



ST. BRIDGET SCHOOL

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INFORMATION ~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ IMPORTANT DATES

SCHOOL NEWS ~

Save the Dates: 2012-2013 Book Day is August 20, 2012. The First Day of School is August 21, 2012.

Get Your St. Bridget School Calendar Today!: This year we will celebrate our 60th year and want to mark this occasion with a special calendar featuring Kindergarten – 5th grade artwork. Each class decorated a month with a collage of their unique artwork and Ms. Wright's beautiful watercolor backgrounds. The calendars cost \$15 each or 2 for \$25.00. Just return the order form below in this bulletin. Questions? Contact Pamela Wray via email pwray@saintbridget.org or extension 312.

THANK YOU! We feel so appreciated! Thank you to our thoughtful and hard-working PTO Members and Room Mothers for making Teacher Appreciation Week so extraordinary. We all looked forward to the daily delectable treats that were provided. Our lasagna dinners, from the salad to the desserts, were outstanding. The flowers are still beautiful. We all enjoyed the lunch on Thursday - it was perfect. To everyone who was involved in making Teacher / Staff Appreciation Week the beautiful week it was – Thank You!

Martin's A+ Rewards Program: Remember to use your Martin's Card, and they will donate money to St. Bridget. This is an easy and successful way to help support St. Bridget School! A special treat will be given to the class that collects the most Martin's Value Card registration sheets!! If you have any questions please contact Christie Turnbull at christiebirck@comcast.net.

A Note from the Library: **The Very Busy Spider** has been donated to the library in honor of Whit W.'s 7th birthday, which was on Monday, February 6th. **Trapped on the D.C. Train** has been donated to the library in honor of Logan R.'s 8th birthday which was on Monday February 6th. Thank you for these birthday book donations!

“Help Kirk Lemonade Stand” Spirit Day: On Thursday, February 2nd \$2,410.00 was raised to help defer the medical expenses of a college student who received second and third degree burns and is at MCV Hospital, and is the roommate of Henry B.'s brother. The home where 9 roommates lived burned down. Thanks for your cooperation and support!

Middle School Dance: Friday, February 3rd the Middle School dance had 111 students earning \$582 profit for the 8th grade fund. Thanks to Jane Dixon and her parent volunteers.

Wishing Well – Pennies for Healthy Kids: Wednesday, February 8th through Tuesday, February 14th, St. Bridget School will participate in the “Pennies for Healthy Kids” program created by the Children’s Hospital of Richmond, VA. To make this program successful, students are asked to bring in pennies, other coins and dollar bills and place them in the Wishing Well containers in their classrooms. If a student contributes at least one dollar throughout the week, he or she can dress down for a Spirit Day on Tuesday, February 14th. For more information, please see page 4 in this bulletin.

Daily Mass Schedule for Students: On Thursday, February 9th, the KA and 1A students will attend Mass. On Friday, February 10th, the 2nd graders will attend Mass. The daily Mass is at 8:00 AM. When your child is scheduled for daily Mass, we appreciate the efforts you make to be on time.

Spirit Day: Tuesday, February 14th is our next Spirit Day. Donate \$1.00 anytime between February 8th and February 14th and wear Red, White and Blue! All donations will be forwarded to the Wishing Well for Patients, sponsored by Children’s Hospital of VA.

Progress Reports: Friday, February 17th, children in grades K-2 will bring home progress reports. Progress reports will be sent electronically for students in grades 3-8.

School Holiday: Monday, February 20th is a school holiday in observance of Presidents’ Day.

Ash Wednesday Mass: Wednesday, February 22nd at 9:00 AM. All are welcome.

Principal's Town Hall Meeting: Monday, February 27th at 7:00 PM in MPH. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Tuition Assistance Reminder: March 1st is the deadline if you want to be considered by the diocese for additional tuition assistance. This means that your documentation must be in Facts hands as well as your online application complete. Recipients will be notified April 1st of Diocesan awards. Recipients of school awards will be notified in mid March.

2012-2013 Tuition Contracts: On Friday, February 10th Tuition Contracts will be sent home, with the oldest or only child in each family. Please be sure to retrieve this from your child. The completed contract, listing all children who will attend St. Bridget in 2012-13, must be returned by noon on February 24th. Available seats will be offered to accepted applicants beginning the afternoon of February 24th. Please read all three pages of the contract thoroughly and sign on both pages 2 and 3.

