

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

January 27
CSW Ice Hogs Game

January 28
Open House for prospective families 9:00-11:00

Jan 28-Feb 2
Catholic Schools' Week

January 29
Scrip orders due

January 30
Open House for prospective families 4-6:30

January 31
Middle School Youth Ministry

February 2
Scrip pickup
Pizza Lunch for all Students

February 5
Scrip Orders Due

February 7
8th Grade Graduation pictures

February 8
Goodwill Drive Begins

February 9
Scrip pick up
Father Daughter Dance 6:30 pm
Subway Hot Lunch

News and Information

**2024-2025
School Year Registration Dates:**

January 29– February 2
In-house Registration for families currently enrolled in St. Bridget School (in good standing).

February 5-February 9
St. Bridget Parish Members

February 12 - Open Registration.

New this year—5 day full day PK for 3 year olds!
Please see the PK Enrollment form for other changes.

Registration forms are being emailed to current families. They will also be posted on FACTS and School Speak. Copies will available in the office as well.

Registration Fees must be submitted with the forms. The Early bird rate is \$75/student (maximum \$225/family). After March 15 the rate will increase to \$100/student, \$300/family max.

Open House

We are hosting our Open House on Sunday, January 28, from 9:00—11:30 am and on Tuesday, January 30, from 4-6:30pm. If you know of any prospective families interested in attending St. Bridget School, please invite them to attend and to reach out to the office for information.

February & March Hot Lunch Orders

Ordering is open for the February and March lunches on School Speak. Orders will close February 1 at 5:00 pm. Note: Please check the dates as some of the lunches will be on Thursdays. If you have issues with the School Speak app, use the Desktop Version.

PreK—8th Grade Father Daughter Dance

All girls are invited to attend the Father Daughter Dance on February 9 from 6:30—8:30 pm in the Parish Center. Cost is \$15 per family, purchase tickets in the office.

School Nurse Letter

Please see the attached letter from the nurse regarding students bringing medication to school.

January 26, 2024

Year End Tuition Tax Statement

Tuition Tax Statements may be found online in your FACTS tuition account. To access your school tax information, follow these steps:
Sign into your account and look for "Payment Plan & Billing" and click on "View Details." That will bring you to "Activity Details" and click on "View Payment Summary." Once in Payment Summary, you will see our school information and tax number to right of your name and address. Right under your name and address you will see a drop down box with the year. Drop down to 2023 and print your statement.



Shamrock Shuffle

March 8, 2024

It's time to start planning the classroom baskets for the Shamrock Shuffle! Each classroom is responsible for collecting items for a basket. Students will have the opportunity to buy raffle tickets to enter to win a basket of their choice. Information will be sent home next week. Tickets for the dance are on sale in the office, \$40/person (\$50 after February 12).



**ST. BRIDGET SCHOOL
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
JANUARY 27 - FEBRUARY 2ND**

KICK OFF EVENT: SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH ROCKFORD ICEHOGS GAME
UPPER LEVEL: \$19 (\$4 OF EACH TICKET SOLD WILL GO TO ST. VINCENT DE PAUL)

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH & SUNDAY, JANUARY 28TH:
WE CARE ABOUT OUR PARISH**

THANK YOU TO PARISHIONERS FROM STUDENTS AT ALL MASSES
STUDENTS SPEAK AT MASS
SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: SUNDAY, JANUARY 28TH 9-11:30AM

MONDAY, JANUARY 29TH: WE CARE ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY
BEGIN ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION
DAILY TRIVIA/PRIZES
COZY DRESS DAY

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30TH: WE CARE ABOUT OUR STUDENTS
MASS AT BOYLAN
DAILY TRIVIA/PRIZES
NO HOMEWORK (NO TESTS ON WEDNESDAY)
EXTRA RECESS/FREE TIME
SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE 4-6:30PM
CLASS CHOICE DAY (CLASS/GRADE LEVEL DECIDES ON THEME)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31ST: WE CARE ABOUT OUR NATION
LETTERS/DRAWINGS TO VETS FOR VETS ROLL WITH BUDDIES
(TEACHER ARRANGE CONVENIENT TIME DURING THE WEEK)
DAILY TRIVIA/PRIZES
ASSEMBLY
MISMATCH DAY

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST:
WE CARE ABOUT VOCATIONS & OUR FAMILIES**
MASS/GRANDPARENT DAY-PLEASE RSVP
BRING GAMES TO PLAY WITH GRANDPARENTS
DAILY TRIVIA/PRIZES
TWIN DAY

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND: WE CARE ABOUT OUR SCHOOL FAMILY
DAILY TRIVIA/PRIZES
PIZZA LUNCH FOR STUDENTS & STAFF
"IRISH GAMES" BUDDIES COMPETE TOGETHER
TREAT WITH BUDDIES
BUDDY COLORS DAY: PREK/4TH-RED, K/8TH-ORANGE, 1ST/7TH-YELLOW, 2ND/5TH-
GREEN, 3RD/6TH-BLUE, STAFF-PURPLE

