



St. Bridget Parish School

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Dear St. Bridget Parish School Families,

**Sing out, O heavens, and rejoice, O earth,
break forth into song, you mountains.
for the Lord comforts his people
and shows mercy to his afflicted.**

- Isaiah 49:13

Welcome Mr. Mike Kongshaug – Custodian/Maintenance: I am very pleased to announce the hiring of Mr. Mike Kongshaug as our school custodian/maintenance person. Mr. Kongshaug began yesterday, and comes to us with a wealth of experience. I am also most grateful to Mr. John Johnson for his continued service to our school during this time of transition, and to Mr. Mike Flanscha for the work he has done during these last months. God has indeed blessed us with people who care deeply about our physical plant!

Mrs. Hillary Gilles – Extended Absence: Mrs. Gilles will be out of school for a few weeks beginning April 15. We anticipate she will return around May 10. During this time, if you have attendance or departure information to share, please email the classroom teacher AND me (principal@stbparish.com) or Mrs. Brantner (tbrantner@stbparish.com) or call the office with your information.

Celebration of First Communicants – Tomorrow: We will celebrate and honor our First Communicants during our school Mass tomorrow, April 10. 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 - MOVED to Tuesday, April 23: Due to the possibility of inclement weather on Thursday, and the fact that our photographer will need to travel from the Eau Claire area, I've **moved spring portraits to Tuesday, April 23.**

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 sent home last week. Please return this flyer 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 a.m. in the gym. Please send a note if you would like 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.

Alice in Wonderland – April 12 & 13: Please join us for our spring musical, *Alice in Wonderland* at 7 pm on Friday, April 12 and Saturday, April 13 in our school gym! Practicing in costumes, and adding wireless microphones have significantly increased the excitement among the cast members! Hope you are able to attend for at least one of these fun evenings!

If school would be cancelled on Thursday, we'll move the dress rehearsal to Friday afternoon. The two performances would not be affected by this adjustment.

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.

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.

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 slips were sent last week. Please note that a bag lunch is needed for this field trip.

Good Friday – April 19 – No School: Students do not have classes Friday, April 19 as we observe Good Friday. This provides a great opportunity to participate in Good Friday Mass and the beauty of the Triduum with your family!

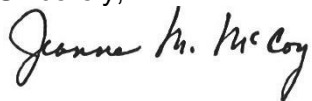
Spring Fling Sock Hop – April 26: Join us for our annual Spring Fling Sock Hop Friday, April 26 from 5-7 pm in our school gym! Your entire family is invited for an evening of fun! A DJ has been hired and pizza, hot dogs, chips, pop and root beer floats will be available for purchase!

We will need help from parents to put on this event! Use the link below to sign-up. You'll find a variety of areas in which to help! Thank you!

[Spring Fling Sock Hop - Parent Help](#)

May God bless your week!

Sincerely,



Jeanne McCoy
Principal