

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.



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Be Fair

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Calendar of Events

October 6

No School—Teacher Institute

October 7

Tennis Play Day at Boylan High School

October 9

No School

October 12

Backyard Grill Night

October 13

Spirit Wear Day

End of Quarter

October 16

Scrip Orders Due

October 18

Middle School Ministry

October 20

Scrip Pickup

October 24

HASA Meeting Open to all parents 6pm

October 25

Middle School Ministry

October 28

Trunk or Treat 2-4

News and Information



Welcome **Mrs. Ellie Reed!** Mrs. Reed is joining our staff as the PreK 4 Monday, Wednesday, Friday teacher! You will be an amazing addition to St. Bridget School!

School Speak

As we continue the transition to FACTS, we have decided to use School Speak for a few areas. Grades, Announcements, Resource Documents, etc. will still be in FACTS. We will use School Speak for Medical and Emergency Contact Information and Sign-Ups (Extended Care, Parent Teacher Conferences and Hot Lunch once available). Please login and update any information in the family profiles, especially allergies and emergency contacts. We will also post the Family Directory in both FACTS and School Speak. Please see Mrs. Toldo's letter for more information.

Backyard Grill Night
10/12—hope to see you there



Congratulations Aaron Stern! You are the winner of a \$50 Scrip Gift Card as part of our Volunteer Drawing for September!! Thank you for the MANY hours you spent coaching our soccer team. Volunteering for school? (This includes lunchroom helpers, coaches, chaperones, classroom party helpers to name of few). Make sure you fill out an entry slip each time you help out. Slips are located at the office. Our next drawing will be at the end of October.

HASA News

All parents are invited to attend the Quarterly Home & School Meeting October 24 at 6pm.



Trunk or Treat

Join us for Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 28th! Hours are 2:00—4:00 in the school parking lot (Set up 2:00—3:00, Trunk or Treat 3:00—4:00). Reservations are required. Please return the attached form if you plan to attend.

October 5, 2023

Extended Care Sign-Ups

Until further notice, please use School Speak for Before and Aftercare sign-ups. They are open through November 3.

2023-2024 Yearbook

Ordering is open at www.treering.com. Save 10% if you order by October 31! Our school code is 1016310307851271. Soft cover books are \$23.50 and hardcover are \$29.58. Be sure to check out the 2 free customized pages.

Two Men and a Truck Collection for PAWS Humane Society.

You may still bring in donations listed on the attached wish list or monetary donation for a program called Movers for Mutts® with a mission of helping animal shelters. The program is in its tenth year. TWO MEN AND A TRUCK partners with local businesses and other organizations for this cause to provide animals with these essential items until they find their forever home. All donations gathered will go directly to the Paws Humane Society of Rockford Illinois. There is a drop-off box located near the school office.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE Saturday 4:30pm. Sunday 7:00am, 8:15am 10:00am, 11:30am

Daily Mass Monday-Saturday 7:00am, 8:15am **LIVESTREAM** Monday-Saturday 7:00am, Sunday 10:00am



Hello parents!

As you know our intention was (is) to switch from School Speak to FACTS this school year for our Student Information System, per the Catholic Education Office of the Diocese.

The transition has been clunky at best, and is ongoing. Since communication is key, I made the decision to renew School Speak for the 2023-24 school year so we are able to sustain excellent communication with you while the folks at FACTS are completing the setup of our system and while we have time to familiarize ourselves with FACTS.

Please do the following to assist us:

Log into **School Speak** and update MEDICAL and EMERGENCY CONTACTS for your child(ren). Those crucial areas are not in place in FACTS yet. Update your profile. Include your phone carrier if you would like to receive (limited) text messages in addition to emails. Check or uncheck the box to note if you want to be included in the family school directory this year.

Keeping School Speak for the year will allow us to open Fun Lunch ordering and keep Extended Care sign ups going since those areas are also NOT yet in FACTS. Sign ups for upcoming Parent Teacher Conferences in November will also be more easily accessible by using School Speak.

We intend to continue to use FACTS as we are able, but are confident in the necessity to retain the use of School Speak at the same time.

Thanks for understanding the need for not one, but two, Student Information Systems at this time.

Sincerely,

Mary



Please join us for
St. Bridget School
Family
TRUNK OR TREAT

**Saturday, October 28, 2023
2:00—4:00 PM (set-up 2:00-3:00)
Saint Bridget School Parking Lot by the playground**

How does it work? Participants park their vehicles in a circle formation in the school parking lot and your children Trick or Treat from the vehicle "trunks". You supply the candy to distribute from your vehicle. Decorate your "trunks" with kid friendly decorations!

Where do I park? The school parking lot by the playground. Volunteers will guide you to your spot in the circle. Please arrive via the main entrance on Clifford Avenue and enter the parking circle between 3:30-4:30 pm. Alternate parking will be provided for cars not in circle. We will need to close the circle parking at 4:30 for safety reasons. If you miss the circle parking, plan to bring a chair over with your candy and sit in the circle in your chair.

Any costume restrictions? Scary or inappropriate costumes will *NOT* be allowed

Can we just show up? Sorry, no. Please RSVP by October 25, 2023.

Who can join in the fun? Can I bring my neighbors or cousins? Sorry, no. This is a St. Bridget School Family Only Event. Adults must attend with your children.

Any questions? Please call/text Val Heaton (815-978-1492) or Jo Reichenspeger (815-494-8269)

Once we know the number of participants, we will contact you so you know how much candy to bring.

Please send this portion to the school office by **October 25**.

Name: _____

Please Print

Number of your children participating: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____



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