****SPIRIT WEAR IS ALLOWED ALL WEEK IN PLACE OF THE DAILY THEME****

January 26, 2024

Hello Parents/Guardians,

It has come to our attention that some students are carrying medications in their backpacks. From what we have been notified, these medications include over-the-counter medications (like Tylenol, Advil, cough syrup, etc.), and cough drops. We are not aware of any prescription medications, but it could be a possibility. We have also been notified that some students have been passing around these medications to each other. If seen, they will be confiscated immediately. Unfortunately we do not have eyes everywhere, which means there could be passing that is not seen. We have also found empty energy drink cans in the bathrooms. Please do not send energy drinks to school and please remove all medications from their backpacks and talk to your child/children about the importance of asking for any needed medications from the school nurse. There are several reasons why it is important to have these discussions with your child/children and to take action:

1. Most students who have come into my office, regardless of age, will say they had "Advil" or "Tylenol" at home and are requesting a different medication. Nine times out of ten, students do not remember what they had and when I have called parents, they actually had a different medication.
2. Even if students know the medication they had, most of the time they don't remember the exact time they had the medication. This can be dangerous because over-taking OTC medications can lead to side-effects and possible complications.
3. Students don't know the active ingredient in medications most of the time and do not realize how some medications can either cause interactions with each other and/or possibly be the same active ingredient in something they possibly took earlier in the day (which could also lead to overdosing).
4. If there is ever an emergency in school and if aid is ever required, emergency personnel ask what/if medication was taken. If students take something and staff is not aware, this could impact the quality and the safety of the care they receive from paramedics/hospital staff.
5. There are some medications some students simply cannot have or take (either due to reactions, medical conditions, family preferences/beliefs, etc.). We hope students would know what is safe, but peer-pressure does exist and we simply do not want any student to feel like they are in a position to "blend in" and take something they are not supposed to.
6. Energy drinks can cause heart complications (palpitations, increased heart rate, etc.), anxiety, nausea, irritability, dehydration, etc. If your child comes into the office with symptoms, they of course will be assessed. The issue is, if they drank an energy drink and staff is not aware, this could impact the assessment and care they receive.

If over-the-counter medications are needed, students simply just need to ask. If Tylenol or Ibuprofen are needed at school and parents have signed off on them, they will be administered as long as there are no questions about timing/dosing/medication taken previously. If there are questions, parents are called regardless if medication has been signed off on. Other over-the-counter medications are

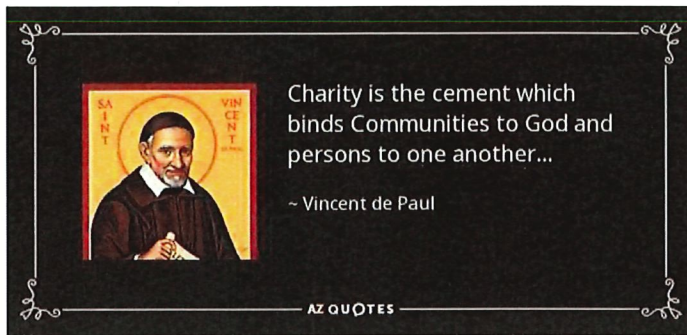
available at school and if needed, parents are called for permission. All prescription medications are to go through the nursing office, as there are necessary documents needed both from the physician and you as parents/guardians. The only exception for a student to carry a medication is if a physician writes an order for an inhaler and states student can self-carry and self-administer safely (a physician order, action plan and signed paperwork are still needed even for this circumstance). If your child needs an energy drink for any reason, a physician order is needed, a signed school medication form from the parent/guardian is required, and the energy drink must be turned into and held in the nursing office for administration.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

Brittany Agnew, BSN, RN

St. Bridget School Nurse



Dear St. Bridget Parent

As many of you know, we have a **St. Vincent de Paul** conference at St. Bridget. Our active members work together to assist 10 or more single or family **FINS** (Friends in Need) every month. Our temporary assistance may be with rent, utility bills, auto repair, grocery gift cards or furniture, etc.

There are always needs, but the FINS can only contact St. Vincent de Paul once in 6 months. We hope to give them a **"Hand Up, not a Hand Out"**.

During Catholic Schools Week, as a school service project, the school students will participate in our St. Vincent de Paul group's **"CHANGE FOR THEIR CHANGE"** drive.

Each classroom in the school will have a jar during the week of Jan 29 to Feb 2 for the children to deposit change, any amount. The classroom that collects the most change will win a **pizza party**.

We realize that there are many requests for your financial help, but this is a chance for your children to do some small tasks at home to earn change to benefit those in need.

Thank you in advance for your CHANGE, and for helping to support our FINS.

Sincerely,
Fundraising Committee, St. Bridget Conference of St. Vincent de Paul