



# St. Bridget Parish School

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Dear St. Bridget Parish School Families,

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! We are looking forward to seeing each of you tomorrow during our Orientation Day from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. We are hoping the day's activities will provide an opportunity for families to meet our teachers, view classrooms, drop off school supplies, pay lunch fees, and complete/submit the information forms provided in the student packets.

Just this past week two of the new teachers hired this summer resigned in order to accept positions at the public school in Plum City. Mr. Tim Foslin, Grade 4, will be working there as a reading specialist and Mrs. Connie Mann, music, will have a full-time position in music. In Tim's place, Mr. Vincent Pedavoli has been hired for our Fourth Grade. Mr. Pedavoli taught fifth grade at St. Francis School in Ellsworth for the past three years, and also taught for 9 years at Holy Trinity Catholic Middle School in North Carolina. I am very pleased to have Mr. Pedavoli join our school staff. Our part-time positions, music and art, have not yet been filled. We will continue to search for qualified, licensed teachers to fill these positions.

## **2018-2019 School Staff:**

PreK: Ms. Latischa Ferg, Mrs. Dannell Nordstrom & Mrs. Kim Langer, Mrs. Cathy Wunrow  
K: Mrs. Liz Parsons, Mrs. Therese Stacy  
1: Mrs. Mary Gribble  
2: Mrs. Molly Hering  
3: Ms. Michele Jarosch  
4: Mr. Vincent Pedavoli  
5: Mrs. Judy Youngblood-Bourn  
Middle School: Reading/Language Arts/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Homeroom: Mrs. Brenna O'Connor  
Math/Science/7<sup>th</sup> Grade Homeroom: Ms. Melissa Mussleman  
Religion/Social Studies/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Homeroom: Mr. Mike Leary  
Goal: Mrs. Starla Dixen  
Art: To Be Hired  
Phy-Ed: Mrs. Rachel Culp  
Music: To Be Hired  
Office Assistant: Mrs. Hillary Gilles & Mrs. Theresa Brantner (also Lunch Recess Supervisor T, W, Th)  
Custodian: Mr. John Johnson  
Cook: Ms. Jackie Cataract  
Principal: Miss Jeanne McCoy

**School Volunteer Opportunities:** There are many opportunities to volunteer at St. Bridget's – including helping during the school day as lunch room or lunch recess supervisors, as well as for numerous Home & School events. Our need is great but this need provides opportunities for parents to work with other parents for the good of our school, forming a strong school community.

Sarah Fangmeier, a St. Bridget parent, will continue to serve as our Volunteer Coordinator to create our Sign-Up Genius link to coordinate our parent volunteers. In addition, we've compiled the list of opportunities for volunteers into one sign-up sheet that you will receive today in your student packet. Sarah will use the information gathered from this

sheet to organize the list of volunteers according to their interest/availability/event. We will continue to use a Sign-Up Genius link to sign up for specific shifts/donations for each event/need.

Please know how deeply your involvement is appreciated, and the positive difference you can make for the success of our school. By working TOGETHER, we can do amazing things for our children.

**Uniform Swap:** Gently used uniform items will be available in the gym on Orientation Day, Sept. 4. You do not need to bring something in order to take something!

**Education Committee Meeting – Sept. 11:** Our Parish Education Committee will meet Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 6:00 pm in the Before/After Care room.

**Back to School Social – Sept. 19:** ALL families are encouraged to attend our first Home and School event of the year: our Back to School Social, Wed., Sept. 19 from 5 – 7 pm. This evening is intended to be an opportunity to come together as a school community, to have fun, to visit with each other, and enjoy pizza.

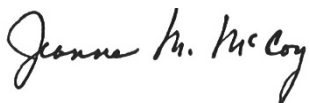
**First Reconciliation and First Communion:** Children in the second grade or above are welcome to prepare for and celebrate the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion. *(Please note that 2<sup>nd</sup> grade is only a guideline. If you do not believe that your 2<sup>nd</sup> grade child is ready to understand one, or both, of these sacraments, he/she can wait until later, when ready.)*

**First Reconciliation Information and Registration Meeting:** This meeting, for parents and candidates, will be on Sunday, Sept. 30 at 1:00 in the church. Celebration of this sacrament will be on Saturday, Dec. 8 at 9:00 a.m.

**First Communion Information and Registration Meeting:** This meeting, for parents and candidates, will be on Sunday, January 20 at 1:00 p.m. in the church. Celebrations of this sacrament will be at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 30 and Saturday, April 6. Families have a choice of these two dates for receiving the sacrament.

May God bless you and your children throughout this school year!

Sincerely,



Miss Jeanne McCoy, Principal