

St. Bridget School

Mission

St. Bridget School provides an excellent Catholic education in an environment where the message of Jesus Christ is taught, lived and shared.



Irish Times

Learning Through Christ's Love

5 B's: Be Caring

Be Fair

Be Respectful

Be Responsible

Be Trustworthy

Calendar of Events

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October 1, 2021

October 7

Family Night at Backyard Grill

October 8

No School

Institute Day

October 11

No School

Columbus Day

October 15

End of 1st Qtr

October 18

Scrip Orders Due

October 22

Report Cards

Scrip Pickup

October 25

Scrip Orders Due

October 26

Picture Retakes & PreK 3 Pictures

October 29

Scrip Pickup

Backyard Grill Night!

Join us for the St. Bridget Family Night at Backyard Grill on N. Second Street on October 7 from 5 – 9 pm.

A generous 20% of sales will be donated back to our school.

Come enjoy the great food and company of fellow parishioners, parents, and classmates.

Parent Handbook

Please be sure to read and "Acknowledge" the Parent Handbook posted on School Speak. This is required for all families.

Golden Apple Nominations

for teachers of grades 6-12 are available in the office or at goldenappleofrockford.com. Deadline to nominate is October 14.

Outdoor Recess

The weather will soon be getting a little cooler, and we will continue going outside for recess. Please be sure to send a jacket and/or sweatshirt along with your child/children. Be sure to label them with your child's name. We already have a few items in our lost and found.



BLESSING OF THE PETS

Join us for the Blessing of all our family pets in honor of St. Francis of Assisi on Sunday, October 3rd, at 1:30pm. The Blessing will take place behind the school by the playground. Please bring dogs on leashes and cats in carriers.

Organ/Tissue Donor Contest

The Illinois Secretary of State office is sponsoring a Poster Contest to raise awareness of the importance of organ/tissue donation. Please see the Announcement on School Speak for contest rules and regulations. Entries are due January 31, 2022.

HASA Volunteer Form

Monday we emailed our volunteer opportunity form and sent home paper copies on Tuesday. If you are interested, please fill out the form and return it to the school office. Room Parents will be asked to help plan and facilitate Halloween parties. As a reminder, all volunteers must be up to date on all Diocesan Safe Environment requirements plus all volunteers must either be vaccinated or show proof of a negative COVID test.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday ~ 4:30pm

Sunday ~ 7:00, 8:15, 10:00 & 11:30am

Grades 6-8 Youth Group

All Middle School students are invited to join us on Wednesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm in the Underground (basement of the Parish Center) for our weekly middle school youth night! Masks are required, so please remember to bring one! We hope to see you there!!