A Note from Mrs. Storti: This weekend, **Nicole M., Erika K. and Lizzie C.** will represent St. Bridget School at the VCDA District Chorus Workshop with Mrs. Storti.

District Chorus Concert: On Saturday, February 11th at 3:00 PM, all are invited to **Deep Run High School** for the **District Chorus Concert** (both free and spectacular!); featuring selected choral students from Middle and High Schools in District 1. These singers are the best of the best! AND this qualifies for an Outside Concert Review as long as you are not a participant, so take advantage of the opportunity to support your classmates and complete a semester assignment at the same time (6th and 7th grade Music Appreciation students)!

Wacky & Wild Wednesdays: The Student Council is sponsoring some Wild & Wacky days for our students. There is no cost to participate in these days.

- Wednesday, February 15th "Out of Uniform – Pajama Day". (Please do not wear boxers as pajamas. Pajamas must be appropriate.)
- Tuesday, February 21st "Mardi Gras Uniform-Plus Day". Non-uniform shirts with Mardi Gras colors (Purple, Gold and Green) and Mardi Gras beads may be worn with your school uniform.
- Wednesday, February 29th "Crazy Hats / Socks Uniform-Plus Day". Wear your crazy hats and / or socks with your school uniform.
- Wednesday, March 7th, "Out of Uniform – Neon Day". Dress up in your favorite Neon color clothes.

If you choose not to participate in the Wacky Wednesday theme for the day, you must wear your complete uniform.

CARITAS: From Saturday, February 18th - 25th St. Bridget's will once again be hosting 40 men to give them shelter, meals, hospitality, showers and laundry. Without the generosity of our students and parents, this important ministry would not be possible. Your help is needed by donating items for a light breakfast and nutritious lunch, as well as toiletry items that are given to each guest. Please follow the grade suggestions that can be found at: <http://saintbridget.org/parents/downloads/CARITAS%20school%20donation%20request.pdf> and bring donations to school beginning Monday, February 13th (all items should be taken to homerooms). Thank you for helping provide a warm and hospitable place for our CARITAS guests. Please call if you have any questions or would like to volunteer. Terri Fad 935-6186 and Laurie Shepherd 281-7553. For more information, please see the CARITAS attachment on page 5 of this bulletin.

Tuition Assistance: Wednesday, February 29th is the deadline for applying for tuition assistance for the 2012-2013 school year.

AFTER SCHOOL ~

Closed: On Monday, February 20th, the After School Program will be CLOSED due to Presidents' Day.

Birthday Party: On Tuesday, February 21st, we will celebrate our February birthdays and enjoy a Mardi Gras Party.

PTO ~

Bulldog Blast! For the April 28th 5k run and carnival, planning is in progress for our fabulous fund raiser. Interested in being part of the process? Commitment can be large or small, your time and talents will be appreciated! Come to our planning meeting Tuesday,

February 14th at 2:00 PM in the parish meeting room. Can't make the meeting but still want to help? Contact Meghan Hess at meghan.hess@comcast.net.

A Message from the PTO President: Registration is now open for the Bulldog 5k and Kids Fun Run. You may also sign up to volunteer on the site. We look forward to April 28th, and can't wait to see all of you runners/walkers! Please pass this on to friends and family, and look for us on Facebook.

<http://register.thelastmileracing.com/search/event.aspx?event=147bbc2f-35a9-4137-9b59-fb2f5ccd6aba.aspx>

We will be adding a second opportunity to pray the Rosary. In addition to Mondays at 2:15, we will be meeting on Thursdays at 2:15 in the chapel. All are welcome!

Thank you to all who assisted with Teacher Appreciation Week and Catholic Schools Week. We feel like they were both a huge success thanks to all of the parents and Board members who gave their time, talents, and dollars selflessly. We are always so grateful for everything you do!! Thank you again! Catherine DeSouza, PTO President

ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

Middies Baseball: Any 7th or 8th grade boys interested in taking part in the Middies baseball program please contact Coach Smith at magnoliaconstruction@comcast.net. Once again we will be fielding a 7th grade and an 8th grade team. Practice will begin in early February and games will be played from mid-March through mid-May. In your response please include players' name, grade, experience, contact phone numbers and email addresses used for communication. Space is limited so please reply soon.

