



Faith,
Academics,
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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.

From the Principal's Desk

Summer is nearing its end and school is just around the corner! I hope that your summer has been filled with days of rest, family, and fun! I feel very blessed to be able to welcome you in for the 2018-2019 school year. This first summer for me has been challenging and exciting! I have had the honor and the pleasure to hire several new teachers and welcome back many amazing teachers!

As we begin the school year, I want you to know that my primary purpose in being here is to support our teachers to be able to teach to the best of their abilities, to support our students to learn and work to the best of their abilities and to support you as parents in listening to your needs and concerns. If you have any questions or concerns as the year begins, please feel free to contact me.

I have collected your responses from the summer's survey and will share this information with our staff to further enhance our instruction and your students' school experience.

This is a year of new beginnings: I am beginning my role as principal, we are welcoming 13 and possibly 14 new families this year, welcoming back several returning families, ushering in a new role of technology in the middle school classroom, welcoming new teachers, and welcoming a new class of kindergartners. For all of these new beginnings, I would ask that you pray that God would strengthen us and guide us on our new paths and that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may bring our children to know God, to love God and to serve God.

Blessings to you for the remainder of the summer and for this new school year!

Laura E. Wilkowski

Important Dates:

- August 4 MACC at the Great Lakes Loons
- August 15 School Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm
- August 16-17 Used uniform sale
- August 23 Middle School Orientation, 9:30 am
- September**
- September 4 School begins, Mass by Staff at 8:30 AM
- September 4 Parent Meeting for all parents following mass, 9:30AM
- Sept. 10/11 Hearing Screenings (K,2,4) and Vision Screenings (1,3,5,7)
- September 11 Construction Zone begins
- September 12 Mass at 8:30 am, Grade 8
- September 16 MACC Picnic, Noon
- September 17 PTO Meeting, 6:30 pm

Don't forget to mark your calendars and save the date for our Emerald Evening event to be held November 10, 2018, at 5 pm at the Midland Country Club! **Emerald Evening** Presents **THE ROAD TO THE TWENTIES**

VIRTUS Training VIRTUS is our program to protect all of God's children. Anyone who plans to volunteer at the school is required to attend a VIRTUS session. If you have not already attended, there will be a VIRTUS session on Monday, September 24 from 6-9 pm at St. Brigid. If this time doesn't work for you plan to attend one of the other following sessions in our area:

- August 29, 11 am to 2 pm at the Center for Ministry in Saginaw
- September 5, 6-9 pm at St. Elizabeth School in Saginaw
- September 6, St. Gabriel Parish, 6-9 pm in Auburn

Junior Science: This after school "STEM" program is open to Saint Brigid School students. This year, the program is divided into 2 sections. The first section will take place in October/November. The 2nd section will take place in January/February. A flyer with more information is attached.

Middle School Chromebooks: This year our middle school students will be receiving Chromebooks to use for the academic year. This wonderful tool will allow students and teachers to explore Google Classroom and to use technology on a regular basis to enhance the academic curriculum. Students are to carry them in the cases that they will be given to prevent damage to them. Chromebooks will be set up so as to maximize academic performance and to minimize distractions and security issues.

Middle School Orientation: Our middle school orientation is scheduled for Thursday, August 23, 2018, at 9:30 AM. Students will receive their planners, their lockers and their Chromebook at that time. Luke Cusack our Director of Communications, Technology, and Marketing will be doing a brief presentation for parents on security measures that we are taking to be sure that students' Chromebook experiences are safe and enhance their academic experience. Students will need to sign a user agreement to take them home at that time.

There will be a **back-to-school potluck meal** following the 11:30 mass on Sunday, August 26. Please bring a nut-free dish to pass. Drinks and flatware, plates and napkins will be provided. Come out and meet our new families and connect with friends!

Nut Free Environment: Saint Brigid School is a **NUT FREE** environment. There are no nut products of any kind, allowed in the building. Many of our students are highly allergic to various nuts. The school lunch program offers a Sun Butter sandwich for those students who would like something similar to peanut butter. We ask that all snacks be consistent with this policy. If a child brings an item with nuts in it to school, that child will be offered an alternative snack/lunch.

After School Care Program:

Andrew Reed is the Associate Director of After-School Care program. Jenna Coates and Sara Groth are the After School Care Aides. After-school care begins with our first day of school, September 4, 2018. After school care registration forms can be found at <https://stbrigid-midland.org/school/after-school-care/> and should be completed prior to the beginning of the school year. There is an annual process fee of (\$40.00) **per family** at the time of enrollment. The cost per student is \$5.00/hour.

Playground/Lunchroom Supervision:

Andrew Reed returns this year as our playground supervisor. We are in need of one other adult each day on the playground. Corie Van Sumeren and Rachel Mitchell return as our food service director and cook, respectively. We are also in need of lunchroom monitors. These monitors are needed between 11:05 and 12:35. If you would like to volunteer for either of these positions one day a week for the year or each day please contact Laura Wilkowski or Tracey Shark **ASAP**.

Start the school year with scrip!

The first scrip order of the school year will be placed on Tuesday, August 28! Submit orders by 9 am on the 28th, and your gift cards will be ready for pick up on the first day of school. Submit orders online via shopwithscrip.com, at the school office, or via email to stbrigidscrip@hotmail.com. Want to learn more about scrip and how to earn money for your family's tuition? More information will be presented at parent meeting on first day of school, or stop by the scrip table after the meeting. Of course, you can always email stbrigidscrip@hotmail.com too!