



**CIRCLE OF PRAYER** is every Monday morning at 8:05 a.m.

### SAINT ANDREW'S ADVENT PRAYER

*HAIL and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold.*

*In that hour vouchsafe, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother.  
Amen.*

### WINTER WEATHER

With the cold winter weather approaching, please remember to have your child bring the appropriate clothing and gear for outside recess. All students **MUST** have a coat on to participate in outdoor recess. Other outside gear should include: hat, scarf, snow pants, and gloves. ALL students go outside daily for a 20 minute recess after lunch. Students will only stay in for indoor recess if the wind chill is below 0°F or if it is raining.

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

### IMPORTANT DATES DECEMBER

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| 8  | Feast of the Immaculate Conception       |                |
|    | Mass at Blessed Sacrament                | 9:00 a.m.      |
| 11 | Christmas Concert                        | 6:00 p.m.      |
| 13 | Mass with Students (6 <sup>th</sup> gr.) | 8:30 a.m.      |
| 15 | K-5 Spirit Day – Sports Day              |                |
|    | Middle School Spirit Day - Character Day |                |
|    | Middle School Dance                      | 6:00-8:00 p.m. |
| 18 | Red & Green Spirit Day (All School)      |                |
|    | Make-It Take-It                          | 12:30 p.m.     |
|    | School Committee Meeting                 | 6:30 p.m.      |
| 19 | Communal Penance with School             | 9:00 a.m.      |
|    | Newsletter                               |                |
| 20 | Mass with Students (5 <sup>th</sup> gr.) | 8:30 a.m.      |
|    | 11:30 a.m. Dismissal                     |                |

21-Jan 1 **CHRISTMAS BREAK – NO SCHOOL**

### JANUARY

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| 2 | School Resumes                           | 7:55 a.m. |
| 3 | Mass with students (4 <sup>th</sup> gr.) | 8:30 a.m. |
|   | Newsletter                               |           |



### SAVE THE DATES

#### **Tuesday, Jan. 9**

Middle School Parent Information Night	6:30 p.m.
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#### **Tuesday, Feb. 13**

Kindergarten Open House	1:30 p.m.
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**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

The Saint Brigid Christmas Concert is Monday, Dec. 11 at 6:00 p.m. Students should be dressed in their Christmas/Sunday best. The program will be split into two sections; the choir portion and the band portion.

Choir/Band portion (K-5)

- 6:00 p.m. start time. Please have students arrive by 5:45 p.m. to their appropriate classroom.

Band portion (6-8)

- 7:00 p.m. start time. Please have students arrive by 6:30 p.m. to the band room.

Students will be dismissed from the gym after the concert.

**RED & GREEN SPIRIT DAY**

On Monday, Dec. 18, all students may wear red and/or green clothing or Christmas clothing. Be festive...and creative.

**STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS**

Student Council has decided to clean up the playground for their December service project. Student council officers, representatives, and alternates will be working on clean up after school on Wednesday, Dec. 13. Students will clean up the area of trash, as well as fill in the holes under the swings.

The children chose Sports Day as the spirit day for the month. On Friday, Dec. 15, students (K-5) may wear a shirt representing their favorite sports team or a sport team that they play on. Jeans are permitted. However, no sports equipment is allowed.

**FOURTH GRADE NEWS**

The sac fry are here! The Salmon in the Classroom program continues in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Over Thanksgiving break, many of our salmon eggs emerged or "hatched" into sac fry. The sac fry is the next step in the development of the salmon. With this sac, the fish are nourished and do not need to be fed yet. They swim mostly near the bottom of the tank. They continue to develop with this stage. The fish are translucent, and the sac will shrink completely over time. Once the sac has disappeared, the fish will need to be fed. Stop into the classroom, either before or after school, to see the progress.

