



**CIRCLE OF PRAYER** is every Monday morning at 8:05 a.m.

### PRAYER FOR STUDENTS

Holy Spirit of God descend upon me with the fire of your love. Shake me from the stupor of complacency. Energize me to defend the weak, support the poor, and disturb the proud. Your will must be done. If not be me, who? If not now, when?



### WINTER WEATHER

With the cold winter weather approaching, please remember to have your child bring the appropriate clothing and gear for outside recess. All students **MUST** have a coat on to participate in outdoor recess. Other outside gear should include: hat, scarf, snow pants, and gloves. ALL students go outside daily for a 20 minute recess after lunch. Students will only stay in for indoor recess if the wind chill is below 0°F or if it is raining.

### NIGHT OUT WITH THE SAGINAW SPIRIT

Join us on **Sunday, Dec. 3 at 5:30 pm** to watch the Saginaw Spirit battle the Niagara IceDogs at The Dow Event Center. Our very own choir will be singing the National Anthem at this game. More information is in the flyer in the school lobby.

*The mission of Saint Brigid School, in partnership with family, parish and community, is to educate and encourage students to reach their potential – mind, body and spirit – in an inclusive environment of support, understanding and Catholic values.*

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### NOVEMBER

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|-------|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| 22    | Thanksgiving Mass (1 <sup>st</sup> )  | 8:30 a.m.      |
|       | ½ Day Dismissal                       | 11:30 a.m.     |
| 23    | <b>NO SCHOOL- Happy Thanksgiving!</b> |                |
| 23-24 | Thanksgiving Break                    |                |
| 28    | Popcorn Tuesday                       |                |
| 30    | Student Council Meeting               | 3:00-3:45 p.m. |

#### DECEMBER

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| 3  | K of C Breakfast                         | 10:00-11:30 a.m. |
|    | Choir Sing @ Dow Event Center            | 5:30 p.m.        |
|    | Advent by Candlelight                    | 6:30-9:00 p.m.   |
| 6  | Next School Newsletter                   |                  |
| 8  | Feast of the Immaculate Conception       |                  |
|    | Mass at Blessed Sacrament                | 8:30 a.m.        |
| 11 | Christmas Concert                        | 6:00 p.m.        |
| 13 | Mass with Students (5 <sup>th</sup> gr.) | 8:30 a.m.        |
| 18 | School Committee Meeting                 | 6:30 p.m.        |



### THANKSGIVING DINNER

**Thursday, Nov. 23, 12:00-2:30** will be a free traditional Holiday meal. This dinner is provided by the Saint Brigid Christian Service Commission. All who are hungry, alone or in need, are invited to eat, chat and enjoy each other. Please consider volunteering either on Wednesday for food preparation or serving on Thursday. If you can help, please call the school office at 835-9481.

**ARE WE OPEN?**

Saint Brigid School follows the procedure of the Midland Public Schools (MPS), in regards to weather related school closings. The radio and television stations, WMPX, WHNN, WIOG, WJRT TV12, and WNEM TV5 will announce the closing of MPS classes on a particular day (usually between 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.). **When Midland Public Schools are closed due to weather, Saint Brigid Catholic School is also closed.** In the event of a *school delay* for MPS, Saint Brigid is also delayed the same amount of time. For example, if there is a two-hour delay, Saint Brigid will open at 9:30 a.m. (two hours after the usual opening time) and school will begin at 9:55 a.m. (two hours after 7:55 a.m. starting time). If MPS cancels morning kindergarten, **all day kindergarten students still report to school.**

For any unforeseen power or heating failures, Saint Brigid School will notify the above mentioned stations to broadcast the necessary information.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**Sunday, Dec. 3, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.**, the Knights of Columbus will be serving up pancakes, sausage, potatoes & onions, scrambled eggs, fruit, juice, milk, and coffee. Cost: adults - \$7.00, children (6-13 yrs.) - \$4.00, children 5 & under – free, \$20.00 per family. Proceeds will go to support Saint Brigid Catholic School and the Diocesan Seminarians. Come eat breakfast with your friends after 9:00 a.m. Mass.

**ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT**

**Sunday, Dec. 3, 6:30-9:00 pm in Cardinal Hickey Parish Hall** is a wonderful women's event. This is an opportunity for women to meet and reflect upon the meaning of Advent as we "wait in joyful hope" for the coming of Christ into the world. Our reflection will be led by Fr. Andy Booms. Please RSVP by calling Anne Marie Graham @ 835-7121 ext. 53

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Calling all 3-5 year olds!** Saint Brigid Catholic School Library invites you to a **STORY TIME** on **Wednesday, December 6 from 1:00-2:00 pm** in our school library with Mrs. Buchalski and Mrs. Beard. Bring an adult, and come celebrate the feast of St. Nicholas. There will be stories, games, songs, and crafts. Space is limited, so please register to save your spot (989-835-9481).

**POPCORN TUESDAY**

The next popcorn Tuesday is Nov. 28. Orders can be placed on the Monday before. Popcorn is 50¢.

**SCRIP: DON'T MISS OUT!**

*Reminder:* Today is Thank-scrip-ing day. All orders need to be placed online through [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com) to receive the 1-day only special bonuses!

The last session for Scrip school is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 27 at 2:30 pm. The session will cover *myscripwallet*. Myscripwallet makes scrip gift cards available right from your phone. Join to see how easy and convenient this can be.

