



*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

Yes! It is very uplifting to hear someone says these words when you need some help. Yes, I'll help you. What can I do? Webster's dictionary defines a volunteer as a person who freely offers to take part in an enterprise or undertake a task. Freely offers. What does that mean? Does it mean that you were not asked? Perhaps. But more importantly I think it means that you are willing to give of what you have even though you may not know all of the conditions.

Will you cover recess duty is a frequently asked question here at school. We do not ask, "will you cover recess duty if it is warm and the sun is shining". Volunteering means doing what is necessary to get a job done. We are blessed at Saint Brigid with many wonderful volunteers; volunteers who give without knowing all of the conditions. This week we had volunteers for playground duty, recess duty, robotics, the middle school dance and, just, yesterday, from Chemical Bank. Volunteers are at the heart and soul of the school.

This October, we remember Mary in a special way. Mary was asked to be the Mother of God. She said yes without fully knowing what it would mean or what it would involve. Mary is a perfect example of how we, too, are called to say yes to others. I would ask that God bless our volunteers in a special way for their hard work. I commend our middle school students who have volunteered 180 hours of their time in service of others. I would ask that we look for ways in which we are being called to volunteer, to serve, to say "Yes!"

Laura E. Wilkowski

Important Dates:

- October 12** St. Brigid Shamrock Band plays at Nouvel Catholic Central High School football game, call time 5:45 pm
- October 12** Stay-n-Play, 9 am
- October 12** Brown bag lunch with the principal
- October 15** Monday Morning Mingle 7:30-8:15, Living Rosary 8:30 AM, 8th grade field trip Reality Store
- October 16** School Store begins
- October 18** 4th grade field trip to Chippewa Nature Center
- October 19** Stay-n-Play, 9 am, 5th grade field trip to recycling center
- October 24** Preschool Story Time 1-2pm
- October 31** Halloween Parade and parties

Emerald Evening Dinner tickets are going quickly, get yours today! Cash raffle tickets also available in the school office or from any Emerald Evening committee member. Don't wait until it is too late, get yours today!

Emerald Evening
Presents
**THE ROARING
TWENTIES**

*November 10, 2018
5:00 pm
Midland Country Club!*

Brown Bag Lunch with Principal

Our first lunch with the principal will be on Friday, October 12, 2018 from 11:30 am-12:45 pm. We will continue to have brown bag lunches on the second Friday of each month. Pack a lunch and we can discuss concerns or I can tell you about upcoming events in the school. Feel free to bring a friend too if you know someone who is interested in learning more about our school!



For Action tonight!

Hello Parents,

As you have noticed each week after Mass I assign homework, usually these are a discussion or some small action your sons and daughters can do at school or home. This week we heard St. Paul remind us to be mindful of the poor. Well it became clear that the Holy Spirit was speaking to me as well, and I have asked your children to bring in one item that they can give to the poor. This should be something of their own that they still use, but can live without. It can be a toy (in good condition), clothing or a coat (clean and in good shape that currently fits but is extra), or electronic device (working and wiped of personal data). I would encourage you to talk with your son or daughter about what item your child will donate. This can certainly be a great way to simplify and give away something that is underused in his or her room. Deacon Al and I have each decided to donate our iPad to the school (Please don't think your child's choice should be this extravagant). I personally had been contemplating the gift for a week, and know that while I don't use it everyday I am going to miss it. I also know it will make a difference in the lower grades who can use it. I hope you and your child see this as an opportunity to simply and declutter. I'm sure the coming Christmas season will bring new devices and gadgets. I thank each of you for responding and helping your child make the right choice that balances sacrifice and needs. Don't give more than you can live without.