Uniform Shorts

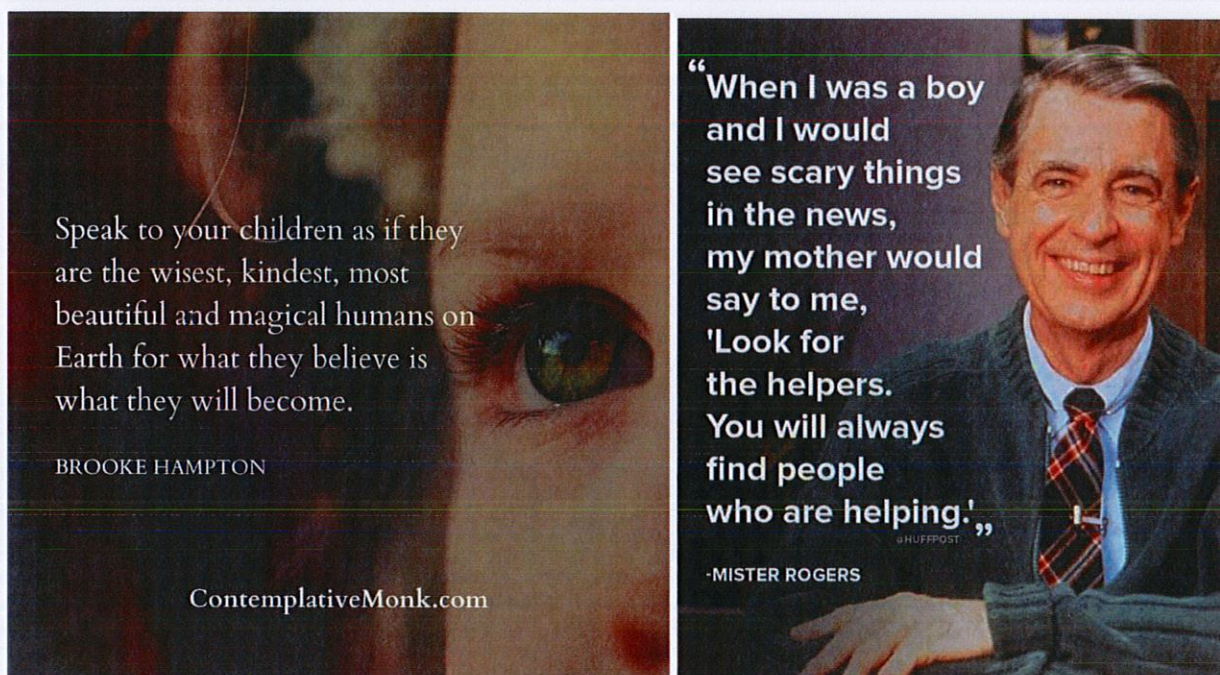
Per the handbook, shorts are not to be worn beginning Monday until May 1st. However, if we happen to experience days of 80 degrees or more before that date, shorts may be worn on those days.

**Spirit wear orders are still open! Visit the link on School Speak.
Cooler weather is quickly approaching!**

October 1, 2021

Happy October! I started informal observations this week. I loved being in the classroom with the rockstar teachers, seeing the kids engaged in conversations about topics in math and ancient history. I recently challenged the teachers to take a lesson outdoors and use our grounds to facilitate. One such lesson included the social studies term "compass rose". Students identified the cardinal directions relative to the school building and created a model with hula hoops. I'll share more in the coming weeks but know that we are blessed with dedicated teachers who truly want every student to succeed. We're all clawing our way back from the 18 month Covid academic challenges, aren't we? I'm sure parenting school age children is a challenge as well during this time. How do parents reassure and help children navigate through these times when as adults many of us are struggling with it? God is the constant. A grateful heart helps.

I am a huge fan of sayings; short expressions that generally contain advice or wisdom. One place I often see such sayings is on FB on Contemplative Monk. Here are a few recent ones that I just had to screenshot and save on my phone:



I like to be in the parking lot after school, but have been detained in Aftercare. I have enlisted the teachers to monitor the dismissal and report concerns. There are a few cars to be aware of with drivers who are making our lot unsafe by their actions. This week's faux pas include:

Wednesday report: A **White Jeep** parked where the teachers park near the gym next to the yellow "no parking" section, backed up as a child was walking behind the car. A **Maroon SUV** crossed from the same area via oncoming traffic to exit out to Renrose. Many vehicles ventured into the "weed section" or passed through the weeds to cross over traffic.

Thursday report: A **Black Chevy** in the **third row** from the playground backed up and cut into line before the first two rows had cleared. A **Red Truck** parked in the yellow line section that is marked, "NO parking". The teacher tried to approach the vehicle to explain but she didn't have her running shoes on and the driver left before she got there.

We'll just keep trying to make sure everyone is aware of the parking lot policy. It's listed in entirety in the handbook, complete with maps for a visual. The handbook is available on School Speak. Help us spread the word, thanks.

Daily assistance is needed in the cafeteria in case you have time to pop in during the lunch period especially between 11:15 and 12:30. Sign up is on School Speak.

Enjoy the weekend!

Mary