



Saint Brigid Catholic School

A community fully alive in Christ



Our Mission:

At Saint Brigid of Kildare, nourished by the Word and Sacraments, we find life in Christ by gathering disciples for worship, service, and education.

From the Principal's Desk

How many have tried the activity where one person falls backward only to have another catch them? This is often used as a team building activity to work on trust. I can recall real life situations such as my wedding day, hiring all kinds of specialists to provide flowers, cake, music, etc. I was completely at ease because I was full of trust that they would do what needed to be done.

Trust. Google defines it as firm belief in the reliability, truth, ability, or strength of someone or something. How many people do we know that we fully trust? Are we people that can fully be trusted? And in how many of these aspects can I trust a person? Maybe they are reliable but are they strong enough? Maybe they are truthful but not necessarily reliable? Trust is a virtue. When we are trustworthy, people want to help us. Being able to trust another brings a sense of peace as well. Can we trust ourselves?

Though you may not always find a person in which you can place your trust, you can always trust in God. With God, you can trust in His reliability, His truth, His ability and His strength. Trusting in God gives us a sense of peace. I can recall a time when my father was sick and I was very scared. I remember praying for him and feeling an assurance, a great peace washed over me. Trust.

Trusting in God allows us to help others. Trusting in God allows us to trust ourselves and to trust others. Trusting in God means doing His will. Trusting in God involves surrender. Even when that trust involves the unknown such as taking on a new job. Principal of a school, for example. Trust. When is the last time you have surrendered to God's will?

Laura E. Wilkowski

✠ Sunday Masses: 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. ☩ 5:30 p.m.

Important Dates:

April 10 Girls on the Run 3 pm

April 11 4th/5th grade job shadowing field trip, middle school to Delta, Student Council Bake Sale 3:00 pm; **PAC at Blessed Sacrament, The Good Samaritan 6:30 – 8:30pm**

April 12 1st grade field trip to CNC, Fish Fry (bake sale benefits robotics teams); Girls on the Run 3:00

April 13 Eucharistic minister recertification for anyone who had training 3 or more years ago, 10 AM

April 15 NWEA testing begins, stations of the cross at 1:30 pm, Student Council Bake Sale 3:00 pm

April 16 DARE, P/T Conferences 5-8:00 pm

April 17 11:30 am dismissal, P/T Conferences 12-8:00 pm, GOTR 3 pm

April 18/19 NO SCHOOL

April 22 **FIRST WALKATHON** money collection

April 23 **Walkathon T-Shirt Tuesday**, school committee meeting 6 pm

Thank you for being a
Saint Brigid Knight!

SCRIP is currently seeking a coordinator and back up coordinator!

Scrip coordination is not an extremely time consuming role. However, it is a role that requires a bit of time several times a week to enter family orders and to submit and receive purchase orders. The online system that we subscribe to does all of the work for maintaining inventory and calculating rebates/TRP. Also, most of the role can be done remotely if needed. There are other monthly, quarterly, and annual tasks, but again they don't take more than an hour or so with the systems that are already set up.

Please prayerfully consider whether you can help take on either of these two roles or even part of these roles. If interested or have questions, please contact Jean Cronin.

Student Council News

For the month of April, the student council is holding two bake sales in order to raise money to go towards new technology at St. Brigid! The first bake sale will take place on Thursday, April 11th and the second will be on Monday, April 15th. A table will be set up in the lobby on these days from 3:00-3:30. Any donation for the baked goods is appreciated!

The spirit day for April is "dress as your favorite book/movie character." This will take place on Thursday, April 25th. Thank you for all of your support!

Registration for Next Year

We are in the process of registering students for next year. Registering early provides us with more accurate information as we order needed materials and helps our teachers to plan lessons over the summer to meet the needs of the students she knows she has. We have tried to make that process easier on returning parents. Log in to your Skyward family access, look for a green header that says **2019-2020 Online Re-Enrollment is now open until 08/30/2019. Each child's name should be listed below the header. Click on step one. If the information listed is correct, simply submit. If the information is incorrect, make necessary changes and submit. The last step in your online enrollment process is a link that will take you to the remainder of the forms to be completed.**

Calling all Eucharistic Ministers!

If you had Eucharistic minister training more than 3 years ago, than it is necessary to get a refresher. We offer one here at Saint Brigid this Saturday, April 13 at 10 AM at the church.

Camp Hartley Meeting

On Monday, April 15th at 6:00 pm, there will be a parent meeting in the 5th grade classroom about your student attending Camp Hartley. Eric Rutherford, the director of the camp, will be here to give you an overview of Camp Hartley and to answer any questions you have.

NWEA Testing Beginning

We will begin NWEA testing on Monday, April 15. This test is important because it shows how much the student has grown over the year and is used in teacher evaluations as well in determining effectiveness of strategies used with students. Please be sure that during that week and the following week those students are getting adequate amounts of sleep and are eating breakfast before they come to school. These small measures have profound effects on a students' ability to concentrate. Thank you!

Parent/ Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences are schedule for Tuesday, April 16 from 5-8 pm and Wednesday, April 17 from 12-8 pm. Signup sheets are in the lobby. If you have not already done so, please sign up so that we can get the schedule to all teachers. Please do try to adhere to your scheduled time so that all parents get a chance to talk with teachers.

