

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.



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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 8, 2017

September 12

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

September 16 & 17

Scrip Cash & Carry after all weekend Masses

September 17

Parish Picnic

September 18-29

Iowa Assessment Testing

September 19

Portillo's Night 4:00-9:00 p.m.

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

Backyard Grill & Bar Night

Absences

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

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

ITBS—Grades 3-8

Students in grades 3-8 will take Iowa Assessments the week of September 19, 2017. **Please help us facilitate the testing by refraining from bringing your child to school late, or making any appointments during the school day especially the morning.** We want your children to do their best work on the tests, and minimize the number of test makeups.

St. Bridget Parish Picnic

St. Bridget will be hosting their Parish picnic on Sunday, September 17th after the 11:30 a.m. Mass until 4:00 p.m. for food, fun and games. We are looking for volunteers to help in many areas especially with the games. If you would like to volunteer,

signups will take place after all Masses. This would also be a great opportunity for service hours for students.

Scrip Program

Have you heard about our Scrip Program? Scrip is a term that means “substitute money”. When you purchase scrip, you're purchasing gift certificates and prepaid cards that are used just like cash. You can use scrip to purchase everyday expenses like food, clothing, and other essentials, and with every purchase, you earn revenue for our organization. How scrip generates revenue for you?

Because the scrip is purchased with cash up front, the participating retailers offer a substantial discount. We buy the scrip from Great Lakes Scrip Center and local businesses at a discount, and re-sell the certificates to families like yours for full face value. The discount - from two to fifteen percent or more - is our revenue. With continued participation, you can accumulate a percentage of money off your tuition. Please contact Stacey Nelson at 815-298-7742 for more information and how to sign up.

Special Sacrament Program

If your child is “behind schedule: in their sacraments they can participate in a special program with Shannon McKenna, the RE director, and the priests. Call the Par-

ish Office at 815-633-6311 to register.

Looking for Substitute Teachers

If you have a bachelors degree in any area, you are eligible to acquire a substitute teacher license. If you are interested in subbing, please contact the school office at 815-633-8255.

Math Tutors

We have an opportunity for math tutoring through RPS Title I during the school day. If you have a teaching license, you qualify. If interested, contact Mrs. Mary Toldo at 815-633-8255.

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.

**Portillo's Night
Save the Date
September 19th
4:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

September 7, 2017

Dear parents,

We spent another week reiterating procedures with your children; classroom procedures, lunchroom procedures, playground procedures, moving through the hall procedures, entering and exiting the building procedures, turning in homework procedures, procedures for using the chrome books, procedures for checking out library books. We have so many procedures that fill your little ones' heads and they are really trying to learn and follow them all.

If I may use the P word for one minute (procedure or parking lot) things are looking better. I am still getting a few glares after school from the gym lot parkers who want to exit by way of Renrose. Sorry folks, that's against procedure. Also I was told of an anomaly happening in the morning with a neat little line of cars parked side by side in the yellow lined area that is marked, "No parking on school days" I assume parents are waiting for the cut off time of 7:50 to drop off kiddos without using extended care. Maybe you are idling with your foot on the gas and break at the same time so technically not "parked" but it does cause a concern when you all roll out and cars are coming from behind. More importantly some kids are walking unattended from quite a ways out in the "No parking" area so please use extra caution. Children should be either dropped off by way of the drop off line, or walked to the safety zone according to procedure.

Our preschoolers are adjusting to school life and our 8th graders continue to show leadership qualities. Once we are back in the church for Mass, on Wednesdays we will have 7th graders buddy up with 1st graders to help keep them focused at Mass and second quarter the 8th graders will buddy with Kindergartners. Also once we are in the church we will add music to the Wednesday Mass and each grade will take turns singing in the choir and helping with the liturgy. Watch the school newsletter for dates and please join us when you are able.

We are seeing a twinkle of our extra B; Be Polite. Some students are beginning to return the daily "good mornings". We are hearing a few more "excuse me's" and "thank you's". My prize cart is loaded and ready for rewarding on Friday afternoons. Many students have already had the joy of picking a prize.

Our Builder's Club candy sale today was to benefit Catholic schools in the Houston area. We will have many more opportunities for your child to help the less fortunate this year. The next event will be a Good Will drive in October organized by the Student Council so start piling up those donations!

It's nice to see so many new parents helping in the lunchroom, and our reliable returning parents. We sure do appreciate your help with assisting the younger students and cleaning the tables between lunch periods to keep the tables sanitary. Come eat lunch with your child or spend recess with them.

Have you ever wanted to be a Hot Lunch Lady? Well now is your chance. The first hot lunches will be available for order on School Speak very soon. Jen Gomel, the Queen of Hot Lunch, is ready to turn over the reigns. The system is in place and she is willing to train. Please contact Jen or me if you are willing to take over, or talk about it.

We will again receive Title I Reading services through RPS205 for qualifying students who live within the boundaries. We also have opportunity for math support during the school day. If you have a teaching license and would be interested in tutoring a few hours a week during the school day, please contact me.

Have a great weekend.
See you at Mass.

Sincerely,
Mary Toldo