

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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March

FOP K-4

March 7

Gently Used Uniform Sale 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Hot Lunch-Subway

March 9

8th Grade Living Stations

2:15 & 6:00 p.m.

Pennies for Pasta Kick-off

March 10

Band Solo Festival

Shamrock Shuffle

March 13

2nd Grade to Park Towers

Battle of the Brains

March 16

11:25 a.m. Dismissal

No Aftercare

No Pre-school

End of 3rd Quarter

March 17 & 18

Cash & Carry after all Weekend Masses

March 21

Hot Lunch-Culver's

March 22

7th Grade to Boylan

March 23

Report Cards

Graduation Picture Retakes

March 29

School Not in Session

Holy Thursday

Begin Easter Break

April 9

Classes Resume

THE SNOW MAKEUP DAY WILL BE FRIDAY, MAY 4TH

Early Bird Registration

Take advantage of the early bird special and register by March 15th!

Pennies for Pasta

We are participating in the Pennies for Pasta Fundraiser for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society from Monday March 12th thru Wednesday, March 28th. A flyer of information was sent home today. The homeroom that collects the most money will be treated to an Olive Garden Hospitaliano Luncheon. Yum!

School Safety

To keep our school building as secure and safe as possible we ask that everyone adhere to the policies. Here are a few examples:

If you are helping out in the classroom or school in general please sign in and wear a yellow visitor sticker.

If you follow the students back to the school from daily Mass please enter the main entrance of the building to check in at the office rather than follow a class in another door.

Please do not walk your child to their classroom door in the morning rather drop them at the entrance door.

Please do not go to the classroom to pick them up after school. Rather stay outside the building to greet them as

they exit.

If you have a scheduled appointment with your child's teacher, please enter in the main entrance and check in at the office.

We as a staff have been trained in intruder/active shooter response. We hold "Be Safe" conversations with students to discuss possible scenarios and responses in crisis situations.

Thank you for doing your part to provide the safest school environment for ALL the students.

Living Stations

Please join us on March 9th for our Living Stations at 2:15 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. Our 8th grade students will re-enact each station of the cross.

Uniform Closet Sale

There will be a gently used uniform sale on Wednesday, March 7th from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. If you are interested in volunteering to help with the sale, please contact the school office. Thank you.

Scripps Spelling Bee

Congratulations to Luke Manthuruthil who was the winner of our school spelling bee. He will proceed to the regional spelling bee on March 14th. Good Luck Luke! We would also like to congratulate **Hannah Hix** who was our alternate winner in our school spelling bee, along with all our students who participated.

Shamrock Shuffle Tickets Sold Out

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets to attend the Shamrock Shuffle. This event is now a sell out!!!!

Key Dates for Next Year's Calendar (tentative)

School begins Tuesday, Aug. 21
Thanksgiving break, November 21-23

Christmas break begins with half day on December 19th and return January 3

Spring break, March 25-29

Easter break shortened. Off Good Friday and Easter Monday only, April 19th and April 22

Last day of school, May 31st

Formation in Christian Chastity and Safe Environment Program

In March Religion teachers will implement the annual program through specific lessons from the Rockford Diocese Catholic Education Office. You may view the entire program at the diocesan website (www.ceorockford.org). Click on "Safe Environment Program" and then click on "Chastity/Safe Environment". There will be a parent meeting on Thursday, March 8th at 6:00 p.m. in the school hall. This meeting will essentially cover the materials available online. Please call the school at 815-633-8255 if you plan to attend, or if you have any specific questions or concerns. Mrs. Toldo will be happy to meet with you.

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Formation in Christian Chastity and Safe Environment Program Grades 1-8 "Opt-Out" Form (separate opt out form sent home for PreK and K on School Speak)

TO:	Parents of students in grades 1-8
FROM:	Mrs. Mary Toldo, Principal
DATE:	March 2, 2018
RE:	Opportunity to opt your child out of instruction in the " <u>Diocese of Rockford Formation in Christian Chastity and Safe Environment Program</u> "

Between March 12 & 28, 2018, St. Bridget School will present to our students materials on Christian chastity (grades 1-8) and safe environment (grades 1, 3, 5, 8 only), from the "Diocese of Rockford Formation in Christian Chastity and Safe Environment Program." This program has been approved by Bishop David J. Malloy. We offer the program as part of our ongoing commitment to create and maintain a safe environment for our children and to protect them from sexual abuse, and to instruct them in the integrity of their persons and bodies.

You have the right to choose whether your child participates in this instruction. We encourage you to read the available materials which can be found on the website listed below, so you may be aware of the nature of the instruction. If you have questions, please contact Principal Mary Toldo at 815-633-8255.

If you determine that you *do not* want your child/children to participate, please complete the "opt-out" form at the bottom of this page and return it to your child's/children's teacher no later than March 9, 2018. We will be happy to provide you with the relevant materials for use to train your child at home.

For more information on the "Diocese of Rockford Formation in Christian Chastity and Safe Environment Program", you may visit the Diocese's Education Office website at www.ceorockford.org click on "Safe Environment Program" then click on "Chastity/Safe Environment."

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"Opt-Out" Form

Check the sentence that applies.

I do not want my child(ren) to receive instruction in Formation in Christian Chastity Safe Environment (check one or both as applicable). I have been offered materials for use with my child(ren) at home and I intend to provide the training to my child.

I do not want my child(ren) to receive instruction in Formation in Christian Chastity Safe Environment (check one or both as applicable). I have been offered materials for use with my child(ren) at home and I do not plan to provide the training of my child.

Parents Name (please print): _____

Parents Signature: _____ Date: _____

Child(ren)'s Name(s): _____