

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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September 1, 2017

September 4

School Not in Session
Labor Day

September 7

8th Grade Parent Field Trip
Info Meeting 6:00 p.m.

September 8

Picture Day in Uniform

September 12

2nd Grade to Park Towers
10:00 a.m.

September 16 & 17

Scrip Cash & Carry after all weekend Masses

September 18-29

Iowa Assessment Testing

September 26

Parent Confirmation Meeting
7:00 p.m. in Parish Center

September 29

Scrip Orders Due

October Grand Day TBD

October 3

Parent First Communion Meeting
7:00 p.m. in Parish Center

October 6

Scrip Pick-up

October 9

School Not in Session
Columbus Day

October 10

School Not in Session
Institute Day

October 19

Picture Retake Day

Just a reminder: Children arriving after 8:10 a.m. must be brought straight to Mass. Parents please walk your younger child into the Parish Center and help them find their class.

Absences

Please remember to call the office by 9:30 a.m. on any day that your child will not be attending school.

Morning Drop Off

- 1) Pull to the farthest cone by the garage, or as far as possible considering the car ahead of you.
- 2) If you are anywhere along the coned zone, have your child exit the car and walk in front of your vehicle.
- 3) **Allow the cars entering from Renrose to pass as you are exiting.**
- 4) Please use special care and never pull around a car.
- 5) Never use a cell phone while driving on school property.

After School Pick Up Fact Check

Did you know that the parking area by the gym is to be used only on the occasion of a special appointment? For some reason it is being used by nearly half the drivers at pick-up. It is not a school staff monitored lot other than when the drivers exit. It doesn't look very

safe. Cars randomly back up. Please consider joining the lot facing the playground. It helps the procedure run most smoothly.

School Pictures

Picture Day is scheduled for Friday, September 8, 2017. That day will be a **uniform day.** Order forms went home today. You may order online or send in the order form with payment. Please make check payable to Interstate Studio. PreK 3's will take pictures on Thursday, October 19th.



Youth Ministry Kickoff

Our semester of ministry kicks off with two full hours of knockerball, Tie Dye, a 42 ft. blow up obstacle course, and more! All 6th-8th graders are welcome to join St. Bridget's Middle School Ministry on September 13th from 6PM-8PM in the open field at the back/right of the Parish Center! For any questions, contact Lauren Wright at lwright@stbridgetlovespark.org

St. Bridget Needs Your Help!

St. Bridget School strives to provide the safest environment for our students through training and preparedness. The staff Crisis Committee is putting together new emergency kits for each classroom and office. We would greatly appreciate your donation of the following items, or monetary donation to help cover the cost: New or used wool blankets, New or used flashlights with batteries, New or used hand crank radios, Packaged gauze, Medical tape, Small packages of cotton swabs, packaged Polysporin, and individually packaged toilet paper rolls. Donations may be dropped at the school office Monday thru Friday 7:45 to 3:30 p.m. Thank you.

Family Directory

The Family Directory and Homeroom lists have been posted under Announcements in School Speak.

Sports News

Information regarding signups for grades 5-8 girls basketball, co-ed bowling and cheerleading was sent home today.

Lunchroom Help Needed

Please see the "Lunchroom Help" link under Quick Links on School Speak. Consider signing up to help in the lunchroom occasionally. The little ones love when their parent arrives at school! Thanks to those who have already jumped in!

September 1, 2017

Dear Parents,

Thanks to all of you who took the time to attend our Parent Back to School Night this past Wednesday. It was great to see you and there is a super positive energy in the air. Monsignor summarized how the priests will be involved in the school this year. We are so blessed with three priests on site! They celebrate daily Mass for our children of course; alternate weekly Bible Study for 8th grade, and facilitate monthly Festival of Praise for the whole school on the first Tuesday of the month at 2:15 beginning in October.

Jim Walker, Home and School co-president with his wife Maura, spoke about recent and upcoming Home and School sponsored events and purchases. Be sure to look for those upcoming events posted in the office newsletter. The first will be Backyard Grill and Bar Night on Thursday October 19 when families may dine out and a generous percentage of sales will be donated back to the school for prizes for the prize cart weekly drawings and other student activities. On Saturday October 21st Parents Only Pizza Night Out will be held at Casey's Pub. Grand Day date is still TBD since we will want to begin with Mass as a group once the church remodel has been completed. It will be in October sometime. We will hold our annual Mass of the Holy Spirit that day when we celebrate our Households. This is a program we have had for four years now! Students are members of Households named after Biblical figures or Saints. They meet once a week to offer petitions and thanksgiving, read the upcoming weekend's gospel, and sing and pray together as a "family". They make annual banners for their households and will process with them on the day of the Mass.

Our Angel Garden has been providing crops for months. The fourth graders planted some of the vegetables last spring and now this week harvested as fifth graders and tasted some of the fruits of their labor. It is wonderful to have such a gift on site to use as a teaching tool with the students.

Thanks to Mr. Lynch, his group of gardeners, and Mrs. K Toldo for their efforts with the impressive garden.

Highlights of the week:

The priests blessing the classrooms and students, Mrs. K directing traffic with the neon orange sticks, Fr. John climbing the dome on the playground with the second graders, presentation by Mrs. Katie of the North Suburban Library Teen Services to the 8th grade on how to do online research and access EBSCO database, first fire drill all 378 students and staff out in 55.8 seconds, preschoolers doing *anything* (so precious), polite students working on this month's 6th B (Be Polite), Back to School Night, great 8th graders leading our student body, lunchroom volunteers. Thanks for that!

We are just a few short weeks from Iowa Assessments, the standardized tests that we administer to grades 3 through 8 each year. Look for further information how you may best prepare your child to be successful in taking the tests.

Have a great, long, Labor Day weekend.

Blessings,

See you at Mass

Mrs. Toldo