**STUDENT LEADERSHIP NEWS**

The middle school Student Leadership Team would like to thank everyone who brought in food for the November Food Drive. We were able to donate many nonperishable items to the Midland County Emergency Food Pantry thanks to the generosity of our school families. Coming up next, Student Leadership will be running our annual "Make It, Take It" craft event, helping the elementary students create surprises to take home for the holidays.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS**

The middle school students will be participating in the Advent "Secret Santa." The activity will begin on Wednesday, Dec. 13, and will come to a close during the M.S. Christmas party on Wednesday, Dec. 20. Students are encouraged to gift acts of kindness, instead of gifting store-bought gifts in the days leading up to the reveal. The reveal gift should be no more than \$10. Students can write a thoughtful note, gift a handmade item, pray for each other, etc. Be sure to read all of the guidelines and contact your students' teacher with any questions or concerns.

The middle school Winter Dance is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 15, in the CHPH from 6:00-8:00 p.m. All Saint Brigid middle school students are invited to join and dress as a Christmas character (ex. Snowman, Santa, an elf, or a reindeer).

**8<sup>th</sup> GRADE PARENT INFORMATION**

As we approach the New Year, parents will begin to look at high school for their child(ren). Below you will find information on Nouvel Catholic Central's Parent Information Night and Open House for incoming freshman.

- Thursday, Dec. 17 – Parent Information Night 6:00 p.m.
- Monday, Jan. 29 – Open House 6:30 p.m.

*We will continue to update 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents with information for the surrounding high schools.*

**ATHLETICS**

The schedules for the upcoming games are as follows:

**5/6 Team –**

12/9	vs. Swan Valley(w)	@Home	9 a.m.
12/13	vs. Nouvel (b)	@Home	6 p.m.
12/16	vs. Hemlock	@Hemlock	9 a.m.
1/3	vs. Swan Valley(w)	@Home	6 p.m.

**7/8/ Team –**

11/29	vs. All Saints	@All Saints	7p.m.
12/9	vs. St. Joseph	@Home	10 a.m.
12/16	vs. St. Lorenz	@St.Lorenz	10a.m.
1/3	vs. St. Elizabeth	@St.Elizabeth	7p.m.

**PATRIOT'S PEN ESSAY CONTEST**

The VFW annually sponsors an essay contest asking students to reflect on their feelings about their country. This year's theme was about "America's Gift to My Generation." All Saint Brigid seventh grade students entered as part of public speaking class. L. Grossman finished in second place winning \$75.00. Congratulations!

**LEGO CLUB**

Lego Club will begin in January! Registration has been sent via email and is also available in the school office. Paperwork is due by January 5<sup>th</sup> and the first meeting is scheduled for January 25<sup>th</sup>.

**HOLIDAY SCRIP SALE/CONTEST**

The Holiday Scrip sale has returned. This is the time to collect "external" orders from your family, friends, and co-workers. Information and order forms will be going home to each family today. This year the Saint Brigid Scrip Program Team is hosting a contest that will run November 21 – December 31. See contest rules below:

- The Class with highest total order \$/student will win free dress day.
- All orders \$100 and over will be put in a drawing for a \$50 scrip gift certificate.
- External scrip orders obtained will count toward school family's class total and the gift certificate drawing.

**Happy Scrip-ing!**

**WHO'S THE OWNER?**

All **Hanley** embroidered uniform items are in. At this time we have one order without a name, and it is still unclaimed in the front office. If you think this is your order, please see Mrs. Becker or Mrs. Shark in the front office to identify the items.

**FOR SALE****Hanley Embroidered Uniform Wear!**

Fleece vest – Charcoal – Adult Large  
Fleece Vest – Navy - Adult Medium  
\$24.00 for both. Please see Mrs. Shark to purchase or with any questions.

**A NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM VBS**

All families with preschoolers and elementary school students are invited to a one night only VBS to explore Bethlehem the night Jesus was born! Join us at Blessed Sacrament on **Sunday, Dec. 10**, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., for hands-on experiences in the weaver's shop, the potter's shed, the scribe's tent, and at the baker's table. We will also be visiting Mary and Joseph to experience A Night in Bethlehem. There is no charge and details are available. Please contact Anne Marie Graham at [amgraham@stbrigid-midland.org](mailto:amgraham@stbrigid-midland.org).



**Celebrate Catholic  
Schools Week 2018**  
January 28 – February 3  
#CSW18