**HOLIDAY SCRIP SALE/CONTEST**

The Holiday Scrip sale has returned. This is the time to collect "external" orders from your family, friends, and co-workers. Information and order forms will be going home to each family today. This year the Saint Brigid Scrip Program Team will be hosting a contest that will run November 21 – December 31. See contest rules below:

- The Class with highest total order \$/student will win free dress day.
- All orders \$100 and over will be put in a drawing for a \$50 scrip gift certificate.
- External scrip orders obtained will count toward school family's class total and the gift certificate drawing.

***Happy Scrip-ing!***



### FOURTH GRADE FALL FEAST

In keeping with the current study of early Michigan history, the fourth grade class celebrated Thanksgiving in a special way. They shared together a *Fall Feast*, which is the traditional Native American celebration at this time of year. The class was treated to some traditional Native American foods. Thank you to the 4<sup>th</sup> grade parents who provided the special dishes.



### BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Battle of the books is a program designed to encourage and reward fourth and fifth grade readers. Grace A. Dow librarians choose twenty books which encompass a variety of interests and introduce students to a wide variety of interests and introduce students to a wide range of literature. During battle season, students discuss the books with their teammates, team manager, and other adults, so that reading becomes a shared activity. While reaping the rewards of reading and team building, the students also discover that they are having a lot of fun!

Battle of the Books 2017-2018 has begun! We are happy to announce many 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are interested in participating this year. The focus of this program is not winning but rather enjoying the reading process while making a commitment to a team.

Practices will take place on Thursdays, from now until the first written battle, from 3:10 – 4:30 p.m. in the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms.

### THE SALMON ARE BACK

The DNR sponsored program, "Salmon in the Classroom" has once again made an appearance at Saint Brigid Catholic School. Thank you to Mr. Wilkowski (parent) and Trout Unlimited for being our sponsors this year. Ms. Sinicki and the 4<sup>th</sup> grade students will raise the Chinook salmon from eggs to approximately 3"-5" when they are released in May 2018. The students will be tracking the food, water temperature, and water quality as we progress through the year. In May 2017, (the last salmon release) out of 200 eggs, 90 salmon were released into the Tittabawassee River. You are invited to visit the 4<sup>th</sup> grade classroom, before or after school, to see the progress of our salmon babies.



### ATHLETICS

Saint Brigid boys' basketball season has begun.

Good luck to both teams!

#### 5/6 Team

J. Budd  
L. Bischer  
H. Deeth  
S. Monticello  
L. Minuth  
E. Desiderio  
D. Schneider  
K. Moneypenny  
R. Stubbart  
D. Stamas

#### 7/8 Team

J. Jenkins  
S. Baker  
S. Sommer  
M. Wilkowski  
N. Gambrell  
F. Knight  
B. Buchalski  
M. Skoczylas  
L. Storey  
N. Galinski

*The schedules for the upcoming games are as follows:*

#### 5/6 Team –

11/29 vs. **Nouvel (w)** @Nouvel 7 p.m.  
12/2 vs. **Swan Valley(p)** @Nouvel 12 p.m.  
12/9 vs. **Swan Valley(w)** @Home 9 a.m.  
12/13 vs. **Nouvel (b)** @Home 6 p.m.

#### 7/8/ Team –

11/29 vs. **All Saints** @All Saints 7p.m.  
12/9 vs. **St. Joseph** @Home 10 a.m.  
12/16 vs. **St. Lorenz** @St.Lorenz 10a.m.

**FOR SALE****Hanley Embroidered Uniform Wear!**

Fleece vest – Charcoal – Adult Large  
 Fleece Vest – Navy - Adult Medium  
 \$24.00 for both. Please see Mrs. Shark to purchase or with any questions.

**WHO'S THE OWNER**

All **Hanley** embroidered uniform items are in. At this time we have one order without a name and it is still unclaimed in the front office. If you think this is your order, please see Mrs. Becker or Mrs. Shark in the front office to identify the items.

**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**

In October there were 13 students that turned in over 100 box tops to earn a free dress pass. We submitted almost 5,500 box tops total which earned the school \$548.90.

Winners of the free dress pass were:

N. Pider	D. Dittenber
A. Gambrell	G. Thill
M. Wilkowski	M. Vican
L. Bischer	S. Wilkowski
S. Monticello	D. Stamas
M. Wilkowski	K. Weckesser

Thank you to everyone who assisted by donating box tops, and also those who counted! Please continue to clip. The next collection will be in late January.

**SOCKTOBER SUCCESS**

Saint Brigid students participated in the Socktober Sock Drive, which was started by Jaxson Lewis, a Blessed Sacrament student. When the students from Saint Brigid School found out about this way to help out the community, they quickly jumped in. We were able to collect 275 pairs of socks! The final total of socks collected for the Socktober is 1,428 pairs. Thank you to all of those that participated and helped our community.

**A NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM VBS**

All families with preschoolers and elementary school students are invited to a one night only VBS to explore Bethlehem the night Jesus was born! Join us at Blessed Sacrament on **Sunday, Dec. 10**, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., for hands-on experiences in the weaver's shop, the potter's shed, the scribe's tent, and at the baker's table. We will also be visiting Mary and Joseph to experience A Night in Bethlehem. There is no charge and details are available. Please contact Anne Marie Graham at [amgraham@stbrigid-midland.org](mailto:amgraham@stbrigid-midland.org).

**MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICE HOURS**

St. Brigid Middle School students have been quite busy with their volunteer hours. By the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> marking period, Oct. 27, students acquired 394.5 hours service to parish, school, and community. These hours are acquired for each marking period and rewarded at different levels. Congratulations to all our middle school students, and keep up the good work!

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***The Saint Brigid Catholic School staff would like to wish to all of our families and friends, a blessed and happy Thanksgiving! We are thankful that we are able to share the joy of teaching your children and encouraging them to reach their full potential. God's Blessings!***