



St. Bridget Parish School

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Dear St. Bridget Parish School Families,

Happy Mother's Day!

We give thanks for loving, wonderful mothers, who have given their children so many invaluable gifts. We give thanks for new mothers, welcoming new life into the world. We give thanks for adoptive and foster parents, who model the adoptive love of God. We give thanks for aunts and godmothers and neighbors, who share maternal love with so many children, and for far too often overlooked stepmothers. God bless each of you!

Thank you from our entire staff for the many kindnesses shown to us this past week during Staff Appreciation Week! We are blessed beyond measure!

SCRIP Reminder: SCRIP rebate earning for this year will end at noon on May 19. Earnings after May 19 will be counted toward next year. Call our school office if you would like to know whether or not you've met the \$50 rebate requirement.

Spring Photos: Spring photos have arrived and are being sent with students today. If you wish to purchase one or more sheets, see the price list in the packet. If you are not interested in purchasing, please return the complete package to our school office by Friday, May 17. Checks should be made payable to Lifetouch or you may pay online.

Special Offer for Schools Served by the Eau Claire Lifetouch Office: The Eau Claire Lifetouch office offers the opportunity for families to purchase 2 or more complete packages for a total price of \$70. However, you must pay by cash or check in order to take advantage of this offer. Please write the names of all of the student packages you are purchasing on one envelope & place payment inside.

Music Residency – May 16: We are excited to bring Okello Kelo Sam, an Uganda native, for an African drumming and dance residency on Thursday, May 16. Mr. Okello will present to each of grades PreK-8 during their usual music class, affording students a close-up, small group music experience!

PreK-Grade 4 Spring Program – May 16: Our PreK-Grade 4 students will present their Spring Program Thursday, May 16 at 6:30 p.m. in our school gym. Art work from all grades will be on display in the gym as well.

We will have a dress rehearsal Wednesday, May 15 at 10:30 a.m. This dress rehearsal is open to anyone who would like to attend. Please use the north gym entrance for the dress rehearsal and the program.

Students should report to their classrooms between 6:00 and 6:15 p.m. on Thursday night. Students are asked to dress up for this concert, but no particular colors are required. However, the usual dress restrictions such as no spaghetti straps, bare shoulders, torn/ripped/stressed clothing, and fingertip length or longer skirts/shorts will apply. No jeans, please.

Grade 4-5 Shadow Day – May 17: Fourth and fifth grade students will have the opportunity to experience our middle school as they shadow our Middle School students during the morning of Friday, May 17. This annual activity is intended to assist with the transition to Middle School.

Middle School Mock Trial – May 17: Our Middle School students will participate in a Mock Trial on Friday, May 17. 7th & 8th grade students will serve as lawyers and witnesses, and 6th grade students as the jury pool. Parents are welcome to attend! It will begin at 12:45 p.m.

Gr. 2 – River Falls Public Works – May 20: Second grade students will be treated to a visit from the River Falls Public Works Department on Monday, May 20. The City of River Falls will set up a variety of vehicles on our parking lot and explain each vehicle's purpose/use to students during an hour long presentation. This program is offered to second grade classes at each of the River Falls Schools.

Gr. 3 – River Falls EMS – Week of May 20-24: Third grade students will learn more about the RF Emergency Medical Services in our city during the week of May 20-24. (Specific date to be finalized.) This visit includes information on the use of 911, first aid, and a tour of the ambulance. This program is offered to third grade classes at each of the River Falls Schools.

8th Grade Retreat – May 22 & 23: One of our culminating activities for our 8th grade students, and a highlight of their Middle School experience is an overnight retreat. The retreat will be held at Dunrovin' Christian Brothers Retreat Center, just north of Stillwater, MN. Mr. Mike Leary will lead this retreat. Several 8th grade parents will help chaperone the overnight. Students will depart after Mass on May 22 and return near the end of the school day on May 23. This permission slip was sent with 8th grade students today. Please return by Monday, May 20.

Grades 4-5 – MN Zoo – May 23: Grades 4 & 5 will visit the MN Zoo Thursday, May 23. The bus will depart at 9 a.m. and return at 2:30 p.m. The student permission slip is being sent in BEE Books today. Please return by Friday, May 17. Our 4th grade parent chaperones will be Brenda Boetel and Justin Luther. Our 5th grade parent chaperones will be Heather Beadles and Tim Tryba.

Track & Field Day – May 28: Our annual Track & Field Day will have a different look this year as the renovation-in-progress of the RF High School track causes us to relocate our event to Hoffman Park on Tuesday, May 28 with an inclement weather date of Thursday, May 30. **See the description and permission slip sent in today's Bee Books for details.** We will have less need for parents to help run events, but welcome all parents to save the date and join us for at least part of the day!

St. B's High School Graduates Walk-Through – May 31: River Falls High School graduates will visit their elementary school for a "walk through" in their caps & gowns on Friday, May 31 at approximately 9:30 a.m. Parents of these seniors are welcome to attend, if available! We are very proud of those graduates who attended St. Bridget's Parish School, and look forward to congratulating them as they visit us on May 31!

8th Grade Class Trip – May 31: Our eighth grade will be taking their class trip on Friday, May 31 to the Mall of America. The permission slip for this activity was also sent with 8th grade students today. Please return by Friday, May 24.

Grades 2 -3 – Carpenter Nature Center – June 3: Grades 2 & 3 will have a field trip to the Carpenter Nature Center Monday, June 3 from 12-2:30 p.m. Second grade will have a class on insects, and third grade on rocks

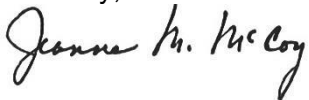
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Gr. 8 Graduation – June 4: Our eighth grade graduation will be held on Tuesday, June 4, beginning with Mass at 6:00 p.m. More details to follow for eighth grade parents! Graduation day is traditionally the last day of school for St. Bridget eighth grade students, and will be this year as well.

Grades K-1 – Carpenter Nature Center – June 5: Kindergarten and Grade 1 students will visit the Carpenter Nature Center Wednesday, June 5 from 9:15 – 11:30 a.m. They will learn more about flowers and pollination. The permission slip and request for parent chaperones was sent in BEE Books today. Please return by Wednesday, May 22.

All-School Picnic – Last Day Celebration – June 7: 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.

Sincerely,



Jeanne McCoy
Principal

Permission Slips Sent This Week (By Grades):

All Grades – Track & Field Day at Hoffman Park - Permission slip due by Friday, May 24

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