

Saint Brigid Newsletter—Ninety-Sixth Edition, 10/5/2022

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

The definition of ambassador according to Google dictionary is, “a person who acts as a representative or promoter of a specified activity.” When I spoke with our Young Ambassadors, I asked them who they think they are representing. Without hesitation, they said the school. When I asked them if that was the only group that they represented, they thought for a while. Pretty soon I heard, my family, myself and finally, God.



We continued our conversation by saying that sometimes we know we are representing a group and sometimes we do not. For example, when we are wearing our 100th shirts and going door to door to sell raffle tickets, we are obviously and intentionally representing the school. However, even without our spirit wear, if someone recognizes us at the grocery store as we push our cart into the shelf sending items spilling onto the floor, and we walk away, we also are acting as an ambassador, although it is unintentional. Even unrecognized, people may form ideas about who or what we represent by our actions.

As I walked by our first grade, they were talking about filling others' emotional piggy banks, in other words, treating others well so that they could feel good about themselves. And just this week I sent the staff a video to remind them that we need to do more than just fill our students with academic information, we need to fill them with love and joy, and peace.

The truth is, our every waking moment, we serve as an ambassador, a representative of the values we aspire to, of Christ, our church, and our school. Do our actions reflect that? Do we do the right thing even when there is no one watching? Because it is who we are, even in those moments, that truly represent us. Our children are watching us lead by example. We are representatives of the kind of adults we would like for them to someday be. I think of the old hymn, “They’ll know we are Christians by our Love.” It is worthy of reflecting whether or not they *will* know. Who or what do I represent?

Laura E. Wilkowski

Important Dates

- 10/5: 2nd Grade Mass
- 10/6-10/7: Hearing & Vision Screenings
- 10/7: St. Brigid Spirit Wear Day
- 10/9: Mass for Catholic Schools at Cathedral-5:00pm
- 10/10: Living Rosary-8:30am
Picture Retake Day-Free Dress Day for All
PTO Meeting-6:00pm
- 10/11: Santa Parade Planning Meeting-11:00am
- 10/12: 1st Grade Mass
- 10/13: Student Leadership & Council Spirit Day
K-5th grade: Movie Day
6th-8th Grade:
- 10/19: Kindergarten Mass

October Spirit Day and Service Project

The K-5 Student Council has decided to have a “Pick up Day” as the service project for October. Anytime during the second week of October, find a park or area in your neighborhood to clean up. Please take pictures of your family working together and post to our Parents of St. Brigid Facebook page.

Their spirit day will be a movie day on Thursday, October 13th. Students may bring a blanket or towel to sit on. The kids were hoping for a treat, so please send an extra snack in with your child that day.

The Middle School Student Leadership have chosen to host an after-school bake sale on October 13th to raise monies for Hurricane Ian Relief through Catholic Relief Services. They are asking Middle School parents to donate individual wrapped items for the bake sale.

For spirit day on October 13, middle school students will dress as their favorite book, movie, or TV show character. Please make sure your child’s costume is school appropriate.

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.

Living Rosary

Please join us on Monday, Oct 10 at 8:30am on the balcony in the Church for the Living Rosary. If your son or daughter has volunteered for a part, they would have brought home a note with instructions to practice. Students may bring their own rosary, if they'd like! If you plan on joining us, please sit in the choir loft of the Church, as the students will be spread out throughout the pews. The Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Rosary on Oct 7, and the entire month of October is dedicated to this ancient and beautiful prayer: “With the Rosary, the Christian people sit at the school of Mary and are led to contemplate the beauty of the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love. Through the Rosary the faithful receive abundant grace...”—Pope Saint John Paul II

School Picture Retake Day

Monday, October 10th is Picture Retake Day. If your child was absent on Picture Day or would like a retake, please make sure you send them with a completed order form and payment. If you are in need of an order form, please contact Mr. Delaney and he can assist you. This day will be a FREE DRESS DAY for ALL Students .

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. .

Boys Basketball

Sign-up’s for our 5th-8th grade boys basketball team are currently taking place. You may pick up a sign-up form in the school office. All students must have a sports physical on file before the start of practice. The season will begin the week of October 31st and end the week of January 25th.

We are also in need of a coach for this boy’s team. If you are interested in volunteering your time to coach this team, please reach out to Athletic Director, Corie VanSumeren at cvansumeren@stbrigid-midland.org

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.

Halloween Parties

Our Halloween parties will be on Monday, October 31, 2022. Students will start to get into their costumes at 12:45pm. We will begin the downtown parade at 1 pm. Parties in the classroom will follow and run until the end of the day. Just a reminder that all parent volunteers and attendees must have done all volunteer requirements- fingerprinting, VIRTUS and paperwork. Children are encouraged to bring a bag or plastic pumpkin clearly labeled with the student's name.

PTO Meetings

Our October PTO will be held on Monday, October 10th at 6pm. The Zoom link for this meeting is: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86114872879?pwd=VjVjV01qazc5NnNrTTc2V2gz0dhdz09>

We highly encourage all parents to attend and provide ideas and suggestions and ask any questions they may have. Everyone is a member of PTO! Students whose parents attend the meeting will receive a free dress pass.

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. 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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