

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 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 ENDS NEXT WEEK. BE SURE TO REGISTER BY MARCH 15TH!

Pennies for Pasta

We are participating in the Pennies for Pasta Fundraiser for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society which starts Monday March 12th and will continue thru Wednesday, March 28th. The homeroom that collects the most money will be treated to an Olive Garden Hospitaliano Luncheon. Yum!

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 Of-

fice. 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".

The "Race" is on!

Preparations are underway for St. Bridget's 7th annual "Race for Education". This year's race is scheduled for Friday, May 4th, 2018. We will again be participating in a 1 hour jog-a-thon around the school grounds to raise money for St. Bridget School to continue to enhance our classroom technology and the school curriculum. This year kick off packets with "Race for Education" information and instructions were sent home with every child. Staley the Chicago Bears mascot will be joining us again with his Dance Machine! There will again be a t-shirt design contest. We encourage everyone to participate in this fundraiser. If anyone would like to volunteer to help with the event, please contact Jennifer Raymond at 815-289-7847 or email jenray5@aol.com.

RFE T-Shirt Sponsorship Opportunity

If you, your business or the business you work for are interested in sponsoring the Race for Education t-shirts, please contact Jennifer Raymond at 815-289-7847 or email jenray5@aol.com. We are looking for 15-20 spon-

sors, with your \$200 Gold Sponsorship you will assist in providing every student and faculty member with a Race for Education t-shirt which will be designed by a St. Bridget student. In return, your business logo will appear on the back of every t-shirt worn during the race and thereafter.

Thank You

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Michele Williams for her continued time and effort she has put into our Box Top Program.

St. Bridget Fish Fry

St. Bridget will host their last fish fry for the Lenten season on Friday, March 16th from 5:00-7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. Dine in or take out.

Don't Forget To Turn Your Clocks Ahead!
This weekend begins Daylight Saving Time. So remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour.

CSW Service Project Update

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to send the following: One box of toys and one box of smoke detectors to the fire department. Seventy care packages to Alpine Fireside. Ten care boxes to soldiers in combat zones. Thanks to Lisa Miller and Renee Wheeler for delivering the items to the fire dept, nursing home, and The Postal Shop which mailed the military boxes.

March 9, 2018

Dear Parents,

We are more than halfway through Lent; time flies. The 8th graders performed the Living Stations twice today. I hope you had a chance to see it. Students in grades 2-8 will receive the sacrament of Reconciliation on March 19 and 20 after the 8:15 Mass. If you would like your child to attend the special sacrament program facilitated by Fr. John and Shannon McKenna, please contact the school office. This would be for any students who are not "up to date" on their sacraments or for any students who are interested in becoming Catholic. (There is the RCIA program for parents as well!)

Monsignor reminded the students after Mass on Tuesday about the importance of adhering to the uniform policies of the school. He mentioned keeping boys' hair above the ears and collar and no highlighting or coloring. Shirts should be tucked in and belts worn. Girls are to wear limited jewelry and no makeup other than foundation for complexion issues. Skirts should be at the knee. (or just above) I will continue to check girls' skirt lengths and sent home notices with any whose length is too short. Please correct it by the time we return from break. Again, let me know if you need assistance or would like a replacement skirt.

There is only one week left of third quarter; two weeks until the next report cards are published. We ended basketball with many ineligible athletes. That was a very sad circumstance for all; players, coaches, parents and teachers. It is necessary to have a policy to teach good study habits and ownership of academics to our youth. Most parents are not happy about it when their child is involved but agree regardless with that philosophy. We even had a parent shadow her own child last week all day to get a sense of a typical day for her son and how information is given and received regarding academics. It was a beautiful thing to see a parent hold her child accountable for his own actions. Such an important life lesson gifted to him by his mom. We are happy to welcome any of you to do the same. I may even use that as a mandatory consequence for students who display disruptive behavior in class. Hmmmmm.

Registration update: preschool program is entirely full! 20 Kindergartners so far which is a great number at this time of year compared to past history.

Tuition payments are slowing for some. Please make every attempt to keep up or at least make some effort of smaller payments until you are able to catch up completely. Contact me if you are having extraordinary circumstances and we can work out a special payment plan.

School safety update: we are adding to our crisis buckets. So far they contain hammers to break out windows if necessary, neckties to be used as tourniquets, first aid supplies, flashlights, student lists and parent contact information, biohazard bags, toilet paper. I will be requesting funds from Home and School to purchase additional two way radios so we may have one per classroom so that in the case of a crisis we will be able to immediately communicate with one another. We currently use the radios for playground monitoring, after care, and when the PE classes go outside in warmer weather.

Have a great weekend.
See you at Mass

Sincerely,
Mary Toldo