



*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

Wow! Where has the month of September gone? It seems to have flown by!

This past weekend we ushered in the fall season officially. The seasons are changing! Change is an inevitable and a necessary and exciting part of life. Sometimes change can be scary or can leave you with many questions. This is a year of change for us at Saint Brigid as well. We have many new staff members, new students and new ideas and tools to share with children.

One of the changes we are trying to make is improve our communication with parents. In addition to our bimonthly newsletter, we are trying to keep our Facebook page current, trying to update our website and trying to stay current with our emails to parents.

To continue to foster communication with parents, I am instituting a brown bag lunch with the principal, once a month. 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!

I would love Saint Brigid to serve as a model for others in effective and kind communication. Conflict arises when we feel misunderstood, confused and unheard. It is my hope that we can prevent conflict and address it head on when it does arise.

Blessings to you this week!

Laura E. Wilkowski

Important Dates:

October

- October 3** Mass at 8:30 am, Grade 5
- October 2** K-5 Open House from 6-7pm, Middle School Open House 7-8 pm.
- October 5** Middle School Dance 6:00pm-8:00pm
- October 10** Mass at 8:30 am, Grade 4
- October 10** Boxtops for Education Due
- October 12** St. Brigid Shamrock Band plays at Nouvel Catholic Central High School football game, call time 6:00pm
- October 14** Sacramental Prep begins for grade 2 students
- October 15** PTO Meeting, 6:30 pm
- October 15** Monday Morning Mingle 7:30-8:15, Living Rosary 8:30 a.m.

Emerald Evening
Presents

November 10, 2018

**THE ROARING
TWENTIES**

5:00 pm

Midland Country Club!

Raffle Tickets Available!

✦ **Sunday Masses:** 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. ☪ 5:30 p.m.



We had a packed house for our VIRTUS training on Monday, September 25, 2018. If you had plans to come and couldn't make it, there will be other opportunities for VIRTUS. Here are some of the upcoming opportunities in our general area:

October 8, All Saints, Bay City, call 989-892-4371 to register (6-9 pm)

October 18, Center for Ministry, Saginaw, call 989-797-6682 to register (11-2 or 6-9pm)

October 24, Center for Ministry, Saginaw, call 989-797-6682 to register (11-2 or 6-9pm)

Student Council

Congratulations to all of our students who ran for student council officers positions. Our students council officers are as follows:

President-Charles Gipson, **Vice President**- Maria Lyons, **Secretary**- Sophia Smith, **Treasurer**- Caleb Pider.

Student council representatives are as follows:

Grade 1: Kelsey Dittenber and Nathan Perera and their alternate is Annabelle Berard

Grade 2: Owen English and Reina Prior and their alternate is Dominic Whiteley

Grade 3: Theo Ell and their alternate is Reese Whiteley

Grade 4: Jack Young and their alternate is Isabel Storer

Grade 5: Mia Bayardo and their alternate is Jack Waskevich

Most student Council meetings will take place on Tuesdays (except for the first meeting on Thursday, September 27th) from 3:00-3:45 in Room 8. Students will be walked to the lobby or After School Care at the end of the meeting.

Student Leadership

Congratulations to all of our students who ran for student leadership officers positions. Our students leadership officers are as follows:

President: Raegan Woodiwiss; **Vice-President:** Michael Wilkowski; and **Secretary:** Sophia Berlanga.

Student leadership met on Monday and they are planning their first spirit wear day for this Friday, September 28. This Friday is stoplight day. Sixth graders are encouraged to wear green, seventh graders to wear yellow and eighth graders may wear red. All free dress clothing must be appropriate and follow free dress day rules. They have also planned their first service project. They will be collecting toiletries for Hurricane Relief. Middle schoolers also have planned the first middle school dance for Friday, October 5 from 6-8pm.

