 will be cook’s choice as Ms. Cataract works to empty the freezer before summer.

Friday, June 7 is our annual all-school picnic lunch. Parents & younger siblings are encouraged to join us for this 11:30 lunch/end of year celebration. We will send a lunch reservation form later in May so that we know how much food to prepare. June 7 is the last school day for students. Students will be dismissed to go home with their parents right after lunch. Because this is a full day for the RF School District, busing will not be available at 12:30 for St. Bridget students. Also, we will not have After Care available on June 7, but there will be Before Care.

**Grades 6-8 – Festival of Nations – May 3:** Middle School students will take a field trip to the Festival of Nations on Friday, May 3. This activity is great preparation for our own Festival of Nations put on by Middle School students in our gym on Friday, May 10.

**2019-2020 School Calendar:** Next year’s school calendar will be sent as an attachment with today’s E-Buzz. A paper copy will be sent to families with final report cards in June.

**Home & School Officers:** Our Home & School Association is looking for committee members for the 2019-2020 school year. The committee members consist of the following positions. Our meetings are held October, December, February, April, and May. Each committee member is asked to help with our major activities: Uniform Swap on Orientation Day, Back-to-School Night, CSW Bingo/Open Gym, Mardi Gras, Spring Fling, Staff Appreciation Week, and River Falls Days Parade Concessions.

**Chair:** creates the agenda for each meeting (in consultation with the principal); works with the committee members to plan and execute the various Home & School activities throughout the

year; reports on Home & School activities at the monthly Education Committee meetings.

**Secretary:** records minutes of each meeting and submits them to the principal and Chair afterward.

**Treasurer:** prepares summary financial reports for each Home & School fundraiser/activity; requests current balances (income, expense, balance) from the principal prior to each meeting, and reports these amounts at the meeting.

**Volunteer Coordinator:** creates and maintains volunteer sign ups (using Sign-Up Genius) for Home & School events as well as other school events. Most sign-ups have already been created but will require editing for the current year's information. This person works closely with the principal to determine what is needed for volunteers and any revisions that need to be made on Sign-Up Genius.

**Staff Appreciation Week – May 6-10:** Our Home & School Association has selected the theme: “RISINIG UP to Excellence: Celebrating our St. Bridget Parish School Staff!” for this year’s Staff Appreciation Week. Please see the attached flyer for the ways your family is asked to participate in making this a special week for our school staff. From cook to teachers to custodian to office staff to pastor – St. Bridget’s wouldn’t be the amazing school it is without the help of these people who care about our students! A “Refrigerator Reminder” was sent in BEE Books for the youngest in each family.

**Grade 2 & 3 – The Works Museum – May 8:** Second and third grade students will take a field trip to The Works Museum, Bloomington, MN on Wednesday, May 8. Second grade students will take a class on Light and Kaleidoscopes, and third grade on Mixing Molecules. The permission slip and request for parent chaperones were sent in BEE Books today. Please return with payment by Friday, May 3. Thank you.

(Note: Grades 2 & 3 will also take a field trip to Carpenter Nature Center on Monday, June 3. More information and permission slips will be sent later in the month.)

**PreK – Carpenter Nature Center – May 9:** Our PreK students will take a field trip to the Carpenter Nature Center on Thursday, May 9. The permission slip and request for parent chaperones were sent in BEE Books today. Please return with payment by Friday, May 3. Thank you.

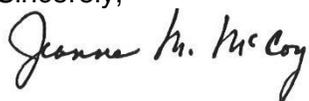
**Our Neighbors’ Place Summer Backpack Program:** We recognize the economy is taking its toll on families in our community. To help, Our Neighbors’ Place would like to offer a source of groceries during the summer for families experiencing financial hardship.

Through the ONP Summer Backpack Program, a bag filled weekly with nutritious, kid-friendly food items can be picked up at one of these two locations: Our Neighbors’ Place Day Center or Ezekiel Lutheran Church.

Program participation is open to all students in the River Falls School District, 4K-12. You do not need to qualify. To sign up for the program, please complete both sides of the application form (sent today in BEE Books with youngest child) and return to our school office by Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>.

May God bless your week!

Sincerely,



Jeanne McCoy  
Principal