

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.



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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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February 2

Ice Hogs Night 7:00 p.m.

Scrip Pick-up

February 8

3rd Grade Field Trip-
Burpee/Discovery Center

February 9

8th Grade Graduation Pictures

Hot Lunch-Beef-a-Roo

7th & 8th Grade Dance

February 10

8th Grade Fundraiser at
Applebee's 8:00-10:00 a.
m.

February 13

Valentine Classroom Parties 2:00 p.m.

7th & 8th Grade Field
Trip-Skateco

February 16

11:25 Dismissal

Institute Day

No Aftercare

No Preschool

February 17 & 18

Scrip Cash & Carry after
all weekend Masses

February 19

School not in Session

President's Day

February 21

Hot Lunch-Paninos

Registration

Re-registration forms and Tuition Plans were sent home last Friday and have been posted on School Speak. Registration PreK thru 8 are now being accepted and we will open registration up to parish families on February 5th. Please note that there is a Registration fee discount if you register by MARCH 15TH.

PLEASE NOTE OUR PRESCHOOL 4 MORNING CLASS IS FULL BUT THERE ARE STILL OPENINGS IN THE AFTERNOON SESSION. WE HAVE LIMITED SPOTS OPEN IN PREK 3 MORNING SESSION. SO IF YOU HAVE A PRESCHOOLER, WE SUGGEST YOU REGISTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

St. Bridget Parish

Daddy-Daughter Dance

The Women of St. Bridget will be hosting a Daddy-Daughter Dance for girls ages 5 to 15 on Saturday, February 10th from 6:30-9:00 p.m. Cookies and punch will be served. Girls may be escorted by Dad, Grandpa, Uncle or any other adult. Tickets are on sale in the school office or after all Masses this weekend for \$10.00 per family.

Boylan Dance Clinic

Boylan will be hosting their dance clinic on Saturday, February 3rd for girls ages 3-5 and girls in grades 1st thru 8th. All participants will receive a Boylan dance camp t-shirt and will perform at the Boylan basketball game at halftime on Wednesday, February 7th. Flyers of information and registration are available in the school office.

Catholic Schools Week Thank You

A heartfelt thank you to Maura Walker, Danette Kohne, and their Catholic Schools Week committee for all their efforts in making such a wonderful celebration of our Catholic School this week.

8th Grade Fundraiser at Applebee's

8th grade students are selling tickets to a pancake breakfast at Applebee's (6845 E. State Street) from 8:00-10:00 a.m. to help fund their field trip to Springfield. Tickets are \$5.00. Thank you

Shamrock Shuffle Lights, Camera, Auction! Saturday, March 10th Mauh Nah Tee See

This event is selling out quickly, so purchase your tickets as soon as possible. Information regarding classroom baskets will be sent home next week. Please consider donating to your child's classroom themed basket. If you are interested in

being a sponsor or placing an ad in our event booklet, please contact Lynn Scandrolì at tlscandrolì@hotmail.com.

Order Your Yearbook

Deadline to order yearbooks is February 16th. To order your yearbook visit: www.interstate.com/yearbook and enter code 23063K. The cost of the yearbooks are \$16.00.

St. Bridget Night at Beef-a-Roo

Come join your fellow parishioners, classmates and friends on February 13th between 4:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. at the Beef-a-Roo on N. Riverside in Loves Park. 15% of all sales in dining room and drive thru will be generously donated to the St. Bridget Booster Club.

Boylan Tennis Center

Boylan Tennis Center will be holding a Pizza / Tennis Match Play for Middle School Students on Saturday, February 3rd from Noon - 2:00 PM. Cost is \$15. Rackets can be provided. Please RSVP to Boylan Tennis Center @ 815-877-4273.

Boylan Winterfest

21st Annual Bowling Extravaganza and 3rd Annual Alumni Social. Join us for an afternoon of fun at Park Lanes, Saturday February 17th at 3:00, \$25/person includes two games, shoe rental and food.

To register please contact Paul Heitkamp, pheitkamp@boylan.org or Peggy Bergstrom, krzhows6@aol.com

Feb 2, 2018

Dear Parents,

Working in a school is always exciting; no two days are the same, especially in a vibrant school such as ours and especially during Catholic Schools' Week. Some weeks are a bit overwhelming and I have occasional thoughts that maybe I've reached my prime and should look for something else as a career like opening a cupcake shop or a coffee house; you know something mindless and fun? Then I have an experience like Wednesday's Mass when the angelic 3rd graders were in the choir, and that Lila soloing the Lamb of God. I mean, really, what is more precious in this world? I realize I am right where I should be at this time in my life.

Catholic Schools Week is a celebration of all that we do; growing together in faith, academics and character development. The dress-down theme days are so popular with the kids. It's awesome to see normally stoic, uniformed boys wearing gorilla pajama onesies and Christmas pant and lighted shirts, and turkey hats. We planned several activities this week as opportunities for the students to show appreciation to others who are important to our Catholic school community. On Monday we began collections for the three organizations supported this year by our service project; the military, firefighters and Alpine Fireside. The students made cards to put in those care packages. On Tuesday our students gave hugs (Hershey chocolates) to the parishioners after Mass as a thank you for supporting our school. On Thursday you should have received from your children a thank you letter for sending them to St. Bridget accompanied by a small bag of M n M's. Did you receive it or did you smell chocolate on your child's breath as they got in the car at the end of day? Thanks to our Home and School board for facilitating these events and Jen and hot lunch crew for organizing the free pizza lunch on Wednesday. The response to the service project drive has been great so far. We will continue to collect next week as well. See School Speak for the lists in case you didn't get a copy at home.

Talk about response: our Shamrock Shuffle is near capacity so get your tickets quickly. The planning committee is hard at work brainstorming to make this year's event another success.

Our registration is going well for next school year. The preschool 4 morning program is full, the afternoon program has begun to fill and the preschool 3 program has only 3 spots left. We had small crowds for the two Open Houses but mostly all with preschool and Kindergarten interest which is a great sign of maintaining our enrollment. Thanks for being our best advertisement. There are so many of you parents that help make our school a great place to be. Thanks to Sonia for not only working so hard with her own family and yet helping other families to enroll and Melissa and Sean for doing the same. Did you know parents of your child's classmates humbly clean our school in order to afford for their children to attend and also to keep it a healthy environment for their kids, your kids, "our" kids. I hear sad stories from my fellow principals of a small number of parents at other schools using social media to air complaints about their very own school. I am so thankful that St. Bridget parents do not engage in that kind of destructive behavior. Our parents' rock! Many, many thanks for your ongoing support and Happy Catholic Schools Week!

Have a great weekend.
See you at Mass

Sincerely,
Mary Toldo