



*Faith,  
Academics,  
Life...*



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

Only two weeks into the school year and I feel such a sense of community! We have had a number of parents step up to help with recess and lunch duty, parents have volunteered to help in the classroom, committees are in full swing again, teachers are helping teachers and children are making new friends! As we begin our year, I would like to reflect on the importance of community.

According to Google, community can be defined as “a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals.” I had the privilege and the honor of leading the elementary circle of prayer for the first time this week. These students possessed a faith that I admire. Their faith is simple and yet profound. If you have a problem, God helps. If you get lost, God finds you. God takes care of you. It is this common bond which brings us together at Saint Brigid. It is the common desire of us to grow closer to Christ. It is our common responsibility to help others on their journey to find and to know Christ. This common bond unifies us in a powerful way. We build community.

Our Saint Brigid community can be strengthened if we take steps to help each other, volunteer to help when help is needed, if we reach out to new families to make them feel welcomed, if we talk directly to others when we take issue with them instead of about them, and if we remember our common bonds. Earlier this week, we remembered in a special way what happened on 9-11. May this event and those who died remind us that we are strongest when united. We are strongest when we look out for each other. We need community!

Blessings,

*Laura E. Wilkowski*

### Important Dates:

**September 16** MACC Picnic, Noon

**September 17** PTO Meeting, 6:30 pm

**September 19** Mass at 8:30 am, Grade 7

**September 19** School Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm

**September 24** VIRTUS Training for all volunteers who have not had it in the open area, 6-9 pm

**September 26** Mass at 8:30 am, Grade 6

### October

**October 3** Mass at 8:30 am, Grade 5

**October 10** Mass at 8:30 am, Grade 4

**October 14** Sacramental Prep begins for grade 2 students

**October 15** PTO Meeting, 6:30 pm

*Save The Date!*

*Emerald Evening*  
Presents

*November 10, 2018, at*

**THE ROADING**

✦ **Sunday Masses:** 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. ☪ 5:30 p.m. *5 pm at the Midland Country Club!* **TWENTIES**

## + School News... +

### PTO Meeting

There will be a PTO meeting next Monday, September 17, 2018 from 6:30-7:30 pm. Each meeting this year will feature a speaker provided by the parish Health and Wellness committee. Monday's speaker is, Dr. Erin Smith, a licensed Psychologist working at Partners in Change. She will talk to parents about recognizing and dealing with anxiety in children, especially with regards to starting a new school year. A list of topics and speakers to be featured at each meeting will be printed in an upcoming newsletter.

### Making Connections

Our third grade class will be taking a field trip next week to have lunch with a member of the Riverside retirement community in an Intergenerational Program sponsored by the Midland Chamber of Commerce. They will have lunch at the Farmer's Market together and then do an activity with their new friends.

### NWEA Testing

Testing has gotten off to a fairly smooth start. One thing that we noticed in the middle school classes is the need to keep the Chromebooks fully charged. Please be sure students plug them in overnight so that they are ready to use in the morning. Thanks for your help in this matter. Be sure that students get plenty of rest. We are off to a great start!

### Cub Scouts

Scott Pider is our Cub Scout leader. If your son, grades 1-5 grades would like to be a part of Cub Scouts please contact Scott or Rebecca Pider at (989) 488-1960 Meetings are held on Thursdays from 6:30-7:30 at the school. Our first meeting will be held on September 13<sup>th</sup> but you can join anytime!

### Girl's Basketball

"Show your Knight Pride! Come to the first home Girls Basketball game this Saturday at 10:00! Help cheer on the Knights! St Brigid Students wearing St. B's spirit wear or school colors get a free popcorn! Good luck to the team!"

### Chili Taste-Off

Saint Brigid is proud to lend our kitchen to cooks at the Chili Taste Off next week from Wednesday, September 19 through Friday, September 21. Saint Brigid and downtown



are cooking up good things. Don't forget to show your support by coming out to taste them on Saturday, September 22 from 12-2pm!