Blessings and Peace,

Fr. Andy



Stay 'n Play update

Twenty children attended our very first Stay 'n Play on Friday, October 5. What a great success! If you know someone who is looking for a place for their children to play on these dreary days, please tell them about Stay' n Play. It is for children ages infant through five years old. Join us every Friday 9 – 10:30 from October through March in our school gym. It costs \$1.00 per family. Thank you to Belinda Blasy, Val Whiteley, and Jamie Budd who are supervising the Stay 'n Play time. And a BIG thank you to all of the families who donated toys for the program! We couldn't do it without YOU!

Strike up the Band!

On Friday, October 12, 2018 at 5:45 pm our Shamrock band will join up with Nouvel's high school band to cheer on the Panther football team. In addition to playing in the stands, they will march on the field during the half time show. Come out and cheer on the Panthers and Saint Brigid's Shamrock Band!



Living Rosary

Join us in celebrating our Blessed Mother, Mary, in a very special way as students become a living rosary on Monday, October 15 at 8:30 am in the church. If you have never been, it is a particularly moving and very visual way of praying. Our students always do a very wonderful job!

PTO Meetings

Our next PTO meeting will be Monday, October 15th at 6:30pm and will feature Gary Billotti talking to parents about Mindfulness. Gary coauthored a study at Dow about mindfulness and has presented on the topic many times. Mindfulness is a state of being aware of your thoughts and feelings and learning to be in the moment. There are takeaways for all ages from this presentation.

Monday Morning Mingle

Join us Monday, October 15 at 7:15 am for a Monday morning mingle. We will provide donuts, juice and coffee. You can come and visit other parents, your students and teachers and build community!



Saint Brigid Middle School Athletics

Stay up to date on Sports Schedules and other important information at:

<https://stbrigid-midland.org/school/middle-school-2/athletics/>



Emerald Evening Ticket Sales

Our Emerald Evening will take place on Saturday, November 10, 2018 at 4:30 pm. Tickets cost \$100. This year's theme is the "Roaring Twenties". The evening includes a fabulous dinner, silent and live auctions, cash raffle drawings and loads of fun! Last year this event was sold out so don't wait! Buy yours today! You do not even need to have cash on hand. Simply fill out a reply card and charge it to your FACTS account!

Don't forget to buy a raffle ticket. Raffle tickets are \$100 but we are only selling 350 so the odds of winning are pretty great! The grand prize is \$7,500, second prize is \$2,500 and there will be eight \$500 prizes! Don't delay, buy yours today!

K-5 Lab Science Needs

Our K-5 lab science teacher, Kim Scott, has requested to following items be donated:

- K-toilet paper/paper towel/gift wrapping tubes
- 1-Shoe boxes or small cardboard boxes
- 2-Cardboard cut from cereal type boxes. Please cut out and turn in the flat sides.
- 3-Clean plastic containers. Cottage cheese, deli trays, butter.
- 4-Clean plastic individual yogurt container. (Not Yoplait because the opening is too narrow.)
- 5-2 Liter and 1 Liter soda bottles. To remove the label add hot water to soften the glue and the label with come off better.

General: Old CD's, bubble wrap, Styrofoam, extra hex nuts, bolts, screws from projects. Dental floss, twist ties, Puppy pads, fishing line.

Reality Store

Our eighth grade students have an opportunity to attend a Reality Store program at Bullock Creek High School on Monday, October 15, 2018. The reality store is a program that allows students to see how their choices in the future will be dependent on their financial resources. Students will need to bring their fully charged Chromebooks to this event as there are check-ins on the computer throughout the morning. Students will receive an imaginary paycheck which they will then use to pay the same bills that we, as adults, pay. The program is an eye-opening experience for them and proves to be both a lot of fun and a great financial education.

Preschool Story Hour

We will hold our first preschool story hour on Tuesday, October 24 from 1-2 pm. The story hour is for children ages 3-5. Join our school librarian for stories, songs, games, crafts, and a snack. There is no fee, but space is limited so call ahead to register: 835-9481.

