



**Saint Brigid**  
*Catholic School*

A community fully alive in Christ



**Knights Will...**

## From the Principal's Desk

Respect. According to Google dictionary, respect means due regard for the feelings, wishes, rights, or traditions of others. It comes from the Latin, *respectus*, which means regard or a looking at. This past week students marched that others might respect life; that they might look at life differently. That they might look at the unborn as children of God and as such, treat them with the dignity and respect that they deserve.

This past week news stories and the public and media's response to it remind us that it is easy to jump to conclusions, to cast judgement and to forget that each is a child of God. We are called not to judge, but to love. We are called to respect life.

Respecting life means looking at the poor, the elderly, the unborn, the immigrant, the refugee, the homeless, those who do not agree with your political convictions, and those who are hard to love as children of God and, as such, *worthy of respect at all times*.

May we remember this month that we are all children of God and because of that, we are all worthy of respect. We deserve to be looked upon with regard for our feelings, our wishes, our rights, our needs and our traditions. Let's think about how our actions affect others, how our words affect others. "Whatsoever you do to the least of my brother, that you do unto me." (Matthew 25:40)

*Laura E. Wilkowski*

## Important Dates:

### **January 24**

Talent Show Dress Rehearsal from 3-5 pm

### **January 25**

Middle School Girls Retreat at Blessed Sacrament, 6 pm

### **January 27**

Please try to attend 11:30 mass and come to the gym for a Potluck meal with the parish to celebrate Catholic Schools Week!

### **January 28**

Bring a grand "friend" for lunch day

Talent Show, 6 pm

Art Show, ~7:30 or 8 (follows the talent show)

Ice Cream Social, ~7:30 or 8 (follows the talent show)

No homework day

### **January 29**

Free Dress for \$1; proceeds go to Open Door

Enrollment tours from 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Battle of the Books at 3:30 pm

### **January 30**

Science Fair 1-4 PM

Preschool Storytime 1-2pm

### **January 31**

Donuts with Dad (7:15-8:15)

Pajama and Movie Day K-8

### **February 1**

Town Hall with Superintendent

Mass with Blessed Sacrament

Sock Hop

### **February 7**

School Battle of the Books

### **February 11**

Nouvel High School Information Night at Saint Brigid, 6pm

### **February 12**

Kindergarten Open House at Saint Brigid, beginning at 1 pm

## Fourth Grade Teacher Position

**We have hired a new fourth grade teacher to start in the fall of 2019!** Michelle Twigg comes to us from All Saints Catholic School in Alpena, MI where she is currently teaching a 5/6 grade split classroom. She has also taught a 2/3 split and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. She is very accomplished at differentiating instruction and believes an active classroom promotes curious and engaged learners! We are delighted to welcome her to the Saint Brigid Staff!

## Emerald Evening Committee Astounds

We are pleased to announce that the final total for the Emerald Evening is in....the committee raised \$102,549.47 in funds for our school! A super big thank you goes out to all of the hard working members of the committee...Jennifer West, Lori Dehlin, Valerie Whiteley, Chandra Kierpiec, Kathe Annelin, Scott Keyes, Marty Beard, Maureen Becker, Deanna Gambrell, Deana Danner, Krina Young, Fr. Andy Booms, Angelina Mitus, and Catie Jenkins. You have set the bar very high for next year's committee!

## Report Cards

Teachers are working hard to finalizing grades and get report cards completed. We plan to send them home with students by the week of February 4.

## Ice Cream Social after the Talent Show— Monday, January 28 at 8:00 p.m. Please come support Head to Head!

The middle school Head to Head program is underway. We are excited to be a part of this wonderful program! We have 2 meets this year with the top students going to city finals. Please join us to raise funds for H2H!

## Marching for Life!

Our eighth grade class marched for life this past week in one of two places. Seven students braved the storm and went to Washington, DC where they marched on the capitol square. The other students marched in Mio, MI at St. Mary's Shrine in the Woods. Check out their pictures on Facebook. Thank you for supporting life!

## Middle School Retreat

On Friday, January 25, all middle school girls are invited to turn their emotions inside out and discover the joy that Jesus offers us! There will be food, games, crafts, prayer, and reflection from 6-10pm. Contact Christine Sellnow at christines@blessed-midland.org for more information or to register.

