

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

One of my best friends from my early childhood continues to be a great friend to this day. I don't see her anymore because I have moved away from my hometown. Yet any time we do talk, we pick up as if we have never been apart. But I confess that I don't call or write regularly because I am busy. I often think about how much richer our friendship would be if we took time to call each other, maybe even visit each other.

I liken this relationship with my friend to a relationship with God. We all want a relationship with God. But what are we doing to ensure that we have a close connection? When was the last time we had a long conversation with God? Remember that conversation is a two-way street and we must not only talk but take time to be quiet so that we can hear God speaking to us. When was the last time we dropped in for a visit? It is true that each time we do take time to be with God, He is ready to pick up where we left off. How much richer would the relationship be, though, if we took the time to build that relationship?

When you meet someone for the first time, you ask a lot of questions of the person in order to understand them better. We want to know where they are from, what their family is like, what kinds of things they like, what we have in common, etc. When was the last time we tried to get to know God better through our study, through a retreat, or through a workshop designed to teach us more about God? The more we know of God, the more we will want to know and the closer it will bring us.

Just like my relationship with my friend, I will never grow closer to God if I put in very little effort. Regular communication, regular visits to Church and Adoration, and a study of God are necessary building blocks in such a relationship. I have to make a decision, am I really okay with an okay friendship or relationship or do I want more? If I want more, it is up to me to make it happen.



Important Dates

- 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-9:15am
- 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
- 11/11: Middle School Student Leadership-7:15am
Veteran's Day Assembly-8:30am
PTO Meeting-6:00pm
- 11/13: 2nd Grade Mass
VIRTUS Training-6:00pm
- 11/14: Student Council & Leadership Spirit Day
K-5: Beach Day
MS: Twin/Multiples Day
- 11/15: St. Brigid Spirit Wear Day

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The Catholic Origins of Halloween

Halloween has its origins in the Catholic faith. Hallow means holy. E'en refers to evening. Halloween, then, means the evening of Holy's. It is the eve of All Saints' Day when we remember all of those who have gone before us and are now saints (or Saints) in Heaven. Even dressing up was a way of remembering our triumph over sin and death. It is a wonderful reminder as we put on costumes and go trick-or-treating that this was a tradition borne out of our faith and one that can serve as a reminder that we can celebrate knowing that through Jesus, death has been conquered.

Halloween Parties

Tomorrow will be our Halloween parties. Students may wear orange & black to school that morning and will start to get into their costumes at 12:40pm. 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.

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.

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.

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.

Coffee with the Principal

Want to get to know other parents? Want to get to know the principal? Do you have questions for the principal? Are there things you would like to see happen at Saint Brigid? Come have coffee and a conversation with the principal (or tea or hot chocolate) on Friday, November 8th in the Faith Formation Library! These sessions will be taking place the first Friday of each month so if you can't make this month, mark your calendar for December 6th!

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.

PTO Meetings

Our monthly meeting will be Monday, November 11th, at 6 pm on Google Meets using the link, meet.google.com/crm-dppm-mez. PTO meetings are a great way to stay up on what is happening at the school and voice your opinions. It is also a great way to put a face to other parents. Plus, attending the PTO meeting means that your student will receive a free dress pass! So be sure to mark your calendar. We have made them virtual so that you don't have to worry about childcare and you can even be working on dinner while the meeting is happening!!

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/>.

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 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 your willingness to help with this!

Athletics Update

Our girl's basketball team concludes their season tonight with their last home game and then we jump right into 5-8th grade boy's basketball, Pom, and cheerleading. Practices for all three of these teams begin next Tuesday, November 5th. Pom practice will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00-4:30pm, cheerleading practice will take place on Tuesdays from 3:00-4:30pm, and boys basketball practice will be Tuesdays from 5:30-7:00pm and Thursdays from 4:45-6:15pm. The schedule of games is not yet completed by the VPL president but will be shared as soon as it is. Games will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays.

All Season Sports Pass

Tired of never having cash to get into St. Brigid sporting events? Well we can help you fix that problem with our new all season sports pass! Each sports season will have their own pass that can be purchased ahead of the first game and used for admission of 1 person per pass for every home game of the season.

We will be selling passes for boys basketball, Pom and cheerleading as soon as the schedule is released and we know how many home games there are. There is no discount in purchasing the pass, it just allows for ease to not have to have cash for every game. Passes will be available to purchase in the office or at the door of the game.

November Student Council/Leadership Spirit Day

November 14th is Student Council/Leadership Spirit Day. K-5 students will have Beach Day (no bathing suits allowed) Middle School students will have multiples day, dressing as a twin, triplet, or more with other students in their class or school.