Halloween Fun from Midland Recyclers

The Halloween Bash will be held Tuesday, October 23rd from 5-7 pm at St. Brigid Catholic Church Parish Hall. Jewels the Clown and a bounce house are part of the fun! Guests can enjoy recycled crafts, games and a silent auction. For dinner this year, we will serve pizza, spaghetti, salad, desserts, and fun for the whole family!

Saint Brigid Halloween Parties

K-5 grade students will have a Halloween parade in costume around the downtown businesses on Wednesday October 31. Please have a costume for students to put on after lunch that does not include a mask or hat that covers their face. No weapons of any kind are allowed to be worn or carried. Costumes should not be violent in nature. If there are questions on what constitutes a weapon, please email Mrs. Wilkowski.

Middle School students will have a party in the middle school rooms to include a "scary" movie, board games and non-violent and school appropriate video games. Middle School students may also change into costumes after lunch.

Have you heard? **ELECTRONIC BIDDING** for this year's **Emerald Evening!** In order to give those that cannot attend the Emerald Evening an opportunity to support St. Brigid Catholic School, we will be using auctria.com to host our silent auction. Auctria is a very user-friendly, yet practical website for running silent, live, or online fundraising auctions.

We will be sending the link out for bidding VERY SOON. Please keep your eyes peeled so you can start your bidding. This link can also be SHARED with friends and family NEAR or FAR to make it possible for anyone to bid on all the amazing items the Emerald Evening has to offer! We will be sharing the link via email, newsletter, and the parents' Facebook page later this month. Thank you to all who have supported the Emerald Evening already and we look forward to seeing you November 10!



Thank you for being a Saint Brigid Knight!



Student of the Month

Middle School students receive a "student of the month award" when they make great accomplishments for academic excellence and receive no demerits for improper behavior. Eighteen middle students received "Student of the Month" status. Those eighteen students include Maddox Whiteley, Eve Jenkins, Samuel Wilkowski, Luke Gracer, Eryn Murphy, Raegan Woodiwiss, Liesl Grossman, Sofia Berlanga, Ava Friedman, Emma Andrus, John Vanchura, Rachel Cain, Clara Allington, Norah Allington, Caroline Vanchura, Zach Pider, John Budd (not pictured), and Mckinley Danner (not pictured).



Great job students!

Delta Science

Our middle school students will be learning all about STEM science (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) firsthand at Delta's annual STEM fair in conjunction with Michigan Tech's Mind trekkers program on Friday, October 12, 2018. These fun and engaging activities bring a huge "WOW!" factor to science. These same activities can be experienced by K-5 children on Friday evening from 6-9 pm and on Saturday (October 13, 2018) from 11 am – 2 pm. It is free and open to the public!

School Store

The fifth grade students will be responsible for selling, making change and keeping track of inventory for a school store beginning on Tuesday, October 16th and held every Tuesday and Thursday morning between 7:45 and 7:55. The school store has fun items such as mechanical pencils, lead, erasers, pens, rulers, religious items and more. All items are listed for \$2 or less.

K-5 Student Council Projects

This Thursday will be our first K-5 student council spirit day. Students may wear their pajamas to school and will be able to watch a video in their classroom in the afternoon. In addition, students may purchase popcorn for \$.50/bag. The money from the popcorn sales will be used in a future service project.

In addition to the spirit day, students are working to help animals who were affected by the hurricane and flooding in the Carolinas. As a result, they have decided to collect pet food, pet pads, pet treats, kitty litter, and grooming supplies for the remainder of the month.



Saint Brigid Choir Update

Attention all parents of third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth graders. We are EXPANDING the volume of the St. Brigid School choir. We are in need of more voices to praise the Lord and proclaim God's word with song.

Contact Mrs. Ball if you know any vocalist who can sing at school masses on Wednesday mornings. Even if your child cannot attend the 3:00 rehearsal on Tuesday, Mrs. Ball is available on some other afternoons during school hours. Please, help us continue to rebuild our fantastic school choir! Contact Mrs. Ball at: dball@stbrigid-midland.org



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