

# St. Bridget School



# Irish Times



Learning Through Christ's Love

## Calendar of Events

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### 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 1

The Ned Show 1:00 p.m. in  
Gym

2nd Grade-Park Towers

### October 7

10:00 Mass

### October 9

School not in Session-  
Institute Day

### October 12

School not in Session-  
Columbus Day

### October 15

Kindergarten Field Trip to  
Apple Orchard

### October 21

Picture Retakes

### Mission

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

### Home & School Meeting

There will be a Home & School meeting on Monday, September 21st from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Come out and find out what is new this year and what the plans are for student enrichment activities. If you have any questions, please call Ann Foti at 971-5790.

### Mandatory Sports Meeting

There will be a mandatory sports meeting on Thursday, September 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the gym. Parents of 5th-8th graders who are and/or will be participating in the following sports must attend this meeting: Soccer, Spirit Squad, Basketball, and Volleyball. At least one parent must be present. This meeting is for the parents only. We will be addressing eligibility and expectations of players, parents, coaches, and spectators. We will have a sign-in sheet for attendance. Thank you. Mrs. Georgie Fagan, Athletic Director, and Mr. David Hawkinson, Principal.

### Innisbrook Fundraiser

There is still time to sell, sell, sell. We are extending our deadline for the Innisbrook fundraiser to Friday, September 25th. If you have any questions on entering your orders online, please call the school office at 815-633-8255 and we can assist you. Also, if you do not have access to the internet, please send your order into the school office and we will be happy to enter it for you.

### Golden Apple Awards

Nominate an outstanding



teacher in Grades K-5 with 5 or more years of teaching experience, for a Golden Apple Award. Nomination deadline is October 23rd. You can call 226-4180 with any questions you may have. Pick up a form from the school office or you may nominate a teacher on-line at [www.goldenappleofrockford.com](http://www.goldenappleofrockford.com).



### The Ned Show

On Thursday, October 1, at 1:00 p.m. our students will have a presentation of the NED SHOW! We are hosting this popular assembly in our gym. The program combines a wonderful message with yo-yos, humor and audience participation to help teach/reinforce how to develop three valuable characteristics needed in becoming champions at school and in life: Never give up (persistence), Encourage others (kindness), Do your best (excellence). These three expectations are also, coincidentally, included in our Code of Conduct. More information will be coming home soon. Opportunities to purchase yo-yos will be made available. Parents can check out the website at [www.thenedshow.com](http://www.thenedshow.com) for more information.

### Reading Research

A few years ago I came across some very important and criti-

cal research findings regarding student independent reading behaviors. While attending a workshop entitled "Transforming Struggling Readers Into Successful Readers", this information was brought to my attention. Essentially, the research compared the variations in achievement related to the amount of independent reading a child does outside of the school day.

On the back of this newsletter, you will see a table that shows the "Independent Reading Minutes Per Day", associated with "Words Read Per Year". This data was then correlated with the average "Percentile" of reading achievement as measured on national standardized tests. The results are very impressive and thought provoking. Reading independently is crucial to our children's academic success! This out of school reading should be enjoyable and tied to the child's interests: sports, comics, newspapers, magazines, books, crafts, etc. The important component is that children are interacting with print in an enjoyable and a frequent manner. It in effect becomes a good habit.

### Gum Chewing

Remember that gum chewing is not allowed, so please do not bring it to school. Thank you.

### Red, White & Blue Day

A big thank you to Fr. Burt, Mrs. Tritt, faculty, scouts, and students for all the work you put into making our first Red, White & Blue Day a wonderful celebration. THANK YOU!