



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

**A PRAYER TO END THE SCHOOL YEAR**

*God of wisdom,  
we thank You for all the gifts you  
have given us throughout this  
school year.*

*We praise You for giving us life,  
for saving us in Christ,  
and for choosing us to be Your  
people.*

*As we come to the end of this school  
year,  
we voice our gratitude for the good  
things You have done in us,  
and we praise You  
for all who have shared in the work  
of this school.*

*We ask You to bless them  
in Your love and give them  
refreshment and peace.*

*We praise You, God,  
Though Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
Who lives and reigns forever and  
ever.  
Amen*

**2018-2019 SCHOOL REGISTRATION**

Please return your student(s) 2018-2019 school registration and contract paperwork as soon as possible. It is important to have a handle on student numbers in planning for the school year. If you have any questions regarding the paperwork, please contact the school office at 989-835-9481.

*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**

**JUNE**

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|-------|---|----------------|
| 8-11  | Uniform Drop Off Days                           |                |
| 7     | Kindergarten Visit Day                          | 1:00-2:30 pm   |
| 8     | Last Day for 8 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Students       |                |
|       | 8 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Graduation Mass & Reception | 6:30 pm        |
| 11-14 | Free Dress Days – No Uniforms required          |                |
| 11    | Walkathon Hairdos & Mummies                     | 2:00           |
| 12-14 | Uniform Sale (Rm 8)                             | 7:30am-3:00pm  |
| 13    | School Picnic                                   | 8:30am-12:30pm |
|       | Dismissal for Students                          | 12:30 pm       |
| 14    | Middle School Awards Ceremony                   | 8:00 am        |
|       | Mass w/ Students                                | 10:30 am       |
|       | Dismissal for Students                          | 11:30 pm       |
| 15    | Summer Break Begins                             |                |

**SEPTEMBER**

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| 4 | 1 <sup>st</sup> Day of School |         |
|   | Mass with Students            | 8:30 am |

**AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

The last day for After School Care will be Wednesday, June 13. Please be sure to make arrangements for your student(s) on Thursday, June 14, as there will be no ASC available.

**KINDERGARTEN VISIT DAY**

Mrs. H and the Kindergarten class welcome all upcoming kindergarten students to their classroom to experience the fun as a Saint Brigid kindergartener.

Thursday, June 7

1:00-2:30 pm

*\*Please contact the school office at 989-835-9481 ext. 48 to reserve your child's spot.*

**5<sup>th</sup> GRADE ANNUAL MACKINAC ISLAND TRIP**

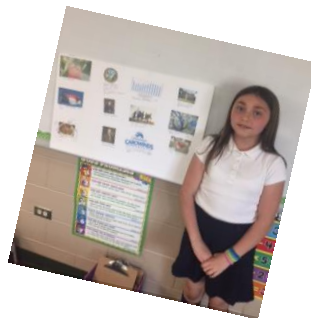
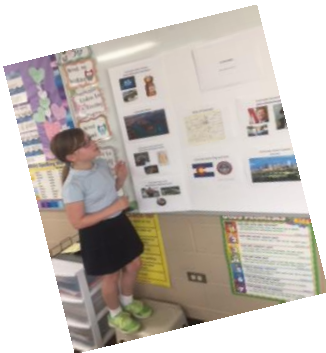
Miss Groth and the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students recently took the annual class trip to Mackinac Island. The class explored the island on bikes and visited many of the forts and other attractions on the island.

**CHOIR NEWS**

The school choir is done with rehearsal, but now it's time to celebrate. All school choir members are invited to a choir celebration on Tuesday, June 12th from 3:00 - 3:30. Meet in room 8 for a pizza party. Please contact Mrs. Ball if you have any questions.

**THIRD GRADERS-RESEARCH & REPORTING**

Each third grade student chose a state to research. They used time in technology class to complete the initial research and spent time at home coloring or copying pictures to support their findings. Students have used organizational skills, public speaking skills, and most of all, shared meaningful information with their classmates.

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

**June 14, 2018**

On Thursday, June 14, students are being asked to wear nice, summer church clothes to school. At 10:10 the Girl Scouts will lead us in a flag lowering ceremony. We will then proceed to Mass, which begins at 10:30. Following Mass, the teachers will be taking the students back to the classroom. Students will be dismissed from the school. Have a safe and blessed summer.

**SCRIP NEWS**

The Scrip contest ended May 31 with a total of \$15,180 of sales. Congratulations to the 4th grade, which won an extra recess for having the highest sales/student of \$336. Congratulations also to Jaclyn Pacholka who won the \$25 Scrip gift certificate via the drawing from all the new PrestoPay customers. Thank you to everyone who participated!



The 2017-18 Scrip year ended May 31, and what a year it was! Total sales were up 25% over last year for a total of \$340,770. That resulted in increased profits for PTO (\$7894) and TRP earned by families (\$8498). Thanks to everyone for their support of the Scrip program especially our fantastic volunteers. Emails will be sent to all families who've earned TRP in the next week or so.

The year-end inventory draw-down is starting so if you have Scrip cards you need for the summer, please be sure to place your order soon. The last Great Lakes Scrip order will be placed on June 12! After that, you can still buy physical cards that we have in stock, but no additional physical cards will be restocked.