### Emerald Evening

**Saint Brigid Students:** Looking for a way to help your school and have fun? We have a unique opportunity for students in the 5th through 8th grade. You are invited to share your creative and artistic abilities by designing a program cover for the Emerald Evening event in November. This is a great opportunity to highlight your talent and support our school. If your design is chosen, you will receive a gift certificate to Pizza Sam's and be recognized at the school with your artwork on display. Each class with 100% participation in this contest will win an extra recess! Here are the guidelines for your submission:

- All artwork must be on an 8" x 10" white sheet of paper and in color.
- Artwork should include "Roaring 20's" theme - (think: pearl necklaces, brass instruments, mustaches, bowties, etc.). Ask your parents for ideas too!
- Submission should include the title "Emerald Evening 2018" toward the top of the page and include the date of the event which is November 10, 2018.
- Your first and last name and grade should be written on the back of your submission.
- Each student is allowed only one submission.
- Entries should be submitted to the school office by Friday, October 5th.

Emerald Evening is our big event to raise money for the school! We appreciate your effort to share your talents and promote our school! ***Thank you for your help and good luck!***

**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. Please call Tracey Shark to register: 835-9481.

**Construction Zone** will start on Tuesday, October 2. It is open to all middle school student from after school until 6:00pm. This year it will only be open on Tuesdays on full days of school only. To help with the cost of food and supplies all families (not per child) are being asked to pay \$20. Please be sure to fill out a registration form. If you have any questions please contact Melissa Shields 989-980-7630.



### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Any parent with a child in Grade 2 or above who wishes that child to be prepared for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation or First Eucharist or any one of these sacraments is invited to an informational meeting. **Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30pm OR Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Faith Formation Library.** For details contact Anne Marie 989-835-7121 ext. 53 or [amgraham@stbrigid-midland.org](mailto:amgraham@stbrigid-midland.org).

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### Welcome Wednesdays

Story time for 3 – 5 -year-olds and caregivers! Join our school librarian for stories, songs, games, crafts, and a snack. Storytime is from 1 – 2 p.m. on each of these days.

**October 24, 2018** - Halloween Story Time (Wear your costume as we trick or treat through the school!) **December 12, 2018** - Christmas Story Time **January 30, 2019** – Winter Wonders  
**March 13, 2019** – Spring Stories **May 22, 2019**– Summer Tales

*No fee, but space is limited so call ahead to register: 835-9481.*

### Stay 'n Play Fridays

For 2 – 5 -year-olds. Rainy day? Stuck inside? Need to expend some energy? Want to spend time with other toddlers and caregivers? Come and enjoy our gym and play equipment! **\$1.00/family.** Every Friday, October through March, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

### Kindergarten Open House

Come and see the great things happening at Saint Brigid Catholic School! We would love to tell you about our Kindergarten program! Tuesday, February 12, 2019



### Scrip Update

We will be doing a trial of selling scrip both on Wednesday morning before Mass and Friday morning. Eventually, we plan to only do one morning sales session based on when we get the most sales. The first Thank-scrip-ing day of the year will be on Sep. 17. Keep an eye on shopwithscrip.com and the Parents of St. Brigid Facebook group to see all the bonuses! Signing up for shopwithscrip.com account in advance helps, and payment can be made via PrestoPay or check/cash. Email [stbrigidscrip@hotmail.com](mailto:stbrigidscrip@hotmail.com) with any questions.

Q1 of scrip year is over already, and emails regarding TRP earned will be going out in the near future. Please turn in your TRP form to the school office or to the scrip table if you haven't already done so.

Scrip school is back! This is for folks new to scrip or anyone who wants to know more about scrip whether that's ScripNow, Reload, ReloadNow, PrestoPay, TRP. Each session will allow lots of question and answer time! All sessions will be held in room 8. The first three sessions will be 2:30-2:55 pm on Sep. 12, Sep. 25, and Oct. 1. The next two will be held 5:45-6:15 pm (before PTO meetings) on Oct. 15 and Nov. 19.



# Thank you for being a Saint Brigid Knight!

