

# Saint Brigid Newsletter—Ninety-Fifth Edition, 9/22/2022

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

Fall is a beautiful time of year. School is back in session, there is a chill in the air, and the after-school activities are once again in full swing. It is a time for sweaters, football games and hot chocolate. But I find it is a very busy time as well.

The job of a principal is a busy one by its very nature. Add to that three children in various after school activities, three people with different working schedules, meetings, doctor's appointments, emails and shuttling my kids from one event to another and I am on the go from about 7am to after 9pm on many nights. It is a busy time. With the busyness can come a weariness. And, if I am not careful, with weariness can come illness or even indifference about the tasks at hand.

What is the solution? The best solution is taking time, however short it may be., to simply rest. Last week at our professional development I did something I have never done for an hour before-I sat in adoration. That is not to say that I haven't prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, but an hour is a long time. When I finally finished emptying myself of all of my petitions, I was able to sit and just be with the Lord.

I left the adoration time feeling empty but in a good way. I was empty of all of the worries and lists with which I started. I was empty of the stresses of a too full schedule. I was ready to receive the blessings of the rest of the day.

It is interesting that on the days that I felt drained from the stresses and busyness of the day, I would have said that I felt empty then. But I think the truth was that I was full of all of the wrong things. It was only when we can empty ourselves of all of these stresses, worries, and concerns that we are ready to truly be filled.

### Important Dates

- 9/28: 3rd Grade Mass
- 10/1: Alumni Mass & Dinner-4pm
- 10/5: 2nd Grade Mass
- 10/6-10/7: Hearing & Vision Screenings
- 10/9: Mass for Catholic Schools at Cathedral-5pm

So, this Fall, if the busyness of everyday life is leaving you feeling depleted, maybe try and empty yourself of all of these by spending some time-an hour, even, if you can, with the Lord. It just might be the best part of your Fall schedule.

*Laura E. Wilkowski*



### **Student Council Officers & Representatives**

Congratulations to all students who ran for student council this year.

Our 5th grade officers are :E.J. Watt-President, Fletcher Keyes-Vice President, Madelynn English-secretary, and Elliot Mitus-treasurer.

Classroom Representatives are: Aiden Beebe (5th), Mattix Conway (4th), Patrick Max (3rd), Holland Merk (2nd), Aiden Hughes (2nd), Dylan English (1st), and Maia Osborn (1st)

Alternates are: Torsten Beebe (4th), Hadley Keyes (3rd), Lane Methner (2nd), Annalisa Mendes (1st).

The first Student Council meeting will be held next Thursday, September 29th from 3-3:45pm.

### **Hearing & Vision Screening**

The Midland Health Department will be conducting hearing and vision screening at school on October 6 & 7. Students in grades Kindergarten, 2nd, & 4th will receive hearing screens while students in grades 1st, 3rd, and 5th will receive vision screens. There is no cost for these screenings.

### **School Pictures**

School pictures were sent home earlier this week. Please review them and ensure the picture is to your liking and that you received everything you ordered. If you are missing any items, please contact Mr. Delaney. If you need your child's picture taken or retaken, picture retake day has been scheduled for Monday, October 10th.

### **Reading Tutors Needed**

We are looking for parent volunteers who would like to assist by being a weekly reading tutor with students in grades 3-5. Anyone who has at least a one hour block of time each week and is interested should contact Mrs. Wilkowski at [lwilkowski@stbrigid-midland.org](mailto:lwilkowski@stbrigid-midland.org).

### **Scrip Program**

Scrip is off and running with several new families signed up already. You can sign up via the RaiseRight app or at [ShopWithScrip.com](http://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.

Sales of physical gift cards have resumed! Scrip to Go sales will happen 2:45 - 3:15 pm, on Fridays in the school entrance. 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 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).



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### **Alumni Mass & Dinner**

We are looking for student volunteers to help carry out the Mass Ministries during our special Alumni Mass on Saturday, October 1st at 4pm. If your child is able to sign up to help, please do so at <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1fxMsWgmFscnAeVl9X6hIZeHk7XBAhPSl0rAWD59iVpE/edit#gid=1893304349> . Mrs. Wilkowski is also looking for Student Ambassador volunteers to give tours of the school following Mass (dinner will be provided for those students wanting to help with a tour, and they will receive service hours). Please email Mrs. Wilkowski if your son or daughter would like to help with the tours. Thank you!

### **Requirements for Volunteering in the School**

Volunteers make the school function well and we welcome any and all volunteers. However, in order to ensure the safety of our students, the following are requirements of the Diocese which need to be completed **before** coming into the school to volunteer in any capacity, including chaperoning field trips and attending classroom parties:

- Complete Standards of Ministerial Behavior & Background Check Paperwork (from Parish Office)
- Complete VIRTUS training (in-person every 6 years; online every 3 years)
- Get fingerprinted at the Midland Police Department on Thursday mornings from 9-11am (only one time)

With the first classroom party coming up on Halloween, make sure you have these requirements met and submitted to the business office prior to that date in order to attend the party.

### **VIRTUS Training**

There is an in person VIRTUS training being held at St. Brigid on Wednesday, October 26th from 6-8:30pm. If you are still in need of this volunteer requirement, please register at [virtus.org](http://virtus.org).

### **Emerald Evening**

Save the date for our school's biggest fundraiser (and party!) taking place on Saturday, February 25, 2023 at the Midland Country Club themed "A Diamond Jubilee". This year's Emerald Evening is sure to be one to remember! Keep your eyes peeled for how YOU can get involved...more information coming to your inbox soon.

### **Book Fair**

This year's book fair will be online with i55 Books. We made the decision to change book fair companies because Scholastic has a very limited selection of books, especially at the middle school level. In addition, they have a wonderful selection of Christian books and classics/award winners. We will have more information on this new format very soon.

### **Midland Santa Parade Float**

As part of our 100th Anniversary celebration this year, Saint Brigid School will be participating in the Midland Santa Parade on November 19th. In order to do so, we need a group of talented, crafty, motivated volunteers to help construct a float for the parade. We will be holding a planning meeting on October 11th at 11am in the Faith Formation Library for anyone who is interested in helping. If you are interested but unable to attend the meeting, please reach out to Mrs. Wilkowski. .