

Saint Brigid Catholic School
Virtual PTO Meeting Agenda
January 9th, 2023, 6:00 p.m. – Zoom

PTO Mission Statement: “The mission of the Saint Brigid Catholic School Parent and Teacher Organization is to assist in providing moral, spiritual, and financial support that directly benefits the children who attend Saint Brigid Catholic School. In addition, the mission of the PTO is to provide such support to the staff of the school, enabling them to continually provide quality educational experiences for our children.”

1. Opening Prayer 1 minute
2. Introductions 5 minutes

Attending: Sherri Nemeth, Teresa George, Bob Corbett, Angelina Mitus, Amanda King, Darcy Laurin, Heather Syrylo, Kirsten Torreano, Beth McLaren, Matt Luft, Amos Mallek, Lynne Lundberg, Amy Dittenbir, Tyler Miller, Matt Granzo, Erin Wohlfert, Tammy Adam, Meghan Watt, Kathy Schilling, Katty Owens, Liz Erickson, Michelle Twigg, Theresa Case, Andrea Max, Janae Newland, Mandy Duling

3. Reports

- a. Pastor’s Report 10 minutes
 - *Cormac Lynn, Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of Saginaw was also in attendance with Fr Andy.
 - *Would love to see more school families at church on Sundays
 - *Thank you for your efforts for Emerald Evening and selling raffle tickets. All proceeds make a huge difference to the school and endowment fund. There are still tickets to sell, so keep selling!
- b. Principal’s Report 7 minutes

*Please do not park in the handicap spots in the school parking lot unless you are legally able to do so. Doing so when you do not need it, prevents others who do need the spot from being able to find them. Thank you.

*We will be starting NWEA testing this week. Please make sure that students get adequate rest and eat breakfast each morning.

*If your child has a fever, headache, stomachache, or complains of a sore throat in the morning, we ask you to air on the side of caution, and not send them to school. We are seeing an uptick in the number of cases of influenza.

*Partners in change will be working with our students to provide individualized counseling. In addition, they will be providing a parenting, the anxious child series

for parents that will begin in February and be held in the evenings each Monday. Paperwork for both was emailed to all families. If you need additional paperwork, you may see Mr. Delaney.

*Students were reminded in this morning's circle of prayer to do things for others that would add to their joy. Encourage students to perform small acts that bring joy at home, at school, and with their friends. We are asking them to record one or two such instances on the bulletin board in our open area. We hope to have 100 ask that bring joy by Catholic schools week.

*The Catholic schools week tentative schedule has been set. There will be a talent show on Monday. Interested students and parents should complete talent show registration forms and bring them to school. Shannon Luft has graciously agreed to chair this event.

*A reminder that open enrollment for current families will continue up to Catholic schools week. Any class that has 100% reenrollment or notification to the office of non-enrollment for other reasons, such as the move, will receive an ice cream party during Catholic schools week. Beginning Catholic schools week, open enrollment for all students will occur. Keep in mind that some classes are nearing capacity. Priority is given to current families, but beginning Catholic schools week, spaces are given on a first come, first served basis.

*During the month of January, Saint Bridget will be posting on Facebook about the value of Catholic schools and about our upcoming Emerald evening event. Current families are encouraged to share these posts as it will boost the number of people that can see these important posts. We thank you for your help and your support.

*The staff wanted to take a moment to thank all families that participate in the staff luncheons. The food is greatly appreciated and it's a wonderful opportunity for us to visit during our usual hectic lunchtime.

*The online book fair that we did in the fall was not particularly user-friendly. We are looking to do the spring book fair at Barnes and Noble. They have assured us that it is as easy as bringing in a form during a given week, a percentage of all sales will be returned to Saint Brigid in the form of credit at the library can then use to purchase books. More information will be coming soon.

c. Treasurer's Report

10 minutes

*Budget for Sock Hop is \$300.

*Roller Skating Party for Valentine’s Day for 3rd-5th grade from 12:30-2:30.

*Richard proposes that PTO pays for the party. Without a soda for each child it is \$400. With a soda for each child it is \$450. He will sit down with Jeanine and Laura to check the PTO balance.

d. Emerald Evening Report 5 Minutes

*Watch your email for opportunities to sell raffle tickets at masses.

*There are still raffle tickets to sell! Keep at it!

*Families that send in a gift card for the balloon pop game will receive a free dress pass.

*Look for an email to sign up to volunteer during the event.

*Tickets for the event itself will go on sale soon. If you would like to sponsor a table, you can buy a table’s worth of tickets.

e. Scrip Coordinator Report 5 minutes

*Fee for online gift cards went up to 29 cents per transaction instead of 15 cents.

*Physical cards will still need to be prepaid. If you place an order online, cards will not be ordered until a physical check or cash is turned in at the SCRIP table.

*Checks over \$1000 will be held until they clear the bank.

*Numbers are up since last year.

*Get your Emerald Evening gift cards through SCRIP.

f. President’s Report 5 minutes

*February and March meetings will be moved to Tuesday to accommodate the Partners in Change sessions.

Important Dates:

January / February

Catholic Schools Week

February

PTO Meeting – Tuesday February 14th (Meeting Change)

Emerald Evening – February 25th

March

PTO Meeting – Tuesday, March 14th
(Meeting Change)

April

PTO Meeting – April 10th

May

Last PTO Meeting – May 8th