

Saint Brigid Newsletter– Fifty Ninth Edition, 9/24/ 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 (Back at the Desk!!)



I had the privilege of sitting in on the sixth grade English Language Arts Class.

The class began with students reading their compositions on an animal using descriptive language. It was wonderful to listen to our students read with confidence and expression and imagery. It made me feel as if I were with each student as they wrote their piece. It made me understand each student a bit better. Then Mrs. Kuchek introduced them to the book Wonder. If you have not read the book or seen the movie, I recommend it.

The book details the story of a little boy with a disease called Treacher Collins Syndrome which greatly disfigures his face. He is at first nervous to show his face and feels the stares of others as he enters a new school. But more than that, it is a story about being yourself, about accepting others, about being kind, about recognizing that we are all God's children and treating others as God's children.

As I watched the news this morning and later looked through Facebook, I realized how we all need that message today. No matter what our views, no matter how we look to others on the outside, we are all God's children. And, as children of God, we are all deserving of respect and love.

None of us should be ashamed of who we are and what we think. But in expressing our opinions and responding to the opinions of others, we should be kind. We. Are. All. God's. Children. As such, we are all deserving of love and respect.

It maybe sometimes seem like the world is beyond repair. That there is nothing that we can do to affect change. I look at the story of Wonder and see how one little boy affected an entire community. We, too, have the power to affect big changes. If our small but mighty words can be used to lift others up, to listen with respect and respond with love, how our world could change.

We have to look no further than the story of Jesus and how one tiny baby born in a manger has changed the world forever and has granted us an eternity with our Father in Heaven. Thank you sixth grade and Mrs. Kuchek for a reminder to be part of the wonder. May you find ways this week to be a part of the wonder our Father in Heaven has created for us. May your words help to show God's love to others. I wonder what could happen as a result.

Laura E. Wilkowski

Scrip News

Virtual Scrip School - We are planning to hold some virtual scrip school sessions via Zoom to explain how to use scrip money for your family's tuition and for St. Brigid PTO. **Please take this short survey (click [here](#)) so that we can plan times, and days.**

- Ship to Home option - in late October, Great Lakes Scrip will be adding an option to ship physical cards ordered and paid for via the RaiseRight app to your house. More info will be coming in mid-October!

Sales of physical gift cards have resumed! Scrip to Go sales will happen 2:45 - 3:15 pm, normally on Mondays and Fridays. The table will be in front of the church if the weather allows and just inside the school doors in bad weather. Stop by to order and pay or just to have all your questions answered.

You can also sign up for scrip account via the new RaiseRight app or at ShopWithScrip.com. Whether you're new or an experienced family, please remember to stop by the Scrip to Go table to fill out your TRP form which tells us how you'd like your rebates directed: your family's tuition, another family's tuition, PTO, or Guardian Angel Scholarship Fund. If you'd rather get the form electronically, please email stbrigidscrip@hotmail.com.

If you're new to scrip, here are the basics:

Buy gift cards for your favorite local, regional, and national brands, and earn rebates since St. Brigid's can buy the cards at a discounted price. Rebates offered vary by retailer and can exceed 10%!

- The first \$100 in rebates earned by each family is directed to PTO.
- Rebates earned after the first \$100 are split with 25% going to PTO and 75% going to family for tuition (can also donate to another family, Guardian Angel Scholarship Fund, or PTO).

Last school year, families earned over \$8800 in rebates for tuition and nearly \$7000 for PTO!!! We had 6 families earn over \$600 for tuition. Any questions, just email stbrigidscrip@hotmail.com!

Congratulations to our leaders!

I want to extend my congratulations to our newly elected student council and student leadership teams!

Student council is our K-5 leadership team. All of our candidates did a speech which I recorded and compiled into a video. This video was watched by the school and the following day, we held elections. All students from first graders to eighth graders were able to vote! First, let me say that it is not easy to read a speech to a camera but all of our kiddos rocked it! Congratulations to all of our runners.

Our President this year is Elias Young. Our vice president is Harper Keyes. Our Treasurer is Elaina Javier and our Secretary is Alexis Luft! Congratulations!

Our student leadership team serves our middle school students. This year's chair is Samuel Wilkowski, vice chair is Isabella Lyons and our secretary is Mia Bayardo. Congratulations to all of our candidates and our leaders!



PTO is off to a great start!

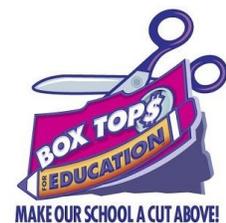
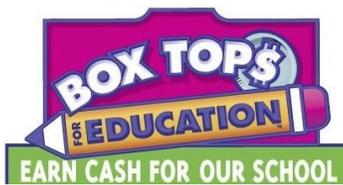
We had a great turnout at our first ever virtual PTO meeting! This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to ask questions about what is happening at the school, to provide suggestions and input and to help in a variety of fundraising activities! The great thing is that anyone with a computer or a phone can connect to the ZOOM call. It is held every third Monday of the month at 6:30. Look for an email invite to come out or save the link. Simply click on the link below and enter the passcode.

Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/97228375387?pwd=RWJid0twQUlnUVFYVE9rK1NYalBoQT09> Meeting ID: 972 2837 5387 Passcode: 127577



Boxtops for Education

It is again time to send in your Boxtops for Education. There are fewer packages with actual Boxtops on them. Instead, Boxtops for Education has an app for your phone for which you download it to your phone, scan your grocery receipts and earn money for Saint Brigid. If you do not feel tech savvy enough to make this happen, send your receipts in and Rebecca Pider will collect receipts weekly until it is time to send them in. Keep in mind, if you choose to do this option, receipts must be scanned within 2 weeks of the purchase or the points cannot be redeemed. We do not need any packaging to collect points with this method. For questions, or to help with scanning, contact Rebecca Pider at rpider@yahoo.com or call her at 488-1960. The top ten students to turn in Boxtops for Education will receive a free dress pass!



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

This year our kindergarten and first grades are participating in a program called the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. It is a Montessori based approach to religion. As such, students get to do hands on activities to learn about our faith. If you would like to see the atrium, there is a video on our Google Drive that can be viewed at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mVKRpc9yur2S6OIAPiRcnl40JdIjQxx/view>. It is a very calming and wonderful approach to getting students to want to know more about our faith.

Wellness Screening

Just a reminder to do your wellness screenings each day for your students. Thank you for all who have kept us with these each day! Every day of school that we are here is a good day!



Saint Brigid Spirit Wear

If you are interested in purchasing Saint Brigid Spirit Wear, you can do so using the following link:

<https://stbrigidmerchf2020.itemorder.com>

You may order up until 9/28/2020 at which point we will close orders.

We may again do a spring order if there is enough interest but if you are thinking of getting spirit wear, there is no time like the present! All orders are purchased and paid for online and then delivered to the school around the middle of October at which point they will come home with students. (Please drop us a note if they are a gift and we will add an extra bag to prevent students from seeing them.)

