

St. Bridget School



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Calendar of Events

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September 14

Red, White & Blue Day

Back to School Open House
6:00-8:00 p.m.

September 16

10:00 a.m. Mass

September 18

Hot Lunch-PAPA John's

Candy Sale

September 21

ITBS Testing

September 22

Band Classes Start

September 24

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

September 29

Hot Lunch-KFC

September 30

10:00 Mass

October 7

10:00 Mass

October 9

School not in Session-
Institute Day

October 12

School not in Session-
Columbus Day

Mission

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

Parking Lot

Important information went home today regarding our parking lot. Please take the time to read the parking lot procedures that we have outlined for you. We can't express how important it is for you to follow guidelines for the safety of our children. Thank you.

Bergner's Goodwill Day

Just a Reminder! We are collecting clothes for the needy. There is a donation bin by the office. Don't forget to pick up your 20% coupons from Bergner's in the office. Thanks for your donations.

Innisbrook

Each family received an Innisbrook Fundraising packet. If you did not receive one, please contact the School Office. This is one of our largest fundraisers, and each family is expected to contribute in some meaningful way. Orders are due September 14, but we will extend it to Friday, September 18. Money should be collected at the time of the order and then orders are to be placed online. Please follow the directions on the information sheet that was distributed on book day along with your packet. If you do not have access to a computer, we will be happy to enter your orders for you. Once your voucher from the computer and money are sent into the office, your child/children may participate in our guessing game for a prize. It will be guess how many frogs are on the roll of wrapping paper. The one who guesses the cor-

rect amount or comes the closest will win. We are also offering a non-uniform day for those who turned in their voucher and money. The date for the non-uniform day will be announced as soon as we receive the orders.

ITBS TESTING

Beginning the week of September 21 and for the following two weeks students in grades three through seven will have their annual Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) assessment. This test battery includes subtests in the areas of Reading, Language and Mathematics. Science and Social Studies as well as Information Sources will also be assessed. In addition to this battery of tests, students in grades three, five and seven will also be assessed using the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT). The CogAT is a group ability battery of tests. These tests measure the students' ability in verbal, quantitative, and nonverbal areas. The results are then compared to the child's achievement information generated from the ITBS results. Reports of the outcomes of these assessments will be returned and made available to parents in November.

I would like to encourage parents to be very positive with your children as they participate in this assessment. Always share with your child that you expect him/her to do their very best while taking the assessments. They should be reminded to use the full time allotted and to check over their work if they finish early.

Your child should also be made aware that these tests are designed so that children will not know all the correct answers and that they should not become frustrated or upset if they fail to know all the answers. Trying their best and staying positive are the keys to a successful assessment. I would also encourage you to make sure that you are especially vigilant in having your child get an adequate night's rest throughout the testing process (...and beyond, as well!). Plenty of water and an ample breakfast (not too many carbs!) are also good practices to help ensure that your child will perform up to his or her capabilities.

Back to School Night Open House

As stated in the previous newsletter, the itinerary for open house will be different this year. The schedule for the parents of 5th-8th graders is located on the back of this newsletter. Hope to see you there.

Red, White and Blue Day

We are looking forward to our Red, White and Blue Day. **Please remember the students and faculty may wear red, white and/or blue shirts, tops, blouses, etc. with a patriotic theme in commemoration of the event.** All parents are welcome to join us for this celebration on September 14th at 2:20 p.m.