

St. Bridget School



Irish Times



Learning Through Christ's Love

Calendar of Events

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September 2

10:00 a.m. Mass

September 3

9:00 a.m. Band Concert
Grades 4-6

September 7

School Not In Session

Labor Day

September 8

Band Instrument Trials 8:30-
11:30 a.m.

September 9

10:00 a.m. Mass

School Picture Day—Regular
Uniform Day

Band Sign-ups 7:00-8:00 p.m.

September 14

Red, White & Blue Day

Back to School Open House
6:30-7:30 p.m.

September 16

10:00 a.m. Mass

September 22

Band Classes Start

September 24

Mandatory Sports Meeting
7:00 p.m. in Gym

Mission

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

Start of School

I feel the start of the school year has been very productive. Our students are tremendous! Our faculty is demonstrating excellence on a daily basis and you, the parents/guardians, have been so supportive and positive. We do have all the ingredients for a truly excellent experience for our children. All progress, as we know, comes with occasional setbacks and issues, which will be resolved, I am certain, when we remain focused on our mission. Christ is the reason for this school and His message will continue to be taught, lived and shared.

Birthdays

Each child's birthday is mentioned during morning announcements and he/she receives a birthday pencil. You are also welcome to bring in a simple treat for your child's birthday. Please refer to the handbook regarding our birthday policy.

Parking Lot!

If you are parked facing the playground *no matter how far back you are parked* you must wait your turn to exit the parking lot. You may exit by either Clifford or Renrose Avenue. If you need to leave quickly, you may park next to the gym facing Clifford Avenue only. You must then walk to the Safety Zone to pick up your child and leave *only* via Clifford Avenue. Small children are inherently harder to see in a rearview mirror: no car in any parking lot is to back up at any time.

The safety of all children is the responsibility of all adults. We have several students walking home via Renrose & Clifford. Please be careful as you exit the parking lot.

Weekly Mass

Students will be attending weekly Mass on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. Each class will assume responsibility for liturgy and music throughout the year.

Family Directory

Every year we put together a family directory. If you do not wish to have your information published in the directory, please send a note to the school office.

Protecting God's Children

Protecting God's Children is the Diocesan-mandated program which is required of all employees and volunteers who will have contact with children, including but not limited to lunchroom and playground supervisors, field trip chaperones and room parents. The classes are as follows: August 29, 9:00-11:30 a.m. at St. Bridget Parish Center, and September 3, 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Holy Family School. There is no charge, but you must pre-register. We will update you as new dates are scheduled.

Innisbrook

This year Innisbrook has provided us with a new way of processing your orders. Included with your packet was a letter explaining the process in

which to place your orders online. You must receive payment with your order. Once all orders are placed online, bring your voucher from the computer, along with the money to the school office. If you have any questions, please call the school office at 815-633-8255.

Back to School Night

We will be having our Back to School Night on September 14, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This will give parents an opportunity to visit classrooms and meet the teachers.



Red, White, and Blue Day

On September 14 our school will be celebrating Red, White, and Blue Day. This is the date in 1814 when Francis Scott Key witnessed the bombardment of Fort McHenry. He was so inspired by what he saw subsequent to the attack by the British on the American compound that he wrote the poem which eventually became our national anthem. **The students and faculty may wear red, white and/or blue shirts, tops, blouses, etc. with a patriotic theme in commemoration of the event.** We are planning a small program in the morning for that day as well. Singing, music, prayer and history will be shared during the brief ceremony. Weather permitting, we will gather outside by our flag pole. More information will be forthcoming.