

# Saint Brigid Newsletter– Sixty-Fourth Edition, 12/8/2020

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



According to the Google dictionary, the word Peace means freedom from disturbance; tranquility. If you think back over the events of 2020, there were a lot of events that could be characterized as disturbances. COVID-19 disrupted and disturbed our lives in so many ways– it caused things to shut down for several months, it caused people to feel financial uncertainty, it held a spotlight over many societal problems that existed– poverty, inequality and racial disparity among other things. Racial riots that stemmed from violence and injustice and the election process and subsequent counting and recounting of votes has continued the disturbance.

If you look at life over 2000 years ago, King Herod the Great had died. His reign was a violent one. He had several members of his family killed and executed many who could have held any claim to the throne. Herod's successor, Archelaus, also killed about 3,000 people that he perceived might be against the government. Several people fought for the role of king. It was a time of great disturbances, unrest, and turmoil.

And it is exactly into this scene, not unlike our current scene, that Jesus enters the world, not in a palace or a place of comfort but in a stable. And Jesus brings Peace, a time free from disturbance; tranquility.

Let us remember this Christmas season what Jesus can bring into even the most chaotic or scariest of times. Jesus came into the middle of the mess to show us how to live a life filled with hope, joy, love and peace. May you come to know the true Peace of the Christmas season and keep it in your hearts all year.

*Laura E. Wilkowski*

## Student Council and Student Leadership News

During the month of December the student council will sell free dress passes for \$1 each to raise money for a water bottle filling station. **Students and staff (K-8) may buy free dress passes on December 17th and December 21st to be worn that day.** In addition, on December 10, K-5 students may wear a Christmas sweater or red and green clothing.

Student Leadership (grades 6-8) will do a canned food drive until December 18th and wear their ugly Christmas sweaters on December 10.

***We have had a very exciting development regarding the fundraising for the water bottle station. Any anonymous donor has agreed to match what we raise for the water bottle station. In addition to the two days of free dress, if you would like to make a contribution toward the water bottle station, send it with your student's \$1 donation and we will add it to the total raised!!***



## Saint Brigid Students Prepare for Christmas

Students participated in an Advent Retreat today on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception with Fr. Marc Hopps and Josh High. In addition, students in grades 3-8 will participate in a school reconciliation on Thursday, December 17th.



## SCRIP Updates

The last day to place orders for before Christmas break pickup is **Monday, December 14th**. Orders placed by December 14th will be available for pickup on Friday December 18th.

The last days for in person gift card sales at the table will be Monday and Tuesday, December 21st and 22nd.

The holiday contest is still going on through the end of December- **any order over \$100 earns an entry to win one of two \$25 gift certificates for scrip.**

Happy shopping and Merry Christmas!



## Midland Public Schools Shared Time Returns Tomorrow

Midland Public Schools K-8 grade classes return to school Wednesday and with them, shared time teachers return. We are delighted to once again have specials classes face to face. I do understand that the transition was not seamless. I can pass along comments or concerns but cannot address needs outside of our domain. If you should have concerns of this nature in the future, please contact specials teachers directly. Their emails are listed below.

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## Saint Brigid Make-It Take- It

A fun tradition at Saint Brigid has been to let the middle schools prepare crafts for the elementary students to make and take as Christmas gifts for family members. Though this tradition will look different this year, we are going to make it work. Middle School students will assemble the necessary materials into Ziploc baggies to send to the students in grades K-5 for students to make. Middle school students will then "Zoom in" with younger students to demonstrate how to make them! After the crafts are dry, they will be placed into gift bags and brought home! This will take place on December 21, 2020.

## Saint Brigid Christmas Parties

We will have Christmas parties in the classroom on Tuesday, December 22 from 1:15-3:00. Parents are encouraged to send in prepackaged snacks. We will do a gift exchange as follows:

K-3 Book Exchange (books under \$10)

Grade 4-5 Secret Santa exchange (gifts under \$ 15)

Grades 6-8 Secret Santa exchange (gifts under \$ 15)



## Open Enrollment

January 11th begins our open enrollment period for 2021-2022 registration. We will send out further information closer to that time. Current Saint Brigid families have the opportunity to enroll first. Be sure to watch for details close to that time!

## Kindergarten Open House

Mark your calendars! February 11, 2020 at 6pm we will hold a kindergarten open house for those interested in learning more about our 2021-2022 kindergarten program! We are able to be in person since students will be out of the building for professional development on Friday, February 12, 2020. Tell a friend and watch for postcards to go out closer to that date!



## COMING SOON! Emerald Evening Raffle Ticket Sales

You will soon be contacted by your Raffle Ticket Coordinator (RTC) to notify you of the opportunities for you to participate in our major fundraiser this year – our Emerald Evening. Instead of an in-person event, we are holding an exciting raffle! The winning tickets will be drawn during a LIVE Facebook event on Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Each family will be asked to sell 10 tickets. Here are the details:

The cost of each ticket is \$100 and the prizes are INCREDIBLE!

1<sup>st</sup> Prize - \$15,000 cash

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - \$5,000 cash

3<sup>rd</sup> Prizes – \$1,000 cash (10 of these will be drawn)

There will be 12 chances to win big money PLUS there will be AMAZING weekly prize drawings for both ticket buyers and sellers beginning January 14<sup>th</sup>. Feel free to start making your list of potential buyers and secure early sales ASAP! Flyer for ticket sales will go out the week of December 14<sup>th</sup>! Tickets will be sold online so anyone, anywhere can purchase! This will be a fun way to spend your winter....watching the drawings each week for your chance to win great prizes and tuning in to the Facebook LIVE event!

Watch your email for a message from one of these RTC's:

Jennifer West  
Laura Wilkowski  
Angelina Mitus  
Beth McLaren

Corie Wyatt  
Teresa George  
Deanna Gambrell

EVERY student directly benefits from the proceeds of Emerald Evening. Thank you for being a part of fulfilling our mission of supporting Catholic education in Midland at our wonderful St. Brigid Catholic School!