Volunteers Needed for the Baptism Committee: The Baptism committee is looking for new volunteers. This committee is a wonderful way to devote some time to the church without an overwhelming time commitment. Being part of the Baptism committee allows you to welcome new members into our church, participate in a beautiful time in their lives and meet the babies! Committee members help out both at preparation classes and at the actual baptisms. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Laura D'Ascoli at ljdascoli@gmail.com or 360-0718.

Oxbridge Academic Summer Programs: Come to the school office for information regarding the academic summer programs that run in New York, Oxford, and Cambridge for students in grades 8-12. These programs offer students the chance to challenge themselves intellectually, both in traditional disciplines, such as Art History, Literature, Politics and Economics, Drama, Creative Writing, and Speech and Debate, as well as Global Medicine, International Law, Business and Finance, Architecture and Filmmaking.

Richmond Little League: Thursday, February 9th is the registration deadline for boys and girls who are interested in playing Tee-Ball, Machine Pitch, Minors and Majors; Thursday, March 15th is the registration deadline for Juniors. For more information, please visit www.richmondll.com or call 344-7802.

Junior Book & Author: On Thursday, February 23rd at 7:00 PM for 4th-8th graders, come and meet Author Graham Salisbury at The Oates Theatre, Collegiate School. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Please visit <http://www.jlrichmond.org/> to purchase tickets online.

Wishing Well **Pennies for Healthy Kids**

“Pennies for Healthy Kids” is a program created by the Children’s Hospital of Richmond, Virginia. St. Bridget School will participate in this program from **February 8th** through **February 14th**. To make this program successful, students are asked to bring in pennies, other coins and dollar bills and place them in the Wishing Well container in their classrooms. **If a student contributes at least one dollar throughout the week, he or she will receive a free spirit day on Tuesday, February 14th.**

All the money raised by St. Bridget School will go to help the children at the Children’s Hospital of Richmond. These children are very special. They like doing things that healthy kids like to do. It is unfortunate that children should have to spend most of their time in a hospital. However, we must also feel happy for these children. The Children’s Hospital not only provides excellent medical attention but also family rooms, activity rooms, craft rooms, and a huge playground that was donated by the Kappa Delta sorority.

So, make a wish come true for these wonderful children by bringing in your “pennies” and putting them in the wishing well containers in your classroom.

Here is a link of a video that shows who we are helping.
www.chfrichmond.org/movie.

CARITAS

(Congregations Around Richmond Involved to Assure Shelter)

St. Bridget's will once again be hosting 40 men during the week of February 18 – February 25 for shelter, meals, hospitality, showers and laundry. We encourage your participation by reaching out to people in need within our community. At any given time, there are upwards of 1400 sheltered and unsheltered homeless people living in Greater Richmond. Of those, about 250 are children, half of them under the age of 2.

Without the generosity of our students and parents, this important ministry would not be possible. Your help is needed by donating items for a light breakfast and nutritious lunch, as well as toiletry items that are given to each guest. Please follow the grade suggestions below, and please bring items to school beginning Monday, February 13th (all items may be brought to the classroom for further distribution by the teachers).

Thank you for helping provide a warm and hospitable place for our CARITAS guests. Please call if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.

With sincere thanks,

Terri Borzelleca Fad (935-6186)

Laurie Shepherd (281-7553)



Kindergarten — Fruit (apples, oranges, Clementine's, bananas, etc.)

First Grade — Breakfast bars (granola, nutri-grain bars, etc.)

Second Grade — Snack items (individually packaged pretzels, crackers, peanuts, etc.)

Third Grade — Snack items (individually packaged pretzels, crackers, peanuts, etc.)

Fourth Grade — Individual juice boxes

Fifth Grade — 2-liter size soft drinks in **plastic** bottles, all kinds

Sixth Grade — One dozen hard-boiled eggs

(PLEASE DO NOT BRING UNTIL FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19th or TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21st AS MONDAY IS A SCHOOL HOLIDAY)

Seventh Grade — Travel-size toiletry items (disposable razors, shaving cream, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes/toothpaste)

Eighth Grade — Cereal boxes (large boxes and/or packages of single-serving boxes)

Celebrate 60 years of Excellence in Catholic Education with our St. Bridget School 2012 Calendar!



2012 Calendar Order Form

\$15 Each or 2 for \$25

Proceeds benefit St. Bridget School

Name: _____ How many calendars?: _____

Send home with my child in: (circle one) Amount: _____

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Return your order form and check to the school office.
Please make checks payable to St. Bridget School. Thank you!