

St. Bridget School

Mission
St. Bridget School will provide an excellent Catholic education in an environment where the message of Jesus Christ is taught, lived and shared.



Irish Times

Learning Through Christ's Love

5 B's: Be Caring
Be Fair
Be Respectful
Be Responsible
Be Trustworthy

Calendar of Events

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April 11

2nd Grade to Park Towers
Social Media Presentation
by Rockford Police

April 13

School Not in Session
Holy Thursday
Begin Spring Break

April 24

Classes Resume

April 27

Hot Lunch-Culver's
First Communion Practice
6:00 p.m.

April 28

4th Grade Field Trip-
Madison Zoo

April 29

First Communion 10:00 a.
m.

May 3

Kindergarten Screening

May 4

1st Grade Trip to St. Rita

May 5

Race For Education

May 8-12

Teacher Appreciation
Week Celebrated

May 10

Confirmation 5:30 p.m.

May 12

2nd Grade Field Trip to
Camp Winnebago

HELP WANTED

Looking for a reliable play-ground monitors for Tuesday and Thursday and substitute on an as needed basis from 11:40 -12:40. Easy job; get exercise as you walk around and interact with the children. You would be one of 3 adults on the playground together. This is a **paid** position. If you are interested, please contact the school office at 815-633-8255. Thank you.

The "Race" is on!

Preparations are underway for St. Bridget's 6th annual "Race for Education". This year's race is scheduled for Friday, May 5th, 2017. If anyone would like to volunteer to help with the event, please contact Becky Zehe at 815-721-5830 or rzehe@yahoo.com.

RFE T-Shirt Sponsorship Opportunity

If you, or the business you work for are interested in sponsoring the Race for Education t-shirts, please contact Becky Zehe @ 815-721-5830 or rzehe@yahoo.com.

2017-2018 School Year Registration

Registration Fee has now increased to \$100.00 a student with a maximum of \$300.00 per family. Please plan to register as soon as possible for planning/budget purposes. Thank you.

Pre-School Registration

Our 3 year old program is at capacity. We are taking

names for the wait list.

Our 4 year old morning program is at capacity. Registration is open for MWF afternoons for 4's.

Angel Garden Adult Volunteers Needed

If you are interested in assisting Mr. Lynch with the Angel Garden on a regular basis this Spring, please contact him at 815-654-9030. Thank you!!

Shamrock Shuffle Recap

This year's event was a HUGE success. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported this year's event. We moved to accommodate more and yet again SOLD OUT! As of today, we have officially raised \$30,000!! We would like to thank the awesome Shamrock Shuffle Committee, Mrs. Cook and all those who donated their time to prepare or volunteered the night of the event. A BIG thank you to the sponsors, advertisers and all those that donated items and funds. Thank you also to Mauh-Nah-Tee-See Country Club & it's staff for an incredible space, dinner and accommodating our vision. Finally, a huge thank you to Mrs. Toldo, Monsignor, Fr. Romke & Fr. Browning for your continued support. We are overwhelmed and humbled by the amazing community of St. Bridget. Go Irish!

Come Join the Fun & Paint

You will be creating two beautiful hanging art pieces (on wood) one for your child to keep and another to give

as a Mother's Day Gift. Surprise visit from "Belle". Cost \$25.00 Call 815-289-5191 to reserve your spot. Flyers in office.

Thank You

Thank you to Mary Fuller and Patty Goebel and committee for all their time and planning in putting together a fabulous talent show.

Congratulations to all the 8th graders who so graciously shared their talents.

HOME & SCHOOL OPEN MEETING APRIL 11TH, 6:00 P.M. SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENTATION BY ROCKFORD POLICE

YMCA Easter Break Camp at Camp Winnebago

YMCA Camp Winnebago is hosting an Easter Break Camp Revive child care program from April 17-21 from 6:45 to 5:30 p.m. Call 815-489-3374 for details.