Saint Brigid Open House

On Tuesday, October 2 from 6-7 pm our K-5 grade classes will have an open house to show off some of the work that they have been doing. This is a chance for students to show you what they have been working on and for you to ask the teachers questions. We will do an open house for middle school students as well from 7-8 pm. Please come out and see all the good work your students have been doing.

Third Graders Make the News!

Our third graders, in collaboration with the Midland Area Chamber of Commerce, got to meet their buddies from Riverside for the first time on Wednesday, September 19, 2018 over lunch at the farmer's market with locally grown foods! They will meet with their buddies every other month. While they have a great time, they are also doing activities that meet third grade learning objectives! Check out their article at the link below and visit our Facebook page to see all of the great smiles!

<https://www.ourmidland.com/.../art.../Young-and-old-13245390.php>



NWEA Testing

Friday of this week marks the official end of the first section of NWEA testing. Students did a good job of staying focused and working hard and should be commended on their efforts!

Boxtops for Education

The buckets are in the classrooms to collect boxtops. Please send in any boxtops for education by October 10th. The student from each class with the most boxtops will receive one of the coveted "free dress" passes. Additionally, the top *new student collector* will also receive a "free dress" pass!!!

Thank you for being a Saint Brigid Knight!

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! Anyone who purchases their tickets to the Emerald Evening on or before 10/1 will be entered in an early bird cash drawing for \$500. Last year this event was sold out by 10/1 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!

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.

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. There will be a session at [2:30-2:55 pm on Oct. 1](#). The next two will be held [5:45-6:15 pm](#) (before PTO meetings) [on Oct. 15](#) and [Nov. 19](#).

First scrip contest of the year will run Oct. 1 - 31 with the goal of encouraging families to join the scrip program. All orders will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 scrip gift certificate. In addition, a separate drawing for \$25 gift certificate will be held with entries for any "new to scrip" families who place an order and for any family (new or existing) who registers on [shopwithscrip.com](#) or signs up for PrestoPay. If you're an overachiever and already did those in September, you'll be entered into second drawing too.

Junior Science

Junior Science is an afterschool science program which involves hands on experiences. These experiences are aimed at encouraging young children to take a more active interest in the various exciting fields of science. There will be 2 sessions this year. **Session One** will focus on Chemistry, Biology and Physics. It will be open to students in grades 4, 5, and 6. The class will be in the science lab from 3:30-4:45 each Monday and Thursday. Session One will take place from October 1 through November 8. **Session Two** will focus on Chemistry and Physics. Those classes will be January 7 through February 21 on the same days and times as session one. Students in grades 3, 4, 5, and 6 may register for Session Two. Many students are interested in Junior Science however, they cannot commit to two days a week. Therefore, we are offering an opportunity for students to attend ONE DAY a week instead of two for only \$75. Please register ASAP if you are interested. Classes begin on Monday, Oct. 1 and run through Nov. 8. Many scholarships are still available. Please take advantage of this wonderful hands-on science opportunity! Questions? Please contact either Mrs. Nemeth or Mrs. Becker.

October is SOCKTOBER!

Local Midlander Jaxson Lewis is again collecting socks for Midland County Shelters to distribute to those who need them. Saint Brigid will be a collection site for Jaxson's efforts. Please send a new pair of socks; any color, any size to share with another person in need.

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

PTO Meetings

On Monday, *September 17*, 2018 our PTO meeting featured a speaker provided by the parish Health and Wellness committee. Monday's speaker was, *Dr. Erin Smith, a licensed Psychologist working at Partners in Change.* She talked to parents about recognizing and dealing with anxiety in children, especially with regards to starting a new school year. 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.



Science Lab Supplies Needed

Kim Scott, our science lab teacher, has a need for some household supplies. She divided up what she needed by grade level so that she is not overwhelmed with too many of one item. Her list is as follows:

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 will come off easier.

She would also like to collect the following items but emphasizes that parents should not go buy anything. She is simply asking you to send what you have and don't need:

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

Thank you for anything that you can provide!

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!*



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