

St. Bridget School

*Mission*  
St. Bridget School provides 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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January 5, 2018

January 11

6th-8th Field Trip-Missalette Concert

Hot Lunch-Subway

January 12

11:25 Dismissal

End of 2nd Qtr

Scrip Pick-up

January 15

School Not in Session

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 19

Report Cards

January 20 & 21

Scrip Cash & Carry after all weekend Masses

January 23

Kindergarten Field Trip-Discovery Center

January 26

Scrip Orders Due

Hot Lunch-Culver's

January 27

First Reconciliation 10:00 a.m.

January 28

Open House 8:30-11:30 a.m.

January 28-February 3

Catholic School's Week

January 30

Confirmation Parent Meeting 7:00 p.m.

January 31

St. Bridget Salamones North

Scrip Pick-up

February 1

Feast of St. Bridget

February 2

Ice Hogs Night 7:00 p.m.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Our method of communication for **snow day** cancellations will be email and text messaging. **YOU MUST UPDATE YOUR PROFILE ON SCHOOL SPEAK BY INCLUDING YOUR CELL PHONE CARRIER IN ORDER TO RECEIVE TEXT MESSAGES.** If you do not do this, your only notification will be via email. We will begin testing the system soon so update today! on School Speak.

Baby it's Cold

Just a reminder that we will not cancel school due to **cold weather** as long as the heat in the building is working properly and we have adequate staff. You may however make your own decision whether to bring your children or not depending on the distance you travel and the reliability of your vehicle.

Order Your Yearbook

Yearbooks are now on sale. Yearbook orders will only be taken online. To order your yearbook visit: [www.interstate.com/yearbook](http://www.interstate.com/yearbook) and enter code 23063K. The cost of the yearbooks are \$16.00. Notify the office if you do not have a computer and we can help place your order for you. Deadline for orders is February 16.

Invest in Kids Act

The State of Illinois has passed the Invest in Kids

Act—a new way for qualifying families to receive scholarships to attend Catholic schools like St. Bridget. Scholarships offered through this program have the potential to cover up to 100% of tuition for the next school year for those who qualify. Scholarships will be granted on a first come first serve basis. Empower Illinois will begin accepting applications on January 24, 2018. **If you are interested in applying for tuition assistance through the Invest in Kids Act that is NOT done directly with the school. Instructions are on the back of this newsletter. You must apply directly on Empower Illinois' website. If you do not have access to a computer, contact the school office. If you are interested in making a donation for a tax credit go to the same website: [www.empowerillinois.org](http://www.empowerillinois.org)**



Shamrock Shuffle

**Lights, Camera, Auction!** The Shamrock Shuffle will be held on Saturday, March 10th at Mauh-Nah-Tee-See Country Club. Dinner, entertainment, dancing, silent and live auction. If you would like to

be a part of the planning committee or would like to be a sponsor, please contact Angie Hernandez at [angieandearl@gmail.com](mailto:angieandearl@gmail.com) or Lynn Scandroli at [tlscandroli@hotmail.com](mailto:tlscandroli@hotmail.com). Hope to see you there!!!



Catholic Schools Week Ice Hogs Game

Mark your calendars for the fourth annual Catholic Schools' Night at the Rockford Ice Hogs Game at BMO on Friday, February 2, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Each parochial grade school will have its own fan section. So let's pack the place with Irish Pride! Order forms were sent home again today and are available on School Speak. **Please note order details.**

Free Children's Orthopedic Clinic

There will be a free Children's Orthopedic Clinic held at Rockford Orthopedic Associates (324 Roxbury Rd, Rockford, IL) on Wednesday, January 24th from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Please call 1-800-272-0074 to schedule an appointment. This clinic is sponsored by the Illinois Elks Children's Care Corp and Northwest Dist. Elks Lodges.



## **Families of K-12 students can apply for scholarships beginning January 24, 2018.**

The Tax Credit Scholarship will cover up to 100% of private school tuition up to a maximum of the average Illinois cost to educate, which is roughly \$13,000.

Tax Credit Scholarships are need based and do not take academic performance into consideration.

### **The Application Process**

The application process will take about 15-20 minutes. Use the checklist below to gather everything you will need before you begin.

### **Application Checklist:**

- A copy of your family's 2016 federal tax return. If the family did not file a 2016 tax return, please contact Empower Illinois.
- Proof of Illinois residency, such as:
  - Current utility bill
  - Current driver license
- Documentation of the student's age, such as:
  - A copy of the student's birth certificate
  - Federal or State ID
  - A passport
- If available, a letter of acceptance or enrollment at an eligible, participating, non-public school.

### **The Complete Scholarship Process**

1. Families submit a complete application (including documents).
2. Families are notified of their application status.
3. Students begin school admission and enrollment process.\*
4. Scholarship award notifications are sent to families beginning in February and continue until available funds are used.
5. Funds will be distributed to schools at the start of the 2018-2019 school year. Empower Illinois will work directly with schools and organizations to distribute funds.

\* The school admission process is separate from the scholarship process. A scholarship does not guarantee admittance.

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