



The mission of Saint Brigid School, in partnership with family, parish and community, is to educate and encourage students to reach their fullest potential – mind, body and spirit – in an environment of support, understanding and Christian values.

Prayer for Students

Heavenly Father, Christmas-time is such a blessed season of the year as we remember the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ in a stable in Bethlehem, and how we thank You for giving Your only begotten Son to be born into this world. So that by His death and resurrection, He could become our Savior, and we could become Your children.

We thank You for the wonderful hope that the Christmas message instills into each of our hearts, and the glorious message of the gospel of peace – peace with God to all who believe in His name and the peace with God for all who have become Your children.

Help us never to minimize the importance of that time when as our great, eternal Creator God, You broke into human history and became God incarnate – identifying with a race of fallen men, by taking on a body the human flesh – so that You could empathize without frailty and learn obedience by the things that You suffered.

Lord I thank You from the bottom of my heart for all Your goodness and grace to us, and for loving us so much that You chose to be born into our race so that we might be identified with Your righteousness. Praise Your holy name.

Amen

Lego Club Begins Feb. 7

Lego club begins February 7. This year we have Lego Club (K-3) on Tuesdays and Lego Challenge (gr 4-5) on Wednesdays. Lego Club has building activities and crafts, and Lego Challenge is a more challenging club for older students.

Meetings run from 3-4:30. Your child MUST be signed out after each meeting. The cost is \$40 per student (\$30 per each additional student in family, for any Lego Club). The registration deadline is Friday, Jan. 6.

Good luck to Mrs. Stachnik

Good luck to Mrs. Tracy Stachnik. For the past few years, Mrs. Stachnik has been attending Central Michigan University to pursue her Michigan Teacher Certification in Secondary Education for the integrated science. She is nearing the end of her studies and wants to fully concentrate on finishing up next year.

Mrs. Stachnik has worked at Saint Brigid since 2009. She worked in the school kitchen, coached our girls volleyball team for a few years, and most recently has taught middle school physical education, healthy habits, and alternative technology. Thanks to Mrs. Stachnik for everything she gave for Saint Brigid Catholic School.

Thank You and Welcome

Thanks to Mrs. Christine Buchalski for being the long-term sub in the 7th grade homeroom for Mrs. Bergman while she is on maternity leave.

Welcome to Miss Kristi Sinicki, who will begin working in Mrs. Bergman's room on Tuesday, Jan. 3 and will finish out the year in the 7th grade homeroom. Miss Sinicki graduated from Saginaw Valley University and just finished her student teaching in Frankenmuth.

Welcome back to Deanna Gambrell, who will teach middle school physical education. Mrs. Gambrell taught middle school math and PE a few years ago at St. Brigid.

Box Top Winners

Thank you to all who participated in the Fall Box Tops collection. The top collectors and winners of a jean pass are:

- Rachel Cain
- Zachary Pider
- Sophie Stamas
- Allison Miller
- Liam Bischer
- Marianna Etienne
- Vivan Deeth
- Cheryl Fritz
- Megan Haskell
- Kannon Weckesser
- Katie Stachowiak
- Gianna Budd

Athletics

St. Brigid boys' basketball teams are taking a break during Christmas vacation. Both teams will resume play on Jan. 7. If you have not made it out to cheer them on, check out their schedule below:

5th grade team:

1/7	vs. Swan Valley	@Home	11 a.m.
1/14	vs. NCCE	@Nouvel	9 a.m.
1/18	vs. Hemlock Blue	@Home	6 p.m.
1/28	vs. Hemlock White	@All Saints	9 a.m.

Middle school team:

1/7	vs. SASA	@Home	10 a.m.
1/11	vs. All Saints Blue	@Home	7 p.m.
1/18	vs. All Saints White	@Home	7 p.m.
1/25	vs. Flint Int	@Home	7 p.m.
1/28	vs. St. Joseph	@All Saints	Noon

Other news:

St. B's winter sports teams will have team pictures after Christmas break.

- 1/10/2017 @ 4:30p.m. Boys Basketball
- 1/13/2017 @ 3:30p.m. Pom Squad

Important Dates

- Jan. 4 – Afterschool choir meeting until 3:45
- Jan. 5 – Battle of the Books meeting in 4th and 5th classrooms
- Jan. 6 – 8th grade Mass (8:30 a.m.)
Lego Club/Mindstorm Registration Due
- Jan. 7 – 5th grade basketball at home (11 a.m.)
MS basketball at home (10 a.m.)
- Jan. 8 – K of C Pancake Breakfast in CHPH (10am)
- Jan. 11 – Afterschool choir meeting until 3:45
MS basketball at home (7 p.m.)
- Jan. 12 – Battle of the Books meeting in 4th and 5th classrooms
- Jan. 13 – 1st grade Mass at 8:30 a.m.
- Jan. 14 – K of C Free Throw Contest in CHPH

Middle School Information Night

Families of current 4th and 5th grade students are invited to attend our middle school information night at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 30. Staff members will be on hand to present information about the many classes and programs that are available to our middle school students.

Catholic Schools Week Jan. 30-Feb. 3

Catholic Schools Week is happening Jan. 30-Feb. 3. There are many activities planned, which include:

- ~ Each homeroom will film a video thanking the many careers that contribute to the Midland community and post on our website, Facebook, and Twitter pages.
- ~ Tuesday - Student appreciation day. Movie in the gym for all students. No homework.
- ~ Wednesday (Feast of Saint Brigid Day) - Fr. Pat will celebrate regular school Mass. A talent/art show in the evening in the CHPH and Room 13 (open area).
- ~ Thursday - 3-5 grades will participate in an all-day field trip with students from Auburn Area Catholic Schools and Blessed Sacrament. All other students will get to dress as a member of the staff.
- ~ Friday -- Donuts with Dad in the morning and Sock Hop in the evening.
- ~ Sunday – St. B's Open House (10-11:30 a.m.) during the Pancake Breakfast.

Birthdays

Clara Allington	7 th	12/21
Norah Allington	7 th	12/21
Mrs. Marino	Speech	12/26
Katie Stachowiak	K	1/2
Mr. Chronowski	Lunch	1/9
Lauren VanSumeren	5 th	1/10
Isaiah Vajcner	4 th	1/14
Raegan Woodiwiss	6 th	1/19