**SCHOOL PICNIC**

**Wednesday, June 13**

On Wednesday, June 13 at 8:30 am students in grades K-5 will walk to Emerson Park for our annual school picnic. Mrs. Deeth and her committee are busy planning "Candyland" activities for students in grades K-3. Students in grades 4-5 will participate in the softball game. Middle school students will have their own picnic at the Tridge on the same day. Permission slips went home on Tuesday. Students will be dismissed at 12:30. If you will be taking your child from Emerson Park, please make sure to tell the teacher.

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

Four staff members from Saint Brigid are retiring this year: Mrs. Maureen Becker, Mrs. Susan Greminger, Mrs. Michele Link, and Mrs. Pat Wise. Please join the students and staff on Wednesday, June 13, from 7:15-8:00 a.m. to thank them for their service and wish them well in their future endeavors. There will be coffee, punch, and morning snacks available. The gifts from the families will be presented at this time. Hope to see you there.

**SIXTH GRADE POSTION FILLED**

Welcome to Mrs. Tracy Stachnik as she moves to our 6<sup>th</sup> grade homeroom science teacher for the middle school. Mrs. Stachnik has worked at St. Brigid School in the past in many different capacities. Tracy and her family are long time members of St. Brigid Parish. Mrs. Stachnik has already begun to work with Mrs. Wilkowski in planning for next year. Welcome Tracy!

**TUITION CREDIT OPPORTUNITY**

If you are looking for ways to supplement your income for tuition, there are a couple opportunities this summer by working the concession stands at a Great Lakes Loons game. The games are Tuesday, June 12 and July 23. If interested, please contact Melissa Shields at [mshields@stbrigid-midland.org](mailto:mshields@stbrigid-midland.org)

**SHAVING CRÈME HAIRDOS & MUMMIES**

Join us on Monday, June 11 at 2:00 p.m. in the school gym for the fulfillment of the Walkathon Promise. With our matching donation of \$15,000, the students raised just over \$33,000. Therefore, as promised, Fr. Andy & Gary will be wrapped as mummies and compete in an obstacle course. Following their competition, a randomly selected student from each grade, will create a shaving crème hairdo for their teacher. Come join in the fun!

**UNIFORM SALE**

Beginning Friday, June 8, used uniforms may be dropped at the school office.

The bi-annual Used Uniform Sale will take place

Tuesday, June 12, through Wednesday, June 13, during school hours. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Next week, June 11-14, students do not need to wear their school uniforms. They may consider Monday through Wednesday as "Free Dress Days".



The staff of Saint Brigid Catholic Parish  
wishes everyone a safe and happy summer!

Father Andrew Booms  
Maureen Becker  
Jeannine Hovey  
Kathe Annelin  
Alice Fitzgibbon  
Anne Marie Graham  
Barbara Hendrickson  
Melissa Shields  
Fran Thiel

Ray Anthony  
Robert Daschstiener  
Gary Hollingshead  
Ron Torka  
Diana Ball  
Amanda Bergman  
Susan Greminger  
Sara Groth  
Amanda Heminger

Susie Hollingshead  
Sheri Kuchek  
Michele Link  
Sherri Nemeth  
Judyth Peterson  
Peter Rielle  
Kristi Sinicki  
Laura Wilkowski  
Chris Buchalski

Toni Etienne  
Heather Crawford  
Beth Standfest  
Tracey Shark  
Corie VanSumeren  
Rachel Mitchell  
Jenna Coates  
Andrew Reed

## Reflections of a Retiring Principal



I'm on my way before the morn  
The roads are dark, the school forlorn  
And when I switch my office light  
I look outside and it's still night

Teachers arrive before the sun.  
Preparing for each day of fun.  
They beautify their rooms and yearn  
To help the children grow and learn

One hundred children - even more  
Come flitting past my office door  
While I with smile watch them all  
Pump life into the empty hall

No day runs as smooth as oil  
Rapid growth mandates turmoil  
Each day dragons must be slayed  
Each wound needs the right band aid

Teachers come with ruffled feathers  
Strained by legalistic tethers  
Some kids they'd surely like to strangle  
I guide them toward a gentler angle

Next is the nervous parents' turn  
I mollify their deep concern  
Showing how well their children fare  
Under our expert, guiding care

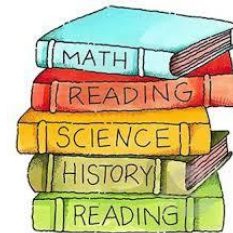
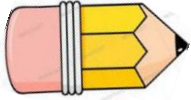
Then give to each a hearty greeting  
Words to inspire ev'ry meeting  
Write programs, proposals and reviews  
Keeping abreast of all crucial news.

A principal's labors never cease  
Sometimes nightfall won't bring release  
But days are filled with unmeasured joys  
Of happy little girls and boys

They cry, they laugh, and they graduate  
And lucky that it's been my fate  
To help their minds light up on fire  
When I see them I can't retire.

But eleven years now I've run the school  
I hope it's been a golden rule  
For me it's been a thrilling run.  
No greater prize could e'er be won.

But eleven years now I've run the show  
The time has come for me to go.



*God bless you & thank you for the privilege of allowing me to be a part of your children's lives.*

*Mrs. Maureen Becker  
Retiring principal*

As Mrs. Laura Wilkowski begins her tenure as principal at Saint Brigid Catholic School, I am hopeful that she will be welcomed with open arms & embraced by the school staff and families, much in the same way I was in 2003.