## Nouvel/All Saints Central for 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade parents

We will have representatives from Nouvel/All Saints Central here on Monday evening, February 11 at 6pm for a high school informational night. If you would like to continue to educate your child in a Catholic school, come and listen and ask questions.

## Dow High School/Midland High Scheduling

Midland and Dow High Schools are looking into coming out for one morning next week (to be determined) to talk to students about scheduling. Look for an email to come out about this. Parents will be invited to attend.

## Kindergarten Open House

Tuesday, February 12 will be our kindergarten open house beginning at 1 pm. Students will be able to join our current kindergarten class to experience an afternoon in the life of a kindergartener while we talk with parents about kindergarten at Saint Brigid Catholic School. We will also have a couple of current parents of kindergartners to provide answers to questions and to relay their own experiences. Come out and meet Mrs. H and see what Saint Brigid has to offer. If you know someone who has a child that will be in kindergarten next year, please pass along the invitation!

## Battle of the Books Begins

The fourth and fifth graders will officially begin the Battle of the Books on Tuesday, January 29 after school. Best of luck to our two teams: The Terrible Six (Gwen Thill, Maggie Wilkowski, Lizzie Vanchura, Bennet Gipson, Mia Bayardo and Konner Minuth and Leyton Minuth our 6<sup>th</sup> grade helper) and Wish Upon a Book (Jane Deeth, Isabel Storer, Charles Gipson, Anna Budd, Kennedy Sessions, and Everett Keyes and John Budd our 6<sup>th</sup> grade helper). Those who read, succeed!

## Lego Club Begins

Lego club starts Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 3 pm-4:30 pm. Many thanks to Katie Keyes who made this year's Lego club possible!

## Bring a Grand "Friend" to Lunch Day

On Monday, January 28, students are encouraged to bring a grand "friend" for lunch. A grand "friend" may be a grandparent, another relative, a neighbor or family friend since not all students have grandparents in the area. If you plan to have a guest join your child for lunch, please respond ASAP to the google forms email that was sent out. This helps us to plan ahead. Forms need to be submitted by Friday, January 25 at noon. Thank you in advance for your prompt response.



## Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2019

January 27 - February 2 #CSW19

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

#### Meet the Superintendent

Please see the schedule for the full listing of Catholic Schools Week events. Please note that on **Friday, February 1, our superintendent, Cormac Lynn, will have a town hall meeting for parents directly before and immediately following our school mass.** He would like to know what concerns, if any, you may have, what things he can help Saint Brigid to do, what dreams you have about Catholic education in the diocese or at the school, and what questions you may have. I hope that we will have many parents that can stay to meet him.

#### Saint Brigid HAS Talent!

Saint Brigid will have a talent show rehearsal on January 24 from 3-5 pm. The actual night of the talent show is on Monday, January 28 at 6 pm during Catholic Schools Week. Our talented students will also have an art show following the talent show. And finally, during the art show, ice cream will be sold to raise money for our head to head team to compete again this year! Come out and see our talent!

#### MASS and PTO Potluck

Sunday, January 27 we kick off Catholic Schools week with mass at 11:30 AM followed by a Potluck meal in the gym. Students are encouraged to wear their Saint Brigid uniforms and parents are encouraged to wear their Saint Brigid spirit wear to mass. Please bring a nut free dish to pass.

#### Science Fair

Students will have science fair projects set up on the afternoon of Wednesday, January 30 between 1-3:30 pm. Parents are invited to listen to students talk about their projects between 1-3 pm and projects will remain after school until 3:30 or 4pm so that parents can view them directly after school.

#### Saint Brigid Sock Hop

Getting your saddle shoes out- it's once again time for the sock hop! Students and parents are encouraged to don their 50's attire and dance to some golden oldies. \$20 covers your whole families' meals (hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, and ice cream) and entertainment.

#### Construction Zone

The Construction zone has changed its format recently to allow for students to exercise directly after school by having activity time in the gym. Some students do homework at tables during this time and have a snack. Following this time, students are gathered in the Rainbow room for time to reflect on their faith. Both of these changes allow for us to meet student needs. However, some students need a bit more time for homework built in to this schedule. To accommodate those students, we are hoping to create a homework help period in the faith formation library during the time that students are playing in the gym. In order for this to happen, we are looking for volunteers that would be willing to monitor students and help with homework when needed. If you are interested in helping out, please email Katie Lyon at [klyon@stbrigid-midland.org](mailto:klyon@stbrigid-midland.org).

