

Saint Brigid Newsletter—One Hundred and Thirty Sixth Edition, 11/13/2024

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

I love that we remember all those who have passed away during the month of November. This is particularly poignant for me since November 12th is my father's heavenly birthday. In addition, we start this month with All Saints' Day, followed by All Souls' Day. We are called to remember all saints, both with a capital and a small s.

Google defines a saint as someone who espouses the virtues (temperance, prudence, fortitude, justice, faith, hope, and love) and is seen as a model for their faith. We are working on teaching the virtues because we are all called to be virtuous. What's more, we are called to be saints. We are called to be models of our faith to others.

We are called to be holy. That is easy to say but harder to do. Part of why I find it difficult is that I have too many things to do and too many tasks pulling me in different directions. The challenge is to find holiness in those tasks. We teach our students in middle school to pray before we begin each class. What is the purpose of this prayer? It helps us to find holiness in that next hour, to be fully present, to find the awe and wonder of the moment. In doing so, learning about science becomes a holy pursuit. It would be wonderful if we, as adults, could model this each day. Take time throughout the day to stop and pray, for yourself, and for others. In that way, we could make the little moments holy. It is no coincidence, also, that we remember and celebrate vocations—what is it that God is calling us toward—religious life, married life, single life? When we stop and take time to pray, we can hear His call.

Britni Burks, our Veterans Day speaker reminded students to learn their Bible verses. It was these verses that helped her through difficult times. I often find myself singing the bible songs of my youth. I think I was in college before I realized that many of those

songs were excerpted word for word from the Bible. In singing them, I was recalling those readings from the Bible. I, too, have found peace in those verses. Our elementary students learn a bible verse each month. Our middle school students take it further, learning additional verses throughout the month. Why? Because those verses help us to call to mind that Jesus if ever present, is always near and ready to help. Calling God to mind can help us to keep those moments holy.

Finally, what we do in our free time is also important. It is easy for me to take advantage of my free time to turn my brain off—that is, to tune in to TV, social media, or mind-numbing videos. These provide an escape from our stresses, but how often have we sat down just for a bit and realized an hour or more has gone by? Sadly, many of our youth find themselves addicted to the screens. We need to help them to even make their free time holy by using it to serve others, to enjoy the company of others, and to stay present in the moment.

During this month of Saints, let us remember that we are *all called to be saints*. *What are you doing to live a life of holiness? How are you helping your children to live a life of holiness?*



Important Dates

- 11/14: Student Council & Leadership Spirit Day
 - K-5: Beach Day
 - MS: Twin/Multiples Day
- 11/15: St. Brigid Spirit Wear Day
- 11/18: Deadline to bring in food item for service project
- 11/20: 1st Grade Mass
- 11/21: Staff Appreciation Lunch
- 11/22: St. Brigid Spirit Wear Day
- 11/25: Middle School Student Leadership-7:15am
- 11/26: Student Council Meeting-3:00pm
- 11/27: Kindergarten Mass
 - 1/2 Day of School-11:30am Dismissal
- 11/28-11/29: No School-Thanksgiving Break
- 12/4: Middle School Mass
- 12/6: St. Brigid Spirit Wear Day
 - Coffee with the Principals-8:05am

Laura E. Wilkowski

November Student Council/Leadership Spirit Day

Tomorrow is Student Council/Leadership Spirit Day. K-5 students will have beach day and Middle School students will have multiples day, dressing as a twin, triplet, or more with other students in their class or school.

Emerald Evening Cash Raffle Sales

Our largest fundraiser has begun! This is our school's sole fundraiser and all funds raised through the Emerald Evening Cash Raffle support the Guardian Angel Scholarship Fund as well as assist in keeping your tuition lower and provide for the needs of our teachers and classrooms to maintain a proper learning environment. If you missed the PTO meeting on Monday, you may have missed the discussion of our school's expenses and budget versus what tuition covers. Tuition makes up only about 45% of our actual budget. The parish makes up about 35% and Emerald Evening makes up about 20%. Therefore, all families must help us in our efforts with the Emerald Evening. If every family does their part, we'll get there - but it will take **EVERYONE** doing their part! Thank you to every family who has sold tickets! Each school family is asked to sell **at least 10** tickets to help us reach our goal of 1,000 tickets. Tickets can be purchased with a credit card online at <https://charityauction.bid/emeraldevening2025> or you may collect cash or check and turn it in to the school office in exchange for a ticket. Please remind people who are purchasing online to list your family name in the comments section so you receive credit for their purchase. Beginning November 20, a weekly \$100 Early Bird drawing will take place on Wednesdays until December 18, 2024 for all tickets that have been purchased. For every ticket your family sells by December 4, your name will be entered into a drawing for \$1,000 cash or tuition credit! Buy and/or sell early so you can take advantage of all the opportunities to win!

