

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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May 28

School not in Session
Memorial Day

May 30

Rosary after Mass
Gently Used Uniform Sale

May 31

Field Day
Hot Lunch-Subway
Last Day of School
Dismissal 1:00 p.m.

No Aftercare

June 18

Dennis Uniform Sale at Boylan 12:00-6:00 p.m.

August 19

All School Open House 12:30-3:00 p.m.

August 21

K-8 First Day of School in Uniform

1:00 p.m Dismissal

No Aftercare

August 22

First full day of School
PreK 4 First Day

August 23

PreK 3 First Day

September 3

School not in Session
Labor Day

School Calendar

A full school calendar went home today. There are a few to be announced events, but will update you when we receive them.

Dennis Uniform Sale at Boylan June 18th from 12:00-6:00 p.m. in cafeteria.

Gently Used Uniform Sale

There will be a Gently Used Uniform Sale on Wednesday, May 30th from 8:00-10:00 a.m. and 2:00-4:00 p.m. Items for the sale can be dropped off in the office. Be sure the uniforms are clean, in good condition and on hangers if possible. If you would like to sell your uniforms on consignment, just attach an envelope with your name, price, and write RETURN if you want the item back if it doesn't sell. All other donated items will benefit the Home & School Assoc. Please do not sent in any white or navy polos.



Educational Products, Inc.

Prepackaged School Supplies

Pre-packaged school supplies can be ordered through June 24th. For your convenience we put a link to Educational Products, Inc. on our School Speak website under An-

nouncements. Or you may go directly to their website at educationalproducts.com/shoppacks. All orders will be delivered to school and we will notify you when you can pick them up. Sometime in August. If you do not have a computer and would like to order, please contact the school office.

Annual Irish Open Golf Playday

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, August 10, 2018 at Macktown Gold Course

Physical/Dental Exams Important Message!

It is required by the State of Illinois that all students entering Pre-K, Kindergarten and 6th grade have a physical exam with completed immunizations. Students entering Kindergarten, 2nd and 6th grade must submit proof of a dental exam by May 15. Please make your students appointments today. These records must be submitted by the first day of school.

Sports Physicals

Sports physicals for the 2018-2019 school year are due on the first day of school, August 21st, for students (5th through 8th grade) who participate in sports. Athletics will not be eligible to practice without an updated physical. Keep an eye throughout the summer for clinics that offer sports physicals at reduced prices, or you can get one through your own physician

Classroom Laptops Needed

Are you or your place of work looking to upgrade your technology? We are in need of laptops for classroom use with our interactive whiteboards. Please consider donating to St. Bridget School. Laptops in working order may be dropped off at the school office. Thank you!

St. Bridget Totus Tuus Summer Camp

St. Bridget will have a weeklong summer camp held at our parish for children in grades 1st-6th July 23rd to 27th from 9:00 a.m.-2:15 p.m. Cost is \$30.00 (Max family \$60.00). Students in grades 7th-12th July 22nd to July 26th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. Cost is \$10.00. Please contact Shannon McKenna at 815-633-6311 or smckenna@stbridgetlovespark.org with questions or if you would like to volunteer to help this summer. You can obtain a registration form from the Parish and School offices.

Summer Office Hours

June and July office hours will be Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. or by appt.

The office will be closed the weeks of June 18th, July 2nd, July 16th, and July 23rd.

We will be back in the office starting August 6th

Phone messages and emails will be checked regularly.

Have a blessed and safe summer!

May 25, 2018

Dear Parents,

As summer nears so does the reality of the dreaded "summer slide" when children can lose up to 3 months of academic progress. (Over 100 years of research continually shows this trend.)

An online article by **Little Scholars** lists 10 Excellent Ways to Prevent Summer Slide:

1. Read EVERY day! Read non-fiction, fiction, ebooks, poetry, newspapers and read out loud! For most children, twenty minutes is an appropriate amount of time to read for a child who is an independent reader. Most libraries have a wonderful summer reading program with incentives and rewards for books read over the summer.
2. Cook with your children. This is one of the best ways to integrate math, reading and following directions. Let your child design the menu too! Help your child put together their favorite recipes in a cookbook.
3. Plant a garden. Your child will gain responsibility and pride as they watch their plants grow and thrive.
4. Take a field trip to a museum, zoo or local park with walking trails. Keep a journal about your travels.
5. Learn a new word each week! Hang it on the fridge and see who can use it the most times throughout the week.
6. Enroll in a quality summer program that will provide your child with opportunities to build their critical thinking skills.
7. Play quick games with flashcards like Math War or Concentration to keep math skills sharp.
8. Listen to Audiobooks during your road trip.
9. Take pictures and make a summer scrapbook.
10. Did I mention READ?! If your child does nothing else this summer make sure he/she is reading!

"Just like with playing a sport, Reading and Math are skills that must be practiced. When a child spends hours a day hitting a baseball, swimming, shooting a basketball, they will progress. But say he then stops hitting balls for three months or takes a few months off from swimming. Will he hit a ball on the first swing? Will he swim as efficiently as before? No, but if he practices a few times a week, will he be able to regain the previously learned skills relatively quickly? Yes! It is important to keep your child's mind engaged over the summer so they will not fall victim to the summer slide. "

Here's a link to another great article:

<https://www.mother.ly/parenting/from-kindergarten-to-high-school-how-to-prevent-the-summer-slide>

Have a sunny, relaxing Memorial Day weekend.
See you at Mass (twice maybe?)

Sincerely,
Mary Toldo