

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

Calendar of Events

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October 7

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Columbus Day

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Burpee Museum

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Field Trip-
Kindergarten-Edwards
Apple Orchard West

2nd Grade to Park
Towers

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Grand Day

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Picture Retake Day

Backyard Grill & Bar
Night

October 20

Hot Lunch-Paninos

October 21

Parent Night at Casey's
Pub

St. Bridget Craft Fair

Playground Help

Looking for a third playground monitor for one to three days and as a sub from 11:25 -12:40. Pays \$10.00 per hour. If you are interested, please contact the school office at 815-633-8255. Thank you.

Donations for Crisis Buckets

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, 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.

Parent Pizza Night

Please join us at Casey's Pub (7307 N. Alpine Rd) on October 21st at 7:00 p.m. for Pizza, Pasta and fellowship. RSVP to Sue LaFever at slafever@billdoran.com no later than Monday, October 16th. **This is a Parent Only event.** Hope to see you there!

Pet Blessing

St. Bridget Parish will be blessing all our family pets in honor of St. Francis of Assisi on Saturday, October 7th at 9:00 a.m. by the school playground. Families are welcome to bring their pets for a special St. Francis blessing. Please bring dogs on leashes and cats in carriers. Also, parents are encouraged to bring a baggie just in case.

St. Bridget Night at Backyard Grill & Bar

Backyard Grill & Bar, 6473 N. 2nd Street, Loves Park will host St. Bridget Night on Thursday, October 19, 2017. Please support our school by dining in at Backyard Grill & Bar from 5:00-9:00 p.m. that evening. A generous 20% of sales will be donated back to our school thanks to owners (and parishioners) Rich and Dana Schmidt.

"Wild West Book Fair Saddle Up"

Our Book Fair is fastly approaching. What a great theme, "Wild West: Saddle Up." Twelve students will be sharing book talks with their classmates. The books they've read will be in our Book Fair. The week of Oct. 30th-Nov. 3rd, the students will be viewing a video during library time which contains authors and books in the fair. The committee is eagerly working on plans for a fun week and a fun Family Literacy Night. So cowboys and cowgirls mark your calendars for Nov. 13th-17th for another fantastic Book Fair and Nov. 16th from 6:00-8:00 for our Family Literacy Night. God Bless, Mrs. Lynch, Mrs. Hernandez, and Mrs. Trefilek

Our Lady of Fatima Centennial Celebration

St. Bridget will be hosting 100th year anniversary Fatima event here at St. Bridget's on October 13th. We will have adoration, benediction, a procession into church with the

Pilgrim Fatima Statue, Mass at 6:00 p.m. and a dinner afterwards. For more information, please contact the parish office.

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 Parish Office at 815-633-6311 to register.

Red Ribbon Fun Fair at Boylan High School

Boylan High School will be hosting the Red Ribbon Fun Fair presenting a Tribute to our Firefighters on Saturday, October 7th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. A ceremony to honor our Firefighters begins at 10:30 a.m. St. Bridget Student Council will manage a booth with fun activities. Be sure to stop by and sign in at the booth. The classroom with the most attendance will be rewarded!

Middle School Ministry

All 6th-8th graders are invited to join us next Wednesday, Oct. 11th from 6PM-8PM in The Underground for the second night of our MSM teaching series, *Kingdom Come*. This series dives into the Church's teachings on Christ as King and why that is relevant to our middle schooler's lives! The night will be filled with fun, fellowship, and prayer and we can't wait to see your child (ren) there! Contact Lauren Wright (lwright@stbridgetlovespark.org) with any questions!

October 6, 2017

Dear Parents,

I was never a big fan of Def Leopard but their song, "Foolin" has a catchy verse, "*Is anybody out there, anybody there, Does anybody wonder, anybody care?*" You'd probably recognize it if you heard it. I was singin' those same lyrics just today because guess how many people inquired about the open position we have for playground monitor? Zip, zero, nada, none, nil, nix, zilch, naught, not one, not any, no one at all.

Fortunately we do have a few reliable gals for whom "*Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds" whilst your children play.* Thanks to Barb, Anessa, Peggy, Andrea, Jane, and Kathy. We ideally schedule 3 people per day, but some days settle for two with a rotating teacher or principal to fill in when necessary. A sub would be awesome, let me know if you are interested. Did I mention it pays more than minimum wage and overtime in plenary indulgences and penance?

Schools are all about the ABC's for kiddos but here is a version of The ABC's of Parenting by Louis B. Noffsinger:

A bound with love
B e consistent
C ommunicate openly
D emonstrate behavior by action and not word only
E xercise restraint and use common sense
F oster a love of learning
G ive of yourself and not just of the material things of life
H elp when needed
I nteract with your children
J udge and act after the facts are in
K indness works miracles
L augh a lot, adding levity to life
M otivate learning by stimulating experiences
N ever forget that parents sometimes make mistakes and be honest with yourself
O pen your heart as well as your head
P essimism has no place in the home
Q uiet times are important
R esponsibility is a part of growing
S ensitivity is a necessity
T ouch often and openly
U nderstand and then evaluate your child's behavior.
V olunteer your time to be involved in your child's activities (how about playground?)
W ork should be valued
X out negative comments
Y ield the floor and listen when your child speaks
Z ipper your lips! Yelling often doesn't help

Have a great **long** weekend.
See you at Mass.

Sincerely
Mary Toldo