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# St. Bridget Parish School

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August 6, 2018

Dear St. Bridget Parish School Families,

I hope your summer is going well! Turning the calendar to August, along with the onset of Back-to-School Sales, offer pleasant reminders that the new school year is not far away.

I want to provide some summer updates to you.

**New Hires:** Earlier this summer, Mrs. Billie Robinson, Middle School reading/language arts, accepted a position at the Ellsworth Middle School, and last week Mrs. Jill Tiffany, PreK, accepted a position in the River Falls School District. We are grateful for their years of service to St. Bridget's, and wish them all the best in their new opportunities.

Please extend a warm welcome to these teachers who have been hired.

- **Phy Ed:** Mrs. Rachel Culp has worked at St. Bridget as a sub both in Phy Ed, and our PreK classrooms. She holds licensure for PreK-12 Phy Ed, as well as Elementary Ed. Mrs. Culp has a Master of Education degree, and has worked as teacher, coached volleyball, basketball, and softball, and a Dean of Students. Mrs. Culp lives in River Falls.
- **Music:** Mrs. Connie Mann comes to us with a wealth of experience as a music teacher, teaching the last two years at Frederic, WI. She has a Master of Music degree, and is licensed for General Music, Choral Music, and Instrumental Music. Mrs. Mann also lives in River Falls.
- **Grade 2:** Mrs. Molly Hering is a graduate of UW-River Falls. She has taught Grade 3 at St. Pat's, Hudson, Grade 2 at Starr Elementary in New Richmond, and most recently as a Reading Specialist (K-3) at E.P. Rock Elementary in Hudson. Mrs. Hering is licensed for Elementary/Middle Level Education. She is very excited about returning to Catholic education!
- **MS Reading/Language Arts:** Mrs. Brenna O'Connor holds a Master of Education degree as well as a Master of Business Management degree. She is licensed for Elementary/Middle Level Education. Her teaching experience includes 15 years at Globe University, teaching Speech, English, Language Arts, Reading, and Technology Education. This past spring Mrs. O'Connor completed some additional field experience at Rocky Branch and Meyer Middle School, and is eager to begin work with our middle school students!

The hiring process continues for the remainder of our openings as we strive to hire the best possible candidates for our students.

**Tuition Checks/ACH Forms Due August 15:** August 1 was the deadline for paying tuition in full in order to receive the 5% discount. Tuition paid in 2 installments, as well as 10 month ACH forms, are due August 15.

**School Calendar & Student Supply List:** I'll attach a copy of the 2018-2019 School Calendar, and the Student Supply List to this E-Buzz as I've had some calls from families looking for this information.

**Summer Projects Nearing Completion:** In addition to the usual school summer projects of cleaning (classrooms, windows, bathrooms, gym), floor waxing, and maintenance, these school improvement projects are nearing completion. The following projects were made possible because of the success of our Gala last February.

- Plaster repair, and complete painting: Kindergarten (both rooms), Grade 2, Grade 3
- Painting: upper hallway near Main Office
- New light fixtures and additional light fixtures: Hallway near Main Office
- New computers: Staff (where needed), PreK-5 computer lab, Middle School computer lab
- Ductwork for air exchange (Gr. 8) & related repair on air handler system
- Vertical blinds for Before/After Care room, and Art/PreK-5 computer lab
- Purchase of a GaGa Pit for recess play
- (First and Fourth Grade classrooms will be painted during Spring Break in March, 2019.)

**New Family Night – August 23:** We will have an information evening, designed just for families new to St. Bridget's, on Thursday, August 23 from 6 – 7 p.m. Topics to be covered will include: student pick up and drop off, Before/After Care Program, daily classroom routines, bus transfers, lunch routines, PreK snack calendars, attendance, and so forth. (See attached flyer.)

**Annual Family Paperwork Pick-Up & Orientation Day:** We are going to try something new with the Annual Family Paperwork that parents need to complete for our school office at the beginning of **each** school year. In response to parent feedback, the Family Paperwork packets will be available for parent pick up in our Before/After Care room on these days/times:

- Thursday, August 23: 4 – 6 pm
- Friday, August 24 from 8 – noon

It is our intent that you will complete this paperwork at home, and return it on the Orientation Day – **Tuesday, September 4**. Families who are unable, or choose not to, pick up the paperwork should plan on approximately 20-30 minutes to complete and submit it on September 4.

Our **Orientation Day** will be held Tuesday, Sept. 4 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. No classes will be held this day but it provides an opportunity for families to complete/submit necessary paperwork for our school office, drop off school supplies, and meet our teachers and staff. Students do need to come with parents as this counts as a student attendance day for them. Expect to spend about 1 hour here this day.

**Remaining Summer Office Hours:**

Week of August 13:	Monday & Tuesday, 8 a.m. to noon
Week of August 20:	Monday & Friday, 8 a.m. to noon
Week of August 27:	Limited availability due to staff inservice; call first or leave paperwork at church office if no one answers doors at school.

Wishing you many blessings during these last weeks of vacation!

Sincerely,



Jeanne McCoy  
Principal