



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.

State of Saint Brigid Catholic School 2018-2019

June 6, 2019

We have had a fabulous year! While we do a lot of things well at Saint Brigid, one thing we have not always done well is to tell our story. This new annual State of the School newsletter will attempt to do just that. Tell our story. So that we know what our accomplishments are, we know what we have done to make our school better and we know in what areas we would still like to improve. So as Paul Harvey used to say, here is the rest of the story.

Academic Instruction

1. Saint Brigid middle schools donated over **900 hours in community service!**
2. Saint Brigid became **Bookshare users**. All students with a need for extra help in reading were signed up for this service and can have any book read to them through the program for free!
3. We purchased a year of **IXL** for fourth grade to field test. IXL is a program that allows us to determine students' abilities on each concept within the subjects of math, reading and writing/language. Then it allows us to assign individualized practice for each student while teachers monitor progress. We liked it so much that middle school teachers purchased it for the entire middle school with two grants from the Midland Community Foundation. Data on this is forthcoming but some students have shown up to two years growth in areas due to the use of this software. We intend to use this school wide next year.
4. All new students are tested by our **reading specialist** upon registration to assess current levels.
5. A middle school elective, **W.I.N., was added**. WIN stands for what I need and is designed to give students individualized help in math or reading. We have two teachers and one tutor working with the group to allow students to get as much instruction as they can.
6. We developed a **handbook for exceptional learners**. This is a document for identifying needs of students and recording strategies that are being utilized to meet those needs. These strategies then will be communicated to teachers from year to year, allowing the student to be successful.
7. **Mystery Science**, an interactive science program based upon real world science, has been employed K-8 due to a grant that allows students to watch a short video to relate real world problems to science concepts and to do a hands on activity related to the concept and follow up with conclusive discussions and presentations.
8. We restarted the **Summer Reading Academy**, a program that provides one-on-one tutoring for students that need it. We currently have 12 students signed up to receive reading tutoring!

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Marketing/Enrollment

1. With the exception of snow days, the **bimonthly newsletter** went out and is archived on the school website for all to read.
2. We have **created a marketing and communications committee** to help steer our school and help us plan and tell our story.
3. We have a committee working on creating and maintaining an **alumni database** to keep our alumni informed of upcoming events and to invite them to participate in school projects and activities.
4. We have been more diligent about keeping **our school's Facebook page updated** with events and news.
5. We have reduced the volume of school emails going out to parents while trying to **improve the efficiency of emails**.
6. We have **updated our vision and mission statements** and added those to the school website.
7. We had **approximately 75% of our parents volunteer** for a variety of events this year. We have a goal to make that 80% next year.
8. Currently we have **14 students enrolled in our kindergarten** class for next year!

Spiritual Life

1. We had very **successful couples date nights** with a speaker and dinner and reflection on various faith topics.
2. **Eucharistic Adoration with Exposition** was added at the end of every Wednesday Mass and teachers regularly visited the Blessed Sacrament with their classes during various times of the school day throughout the year!
2. **Vacation Bible School** is set to kick off immediately following the end of the school year!
3. We have done more to **promote diocesan wide activities** via Facebook, school newsletters and email.
4. We have created **Fully Alive Tuesdays** complete with dinner and faith for all members of the family from school aged to adult. These sessions will be held intermittently during the summer (June 25, July 23, August 13) and weekly beginning in the fall (beginning September 10th with 5:30 p.m. Mass).

Sports and Extracurricular Activities

1. Our **Robotics** team went to State finals!
2. Two victories for our **Head to Head** teams.
3. **Battle of Books** Teams advances to round two of competition
4. **Winning season** for boys 7/8th grade basketball team, 6/7th gr volleyball team, 8th gr volleyball team, 3/4th gr basketball team.
5. **March for Life** students in DC and Mio, Michigan

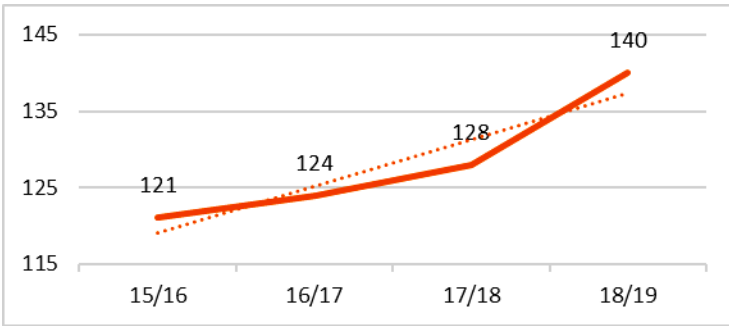
Funding & Sustainability

1. We received a **safety and security grant** which will allow us to install security cameras and monitors, bulletproof glass at our office windows and new access controls.
2. We received a grant to implement the use of **Makerspace carts** to work on various topics of engineering design within the classroom beginning in the fall of 2019!
3. **Teachers applied for and received 7 grants on classroom needs**, Makerspace materials and Junior Science this year!

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Enrollment

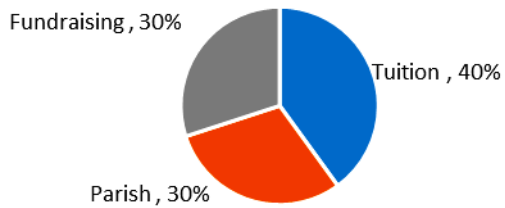


Stats at a glance...

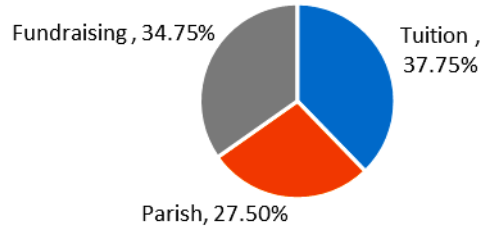
- Average class size
 - Academic year 2018/19: 16
 - Historical average: 19
- Enrollment has increased 16% since 2015/16.
- No combined classes
- Emerald Evening, 102,549 profit

School Operating Budget

Forecast Funding Sources 2018-19



Funding Sources Historical Average



Tuition

2018/19: \$5,300 out of parish, \$3,900 in-parish (96% of student body pay in-parish rate)

No collection contributions required to qualify for in-parish tuition rate

No tuition increases since at least 2015/16

Outstanding tuition: \$8,999.25 through 2017/18



Guardian Angel Update

Awarded: \$68,988 in scholarships for 35 students!

Average Award: \$1,971

Sources:

- 2018 Walkathon \$23,388
- 2018 Emerald Evening \$16,696
- 2019 Walkathon \$39,166

Emerald Evening Allocation 2019

