

# Saint Brigid Newsletter– Fifty Eighth Edition, 9/3/ 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!!)



Flexibility. The word flexibility and according to the Google dictionary is a word that means the quality of bending without breaking. When I was younger, flexibility was easier. I could sit on the floor and rest my head on both knees while my legs were fully extended. As I have gotten older, that exercise has become more difficult, in part because I don't do it as much as I once did. I don't practice anymore. In exercise, one becomes more flexible through practice. Flexibility starts with reaching slightly beyond your limits and gradually stretching farther and farther as you are able.

Like flexibility in exercise, flexibility in life gets easier with practice. Last spring, we were called to be flexible in ways that we have never before practiced. Because of that it was hard. We struggled and strained to reach the goals that we had set for ourselves. But like exercise, practice makes perfect. Our teachers stretched themselves to learn about a form of teaching that, for many, was brand new. Throughout the summer we have been continuing to stretch those muscles to become more and more flexible. As we start the school year, we are teaching students to stretch the same muscles.

As a result, we expect that this year we will be able to stretch farther than we have in years past but as we become flexible, we will expect more of ourselves. But it is important to remember that flexibility comes with time and practice. In other words, as we stretch to become more flexible, we must be patient with our results.

Students are being stretched to new limits. Teachers are being stretched to new limits. And you, parents, are being stretched to new limits. Just like our flexibility of our muscles, students will likely be more flexible than we, as adults, will be. I would ask that as we practice our flexibility, we also practice being patient.

I am confident that this practice will make us stronger and better and more united than we have ever been before. It will also help us to turn to God for strength, comfort and hope. We will be more because of our struggles. Enjoy your holiday weekend.

*Laura E. Wilkowski*

Please be sure to turn in MPS technology forms as well as Saint Brigid technology forms. Both are needed in order to use the Chromebooks and the Canvas platform here at school and if we go virtual!

## Labor Day Weekend Starts Tomorrow

A reminder that our Labor Day weekend holiday begins tomorrow, Friday, September 4, 2020. We also have Monday, September 7, 2020 off. Take time to be with family and to rest and relax before next week. We are off to a great start! Here's to 176 more days of continued face-to-face education!

## Drop off and pick up schedule

I thank you for your patience as we transitioned from one drop off and pick up schedule to another. Our new schedule is working much more smoothly and doesn't create a backup onto city streets. Please remember to wear your masks as you pick up and please wait in your car until you see students start to come out. A reminder that grades K-3 will be released at 2:55 and grades 4-8 will be released at 3:05. Thank you for your help in keeping this schedule working smoothly!



Saint Brigid Parents, Please remember to login into your Skyward Family Access and complete your students' Wellness Screening each morning. If you are having trouble logging in please contact Mrs. Shark in the school office at 989-835-9481. Thank you!

## RECESS MONITORS NEEDED

We are in need of one or two people that could do one or two days of recess duty each week during the year. If you can commit to doing recess duty on a regular basis, please contact the office as soon as possible. Because of issues related to contact tracing and limited exposure to people outside of the school, we cannot have a random schedule of volunteers as we have had in the past. We need a volunteer for Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursday. Please let us know if you can help us out on another day!

## STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Fifth grade students are able to run for officer positions for student council: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. In addition, students in grades 1-5 may run for representative positions. Student council members choose spirit days each month, decide upon service projects, and make general recommendations or suggestions to the principal.

President: leads student council meetings

Vice President: prayer leader; helps run meetings when the president is not present

Treasurer: Counts and keeps track of money of student council

Secretary: takes attendance and notes at the meetings

Representative: Represents their class at meetings

Students may hang a poster to encourage others to vote for them beginning on Monday, September 14th. No candies, magnets or trinkets may be distributed due to Coronavirus restrictions. Students will need to write and practice a speech to be recorded on the morning of September 17, 2020 (Constitution Day). All students 1-5 will watch these recorded speeches in their classrooms that afternoon. Voting will be held the following day, Friday, September 18th.

## SCRIP Updates

Scrip is off and running with several new families signed up already. You can sign up 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 stbrigidscrisp@hotmail.com. Q1 of the scrip year ended Aug. 31 so we will need TRP forms for all family's that purchased scrip during the quarter (June 1 - August 31).

Sales of physical gift cards have resumed! Scrip to Go sales will happen 2:45 - 3:15 pm, normally on Mondays and Fridays. Due to Labor Day though, sales will be on Tuesday, Sep. 8, instead of Monday. 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.

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).

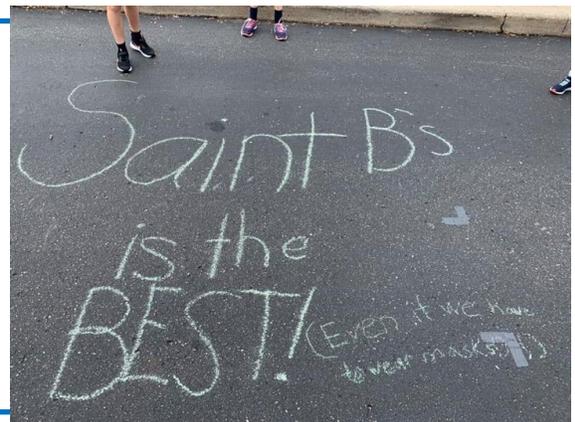
## Walkathon

I am delighted to report that our Walkathon totals as of this week stand at \$44,000. This total is higher than our projected goal. We need to work out details but a deal is a deal. Students will receive a reward. We are rethinking how to do this and follow COVID guidelines but I am super proud and humbled by the generosity of all! Thank you and stay tuned

## Healthy Habits Club

**Students are doing a great job wearing their masks! They have even been receiving some prizes for doing so. Prizes this week have been daily. Next week, I will randomly choose two days to give prizes... you never know when I will call them. Thank you for wearing your masks students and for keeping this fun!**

**Saint B's is the Best! (Even if we have to wear a masks!) (Picture left)**



## OUR FIRST SPIRIT DAY!

On Thursday, September 10, we will celebrate our first Saint Brigid Spirit Day. Students may wear their Saint Brigid clothing or green and white if you have no Saint Brigid Spirit Wear!

## "Bee" Careful

There are bees and yellow jackets out again! Gary has sprayed around the school near the outside of the after school care door. It is important to teach children to hold still when they come around. As the cold weather comes, they will soon go away.