Brown Bag Lunch With the Principal

This Friday is our second Friday of the month so it is once again time for a Brown Bag Lunch with the Principal! Hope to see you between 11:30-12:30!



Walkathon Updates

Please continue to collect pledges for our Guardian Angel Walkathon. Our goal this year is to raise \$20,000! If we raise \$15,000 we have a donor who will match that amount. If we raise \$20,000 Fr. Andy and Mrs. Wilkowski will be taped to the wall!

Our first count and weekly contest will be Monday, April 22. Please have your first round of collections turned in by that point. Our first T-shirt Tuesday will be April 23. Those students who have turned in \$100 in pledges on the 22nd will receive and be able to wear their new Walkathon t-shirts!

Eighth grade Mass With the Bishop

The eighth grade mass originally scheduled for May 3 with the Bishop with remains on May 3rd at 10:30 am. Students may wear appropriate mass attire (not necessarily uniforms). Pictures will be taken before leaving on the trip so it will be important that all students be on time.

Free Public Lecture Series on Mental Health

Partners in Change is a psychology clinic located in Midland. Representatives from this office came and spoke at our fall PTO meeting on Childhood Anxiety. They have the following workshops available free of charge to the public:

April 11, 2019 Trauma and Mental Health

May 9, 2019 When Deficit Looks like Defiance: Parenting Youth with ADHD

June 13, 2019 Depression and Anxiety

July 11, 2019 Behavioral Addictions: What the Science Says

August 15, 2019 Giftedness: Challenges Involving Highly Intelligent Youth

If you are interested in attending any of these, please call them at 989-832-2165 or go online at www.psychologistsmidland.com or email them at aldate@midmichpsych.com.

Food Service Payments

Parents, please check Skyward Food Service for your outstanding balance and make a payment through FACTS to get your account up to date. We have a very large outstanding balance due in many accounts. Thank you!

Please support our new local scrip vendors:

The Coffee Grounds Shoppe \$10 and \$20 (10% discount!) and Great Lakes Ice Cream \$5 (25% rebate!!!).

Due to the very short school week, April 15-17, there will not be a Great Lakes Scrip Center order. Scrip to go sales will be held Monday at dismissal and Wednesday at early dismissal, and scheduled scrip orders will resume normal filling schedule the week of April 22. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Scrip quarter 3 (ended on Feb. 28) emails have been sent, and TRP credits should be in FACTS. Total TRP earned by families in Q3 was nearly \$1900!! If you have any questions, just shoot an email to stbrigidscrip@hotmail.com. Remember that scrip year ends May 31, so there's still time to earn money for PTO and for your family's tuition. If you're new to the program, just stop by the scrip sales table (normally Monday and Friday, 2:45 - 3:15 pm and Friday, 7:30 - 7:55 am) to learn more.

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.



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8th Grade Graduation Call for Pictures!

Hello, all! This is Kathe Annelin.

It seems like just yesterday you were taking your children to the first day of kindergarten....then you blinked! Now they are eighth-graders getting ready to graduate. Where did the time go? I am sure you are all feeling a little overwhelmed by the thought that your children will be high schoolers next fall. If any of you are like me, that transition might be just as hard now as long ago on first day of kindergarten...

Now that I have you all reminiscing, Susan Greminger has graciously volunteered to make this year's eighth-grade graduation slideshow. Please gather **UP TO 25** photos of your eighth-grader, in digital (preferred) or printed format. Start with baby pictures to current age, as well as any group photos you may have and would like to see in the slideshow — from the past, candid school groups, parties, field trips and more.

This is super important:

- 1) Send a note listing which pictures of the maximum of 25 that you consider a **(10)must-have** for your child's portion of the slideshow.
- 2) Label the thumb drive with your last name.
- 3) **Submit all photos by May 3** to the school office, labeled Attn: 8th Grade Graduation Photos, Susan Greminger.

Digital pictures (jpegs) are preferred. Susan would be happy to scan and return any hard copies, as needed. Please label your thumb drive and any hard copies of pictures.

Again, we would like to have everyone's pictures gathered by May 3. This is a BIG class, and will take a long time to put the slideshow together. Mrs. Greminger does a beautiful job and is looking forward to doing this for a wonderful group of students and their families.

Two other notes:

- 1) On the morning of May 3, the eighth-graders will be going to the Cathedral. They will be asked to be in Mass attire (not uniforms) on this day. Nothing is required from you, I just wanted to give a quick heads up that this will be taking place for you to get on the calendar. If you have any questions on attire or other questions please see Mrs. Kuchek, Miss Sinicki or Mrs. Wilkowski. I had my boys in dress clothes, but again, please check with the staff.
- 2) Graduation has been moved from its original date and is NOW Sunday, June 9, with Mass at 5:30 and dinner and program to follow.

Please let me know if there are any questions. I am thrilled to be working on the Eighth-Grade Graduation Committee for our eighth-grade class AND their families!

Hope to start seeing those memories come in very soon!

Blessings,
Kathe Annelin

Stay-'n-Play Fridays

We would like to sincerely thank everyone who planned, organized, and participated in Stay 'n Play Fridays in the Saint Brigid Catholic School Gym this year! What a terrific way to make new friends and build our community! We are excited to see you next fall when Stay 'n Play continues. Thank you!