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#/>. This is a great opportunity for Middle School students to earn their required service hours. Thank you in advance for your willingness to help with this!

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/>.

Christmas Music Concert

Our Christmas Music Concert will be held on Tuesday, December 10th at 6:00pm in the Gym. K-5 students will perform their musical numbers followed by the 5th grade band, 6th grade band, and Shamrock band. All students should dress in their Sunday best and K-5 students should be to their classrooms by 5:45pm. Middle School band students should report by 6:15pm to the Open Area. They will leave their coats and instrument cases in the Open Area until after the concert is over. We highly encourage all families to stay for the Middle School band portion to show their support. We do ask that small children remain seated and avoid moving in and out of the gym during the band performances.

Thanksgiving Holiday

A reminder that we have a half day of school on Wednesday, November 27, 2024. We will dismiss at 11:30 AM. No lunch will be provided on that day. There is no school November 28 & 29. We wish everyone a blessed and bountiful Thanksgiving!

If you happen to be in town on Thanksgiving, or even the day before, and would like to volunteer at the Community Thanksgiving Dinner, we would love for you to join! We serve Thanksgiving to roughly 300 people each year here at St. Brigid. This is possible due to the generosity of many volunteers. If you are willing to volunteer to help prepare, cook or serve, we ask that you take a moment to sign up using the following link, <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4FA5AC2AA0F5CE9-52799784-midland#/>



November Service Project

THANKSGIVING DINNER FOOD DONATIONS

KINDERGARTEN: FRESH, WHOLE CRANBERRIES (BAG)
FIRST GRADE: WHOLE KERNEL CANNED CORN, IN WATER (#10 SIZE GFS OR OTHER)
SECOND GRADE: CHICKEN BROTH (32-49 OZ)
THIRD GRADE: SWEET POTATOES (5LB BAG)
FOURTH GRADE: STUFFING MIX (PEPPERIDGE FARM HERB SEASONED STUFFING MIX BAG)
FIFTH GRADE: RUSSET POTATOES (5LB BAG)
SIXTH GRADE: CREAM OF MUSHROOM SOUP (GORDON FOOD #10 SIZE OR OTHER)
SEVENTH GRADE: CANNED, CUT GREEN BEANS (GORDON FOOD #10 SIZE OR OTHER)
EIGHTH GRADE: CHICKEN BROTH (32-49 OZ)



PLEASE BRING ITEM TO YOUR CLASSROOM BY NOVEMBER 18TH

BOYS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE



11/11/24	VS. NOUVEL S, ST. BRIGID CATHOLIC SCHOOL	7:15 PM
11/13/24	VS. HOLY FAMILY, ST. BRIGID CATHOLIC SCHOOL	5:30 PM
11/13/24	VS. HOLY FAMILY, ST. BRIGID CATHOLIC SCHOOL	6:20 PM
11/18/24	VS. SWAN VALLEY 5, ST. BRIGID CATHOLIC SCHOOL	7:00 PM
11/20/24	VS. NOUVEL W, ST. BRIGID CATHOLIC SCHOOL	7:00 PM
11/25/24	VS. NOUVEL W, ST. BRIGID CATHOLIC SCHOOL	5:30 PM
11/25/24	VS. NOUVEL S, ST. BRIGID CATHOLIC SCHOOL	7:15 PM
12/4/24	VS. SWAN VALLEY 6, ST. BRIGID CATHOLIC SCHOOL	7:15 PM
12/11/24	VS. SWAN VALLEY 6, ST. BRIGID CATHOLIC SCHOOL	7:00 PM
12/18/24	VS. NOUVEL B, ST. BRIGID CATHOLIC SCHOOL	7:15 PM