

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



Last weekend, fall trees peaked in color. Brilliant hues of red, orange, and yellow dotted the landscape. My backyard positively glowed as the sun streamed through the trees. My son Samuel got to fly on Saturday and he took pictures of the fall colors from the air. It was amazing.

The beautiful leaves remind me of what we are to be doing with our faith. Our faith is not something that we are to be keeping a secret, hiding our colors from others. Instead, like the autumn leaves, we are to be glowing with the love of Christ, the love of our neighbors, and of ourselves.

I think that's part of what we have realized in our partnership with ICLE, that we need to be radiant with God's love. That our students, too, should radiate Christ's love. As we prepare for Monday's Living Rosary, we should realize that we are connected in prayer to each other and to those in our community. We should radiate the love of Christ to all of our neighbors. I am overwhelmed by the show of support for our neighbors at Open Door.

### Important Dates

- 10/17: Staff Appreciation Lunch
- 10/18: St. Brigid Spirit Wear Day
- 10/21-10/25: Book Fair in Open Area through Bookmarks
- 10/21: Living Rosary-8:30am
- 10/23: 5th Grade Mass-8:00am  
5th Grade Field Trip to Planetarium-9:45am
- 10/25: No School-Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 10/28: Middle School Student Leadership-7:15am
- 10/29: Student Council Meeting-3:15pm
- 10/30: 4th Grade Mass
- 10/31: Orange & Black Free Dress Day  
Halloween Parade & Parties-1:00pm
- 11/1: All Saints Day Mass-8:00am  
5th Grade Living Saints Wax Museum-9:30am
- 11/4: Emerald Evening Cash Raffle Kick-Off Assembly-  
2:40pm
- 11/6: 3rd Grade Mass
- 11/8: St. Brigid Spirit Wear Day  
Coffee with the Principals-8:05am

I was overwhelmed by the outpouring of believers at church at the beginning of the year and again last week as we consecrated our school to Our Lady of the Rosary. We need to continue to model for our students and indeed for our community, our faith by giving witness about how our own faith journey has come about, we need to show others that we are believers through our words and actions, and we need to live out our faith by regularly attending mass, praying and looking for opportunities to grow in our knowledge of Christ's teachings.

As a school, I hope that we are glowing as our fall leaves have glowed. Thank you to all those who help us to glow by volunteering, sharing ideas and resources, and supporting our school.

One final thought, the leaves in my backyard were especially beautiful when the sun (the Son) shone on them. They were beautiful because they reflected the light. May we all glow as we reflect what the Son has given us.

*Laura E. Wilkowski*

### Living Rosary

Please join us on Monday, October 21st at 8:30am in the Church for the Living Rosary. Students who volunteered for a role in the Living Rosary should have brought home their part to practice. If you plan on joining us, please sit in the balcony of the Church, as the students will be spread out throughout the pews. 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

### Book Fair

Our Book Fair will be hosted by Bookmarks Bookstore in the school's open area from October 21st to October 25th. Students will have a looking day on Monday followed by a buying day on Tuesday. You as parents may buy books for your children on any day during that week. Teachers will also create a wish list basket if you would like to choose books to purchase for your child's classroom.

### Parent-Teacher Conferences

Today is the official end of this first nine-week period. Parent-teacher conferences are being held next week. You should have received an email with conference sign-up times from your student's teacher. Please reach out if you did not receive an email.

### Halloween Parties

Our Halloween parties will be on Thursday, October 31. Students may wear orange & black to school that morning and will start to get into their costumes at 12:45pm. Please send your student's costume to school with them in the morning and make sure all parts are clearly labeled in case it gets mixed up with other student's things. We will begin the downtown parade at 1:00pm. Parents will not be allowed into classrooms until 12:45pm so please do not show up before that time. Parties in the classroom will follow the parade and run until the end of the day. Room parents will be sending out an email soon with more class details and sign-ups for activities and food.

**Just a reminder that all parent volunteers and attendees must have done all volunteer requirements- fingerprinting, VIRTUS and paperwork.** If you are unsure of your volunteer status, please reach out to Angelina Mitus. We will have to check the approved volunteer list before allowing you in for the party.

The Middle School students have chosen to have their Halloween party at the Midland Civic Arena. A permission slip should be coming home soon and parent drivers are going to be needed.