Start the new year with scrip! It's never too late to start using scrip and earning money for PTO and for your family's tuition. If you're not sure, just start with scrip for gas and groceries - you'll always need those. Families have already earned over \$2600 in tuition rebates this year with two families over \$500 each!!! Stop by the scrip sales table (Monday and Friday, 2:45 - 3:15 pm and Friday, 7:30 - 7:55 am) or email [stbrigidscrip@hotmail.com](mailto:stbrigidscrip@hotmail.com) for more information.

We'd also like your input to help improve the scrip program. Whether you've never bought scrip, buy occasionally, or are a faithful user, please complete a quick 5-question survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QXH2QH7>. Thanks very much for your help and input!



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# Saint Brigid Catholic Schools

## CELEBRATE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



<p><b>Sunday</b> 27</p> <p>"Celebrate Our Parish"</p> <p>11:30 Mass</p> <p>12:30 PTO Potluck</p>	<p><b>Monday</b> 28</p> <p>"Celebrate Our Students"</p> <p>No Homework Day</p> <p>Bring your grand "friend" for lunch day</p> <p>6-8 PM Talent Show and Art Show, Ice Cream Social</p>	<p><b>Tuesday</b> 29</p> <p>"Celebrate Our Community"</p> <p>Free Dress Day for \$1- Proceeds go to Open Door</p> <p>1-3 PM Enrollment Tours for 2019-2020 School Year</p>	<p><b>Wednesday</b> 30</p> <p>"Celebrate Academics"</p> <p>1-4 PM Science Fair Presentations</p> <p>1-2 PM Preschool Winter Storytime</p>	<p><b>Thursday</b> 31</p> <p>Celebrate Staff</p> <p>7:15-8:15 Donuts with Dads</p> <p>11-12:30 TAG Luncheon for Staff</p> <p>1-3 pm Pajama Day and Movie Day</p>	<p><b>Friday</b> 1</p> <p>"Celebrate Fr. Andy and St. Brigid"</p> <p>9 AM Mass with Blessed Sacrament</p> <p>8:15-8:45 and 10:15-10:45 Town Hall Meeting with the Superintendent</p> <p>6-8 PM Sock Hop</p>
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All students are welcome to wear their school uniform to all weekend liturgies. Parents are welcome to show their school pride and wear Saint Brigid spirit wear as well.

**Thank you for your continued support of Saint Brigid Catholic School!**





## Saint Brigid Athletics

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

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



### **Remaining Boys Basketball Games**

Wed 1/30 @ St. Michael - 7:00 pm St. Michael 5 vs. St. Brigid 5

Thu 1/31 @ St. Brigid - 5:00 pm St. Brigid 5 vs. Nouvel White 5

Thu 1/31 @ St. Brigid - 6:00 pm St. Brigid 5 vs. Hemlock 5

Thu 1/31 @ St. Brigid - 7:00 pm St. Brigid 7/8 vs. Holy Cross 7/8

Mon 2/4 @ St. Elizabeth - 6:00 pm St. Brigid 7/8 vs. St. Elizabeth

### Pie Sale Correction

Volunteers are needed for the following dates - prior communications regarding pie making and pickup were off by a day:

February 10 - 9:45-11:45am - Coffee and Donuts hosting and Pie Sales - School Gym

February 12 - 1:30-2:30pm - Order Counting - Parish Office

February 22 - 2.5hrs - Set Up, exact time tbd (in Merrill)

February 23 - 8am-1pm - Pie Making (in Merrill)

February 23 - 1-4pm - Clean Up (in Merrill)

February 24 - 9:45-10:30am / 12:20-1:00pm / 6:15-7:00pm - Pie Pickup  
Coordination - School Gym

The dates have been corrected on the sign-up survey (<https://goo.gl/forms/SgSfkDbwedT4PNDC2>), so please go by those dates!

Pie pick up is on January 24th, *not* 25th.