



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

A PRAYER FOR STUDENTS

O Lord God,

School is not always easy, and some days it is very difficult, and I struggle to relax and be at peace. Yet I know that You will give me patience, wisdom, and courage, to be excellent in every way, and You will help me love others, as You love me.

Amen

NWEA

NWEA Testing begins this week and runs through the 2nd week in February. Below are some helpful tips for to prepare students for a testing session:

- Make sure your child get an ample, normal amount of sleep the night before the test
- Mark testing days on your calendar to help remind you and your child when the testing will take place and plan your preparations
- Be sure your child eats a nutritious and filling breakfast. Avoid high sugar breakfasts, which can make the student hyper and/or unfocused.

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
JANUARY**

15	NO SCHOOL – Staff Prof. Develop. Day	
17	Talent Show Auditions (CHPH)	3:00 p.m.
20	K of C Free Throw Championship Contest (CHPH)	11:00 a.m.
24	Next Newsletter	
26	M.S. Spirit Day – STAR WARS DAY	
28	Catholic Schools Week Kick Off Mass with Families Family Potluck (CHPH)	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
30	Talent Show/Art Fair	6:00-8:00 p.m.
31	S.T.E.M. Fair (CHPH)	1:00-4:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY

1	Donuts with Dad (CHPH) Mass with students (K) Preschool “Winter” Story Time	7:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 1:00-2:00 p.m.
2	Sock Hop	6:00-8:00 p.m.



SAVE THE DATES

Tuesday, Feb. 13

Kindergarten Open House 1:30 p.m.



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SCHOOL CHOIR

The parish staff would like to thank all of the children for singing at Mass on Christmas Eve. The “angelic” voices remind us of God’s greatest gift.

The school choir will sing at the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Sunday, Jan.28. Please report to the church choir room by 5:00 p.m.

The choir will also be performing in the Saint Brigid Talent Show. Rehearsals will continue every Tuesday from 3:00 – 3:45 p.m.

8th 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 Open House dates for the area high schools:

- **H.H. Dow** – Incoming 9th Grade Information Night – *Monday, Jan. 15, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.*
- **Midland High** – Incoming 9th Grade Information Night - *Monday, Jan. 18, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.in the cafeteria*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for adults (parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc.) to lend their time and talent in our lunch room and on the playground for recess. If you are interested please contact the front office at your earliest convenience.

Student lunch time: 11:05 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Student recess time: 11:25 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

FOOD SERVICE AND LUNCH ACCOUNT BALANCES

Earlier this week an email went out to families with your students’ lunch account balances. If your family did not receive an email, please be sure to contact Mrs. VanSumeren in our Food Service Dept. at cvansumeren@stbrigid-midland.org. We apologize for the delay in sending out account balance updates. You will now be receiving these on a weekly basis. All accounts should be paid through the FACTS Management System. Your deposits will take up to one week to reflect in your Skyward account.

Thank you for your patience while we made system changes and corrections.

WINTER WEATHER

With the cold winter weather here, 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.

GUARDIAN ANGEL WALK-A-THON

Sunday, May 20, 2018

1:00 p.m.

Your help in needed! We are in need of a committee to work with Mrs. Becker on promoting the Saint Brigid School Annual Guardian Angel Walk-a-thon. All funds raised go directly into the Guardian Angel Scholarship Fund. Please contact either Mrs. Shark at tshark@stbrigid-midland.org or Mrs. Becker at mbecker@stbrigid-midland.org. There will be an organizational meeting in February. Thank you in advance for any help you can provide.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

On Jan. 26, Student Leadership is hosting a STAR WARS day for the middle school students. Students in grades 6 – 8 are encouraged to participate by wearing STAR WARS clothing or dressing up as characters of the story

DRAMA FUN

Calling all students in grades 5 – 8! Drama Fun scheduled meetings are as follows:

- Feb. 13
- March 13
- April 10
- May 8

All meetings will be in the Open Area and begin after school and end at 4:00 p.m. For more information please contact Miss Groth at sgroth@stbrigid-midland.org



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK KICK OFF

We will Kick off Catholic Schools Week 2018 on Sunday, Jan. 28 by celebrating together at 5:30 p.m. Mass at Saint Brigid Catholic Church. The Mass is be followed by a family potluck in the CHPH. All are welcome! Please bring your own place setting, drinks and favorite dish to pass. The week will be filled with activities during and after school, for students, staff, and families!

ATHLETICS

The schedules for the upcoming games are as follows:

5/6 Team –

1/17	vs. Swan Valley(p)	@Home	6 p.m.
1/20	vs. Nouvel (w)	@Home	10 a.m.
1/24	vs. Hemlock	@Home	6 p.m.

7/8 Team –

1/10	vs. St. Lorenz	@Home	6 p.m.
1/13	vs. All Saints	@All Saints	10 a.m.
1/24	vs. Midland Acad.	@Home	7 p.m.
1/27	vs. St. Lorenz	@St.Elizabeth	10a.m.

K of C FREETHROW CONTEST

The Knights of Columbus is hosting a free-throw contest for children ages 9 – 14 at Saint Brigid School gym on Saturday, Jan. 20, at 11:00 a.m. There is no charge to participate in this event. Please come 10 minutes early for registration.

**IT'S BACK!**

Junior Science, a S.T.E.M. based after school science program, is returning. The program is open to any student in grades 3-6. The program will be on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30-4:45. Our own Mrs. Nemeth will be teaching the program. She will partner with area scientists to bring PHYSICS alive! The program begins on Monday, Feb. 12, and runs through Monday, March 26. Look for more information and the registration flyer next week.

THANK YOU

The students, families, and staff of Saint Brigid Catholic School were able to donate 300 items to the Midland County Emergency Food Pantry. With our donation they were able to continue to support the SAMS Pantry. Each year SAMS serves about 1,000 families in the Midland Area. Midland County Emergency Food Pantry thanks all of those who donated and supported.

thank you!

BE DEBT FREE**FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY**

begins Mon., Jan. 29 at 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the St. Brigid Youth Center and will run through March 26th. What if you knew where all of your money was going each month? What if you were debt-free, investing and making wise spending decisions? With Dave Ramsey's class, you CAN take control of your money and start planning for your future. Coordinators: Keith & Kara Malkowski. Visit www.daveramsey.com to register and purchase class materials. Questions? Text or call Kara at 600-0392.

Head to Head

All interested middle school students are encouraged to attend the 2018 Head to Head kick off meeting on Friday, Jan. 12. The meeting will be held in room 230 from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

H2H is a fun and inclusive extracurricular activity that allows students to find a place where they can participate and be successful. Use the following link to learn more about the Head to Head Program:

headtoheadtesting.com

The team is also looking for adult volunteers who may be interested in helping to run the team this year. There are many jobs....BIG and small! Please feel free to come to the meeting as well! Snacks will be provided. Please contact Anne Quinn for more information on volunteering your time and talent at alquinn1@gmail.com



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