### All Saints Day Mass & Living Saints Wax Museum

On Friday, November 1st, students will be attending Mass for All Saints Day. We will have TWO Masses this week; normal Wednesday Mass and this Mass. After Mass, our 5th graders will be participating in a Living Saints Wax Museum in the Open Area. They will dress like their chosen saint and be on display and provide information about their life during the museum. Students and parents will have an opportunity to visit the different saints and learn about their life.

### October Service Project Reminder

Don't forget about the service project for the months of October! The K-5 Student Council is holding a donation drive for Open Door. You may bring in new or gently used toys, books and clothing. Donations are being collected until 10/28 and can be placed under the long tables in the Open Area.

### **Spirit Wear Sale**

We are holding another St. Brigid Spirit Wear sale ahead of the holidays. A great time to grab a gift for your student or yourself! The sale is open and will run until November 18th. Orders should be ready for pick up the week before Christmas break. Three dollars from every item will be given back to the school. To view all the items available and place your order, visit <https://stbrigidfall2024.itemorder.com/shop/home/>.

### **Athletic Sign-Up's**

Last call to sign up for 5th-8th grade boys basketball, 4th-8th grade pom team, and 3rd-8th grade cheerleading. You may pick up a sign-up form in the school office or from Ms. Corie. Forms are due by October 30th. All students must have a sports physical on file before the start of practice. The season will begin the beginning of November and run through January.

### **Dress Code Reminders**

As the temperature begins to drop, we wanted to remind parents that students must have a jacket with them to go outside for recess. Please insure that your student has a jacket with them when you drop them off at school in the morning. If they have no jacket, they will be sent inside to borrow one from the office.

In regards to dress code, students may wear a navy blue, white, or gray (6th-8th grade) sweater. Only fleeces or green sweatshirts embroidered with the Saint Brigid Catholic School logo are permitted to be worn in class. . All other hooded and zip up sweatshirts are not permitted to be worn in the classroom. No sweatshirts or fleeces may be worn in church. Crocs are not allowed to be worn to school at any time. If students are not wearing appropriate uniform attire, we will ask them to change or call home for parents to bring the correct uniform.

### **Veteran's Day Assembly**

We happily invite all veterans to join us for our Veteran's Day Assembly on November 11th at 8:30am in the gym. If you know of any veteran's in the community, we ask that you please invite them to attend and be honored by our students.

### **Holiday Craft Show Bake Sale Donations & Volunteers Needed**

Every year we hold a bake sale during the St. Brigid Holiday Craft & Gift Sale. The sale is on Saturday, November 23rd from 9am-3pm. We need volunteers for a variety of things. First and foremost, we need parents to donate baked goods for the sale. All items need to be individually wrapped and must be nut-free. To sign-up to bring a baked good, visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4FAFA828A6F5C16-52385699-baked#/>. Baked goods can be dropped off at school on Friday, November 22nd or the morning of November 23rd.

We also need six volunteers to work a shift at the bake sale table. If you are willing to cover a two hour shift, please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4FAFA828A6F5C16-52385623-bake#/>

Thank you in advance for you willingness to help with this!

### **Christmas Concert Date Change**

In case you missed this announcement in the last newsletter, the date previously on the Digital Academy calendar for the Christmas concert had to be changed due to a scheduling conflict with a parish event. The Christmas concert will be held on Tuesday, December 10th starting at 6:00pm. We apologize for any inconvenience this change causes.

### **Substitute Teachers**

We are still looking to add a couple substitute teachers to our list. If this is something you or someone you know might be interested in, please reach out to Mrs. Wilkowski for further information and next steps.

## Emerald Evening Kick-Off Assembly

We are excited to kick off another Emerald Evening! For those that are new to the school, Emerald Evening is our one and only fundraiser for the school! It is a two-part fundraiser with a cash raffle and an in-person gala. Our goal to raise this year is \$220,000!

To get the students excited about this event, we will be holding a kickoff assembly on Monday, November 4th at 2:45pm in the gym. At this event, the committee will explain to the students their role in helping sell cash raffle tickets as well as all the different seller incentive prizes they can win as a class and unveil a surprise prize that students can be entered to win once they sell their 10 cash raffle tickets. Parents are encouraged to attend this assembly as well.

## Illness Guidelines

Just a reminder as we start to enter the flu season months, we do have a 24 hour fever-free and vomit-free policy at the school. If you student has had a fever or thrown up within the last 24 hours, please do not send them to school. In following this policy we hope to minimize the amount of bugs that are spread throughout the school.

# Pictures Throughout the Month