School Calendar 2017-18

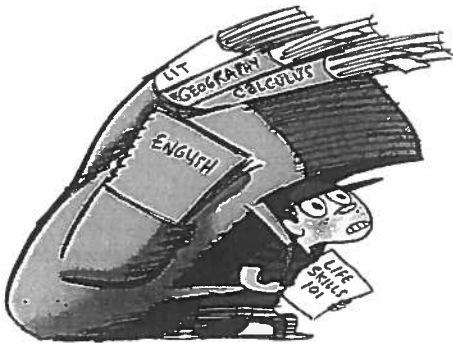
The first day of school will be until 1:00 p.m. on Tues., Aug. 22nd. October will include an Institute on the 10th. Parent/Teacher Conferences will be the afternoon and evening of Nov. 9th. No school on Wed., Nov. 22nd Thanksgiving. Christmas break begins with a half day on Dec. 20th and classes resume on Jan. 3rd. Easter break begins March 29th and classes resume on April 9th. We will distribute the calendar once it is finalized.

Have a safe and blessed Easter!!!

April 7, 2017

Dear parents,

Many of you have expressed frustrations with the amount of time it takes your child to complete their homework, the weight of their backpack, and the fact at times when they do the homework; they then forget to turn it in for credit. Here are a few ideas to help your child at home:



A chapter in "The Conscious Parents Guide to Executive Function Disorder" is titled The Backpack Vortex. It references the backpack as a receptacle for all things, some unidentifiable, related to your child's life. It can be especially nightmarish for children with organizational challenges. If your child is walking bent over from the weight as they make their way to the car, first of all determine if your child indeed needs everything they are bringing home. Some students are packing their whole desk just in case they need anything. Before you leave the parking lot send your child back inside with any books not necessary for the night's studying and homework. (Check their planner) You can also set a backpack cleaning routine. When your child gets home from school, take everything out and organize it for homework time. You might ask "Where is the home for your pencils?" or "What is your system for filing loose leaf papers?" Encourage them to take responsibility in decision making regarding their own study habits.

As a way to determine which papers to discard and which to keep, try the following questions:

Is this a paper you need to study for future tests?

Does your teacher expect you to keep this paper for future reference?

Is this a paper you are proud of and want to keep?

Is there a way we can make sure your teacher recorded and graded this paper? In other words, "Has the teacher seen this?"

Now what if your child does the homework but forgets to turn it in?

Organize tasks. Help your child create a checklist of required tasks to help her keep track of where she is in the assignment process. Make copies of the checklist to keep in her binder and post in her room.

Establish routines. Set up a routine specifically for getting assignments back to the teacher (for example, as soon as it's finished, it goes into a folder next to the front door).

Connect it. Is there something your child NEVER forgets to bring to school? Put the homework with THAT item.

Don't let your child procrastinate. He will likely need your help to get started on a task and see it through.

Some children desire more independence. Tell yours that she can earn the right to monitor her own work after demonstrating success for a few weeks.

Does your child take hours at night to get through simple homework tasks?

Turn off the TV.

What about the radio or other audio devices? Many specialists say, some students do seem to function all right with the radio turned on to a favorite music station. Maybe earphones would be appropriate.

Designate specific areas in your home for homework and studying.

Regularity is a key factor in academic success. It's not easy with today's average family's hectic schedule but the optimum situation would be if dinner is shared at a regular time each night, and once it and family discussions are over, it's time to crack the books. Or if necessary, start homework after a quick break upon arriving home from school.

Organize study and homework projects. Get a large calendar, one that allows space for jotting down things in the daily boxes. Have your child use a bold color writing instrument (felt tip pen) to mark exam dates in one color, reports that are coming due in a different color, etc. This will serve as a reminder so that things aren't set aside until the last moment!

Teach your child that studying is more than just doing homework assignments. One of the most misunderstood aspects of schoolwork is the difference between studying and doing homework assignments. Encourage your child to do things like:

- take notes as he's reading a chapter
- learn to skim material
- learn to study tables and charts
- learn to summarize what he has read in his own words
- learn to make his own flashcards for quick review of dates, formulas, spelling words, etc.

Have a great weekend
See you at Mass

Sincerely,
Mary Toldo