

The Principal's Newsletter

St. Bridget School Newsletter

April 8th, 2009

Saint Bridget
Our Patron Saint



ST. Bridget Church & School COOKING for KIDS COOKBOOK



Recipes have been rolling in for our "Cooking for Kids" Cookbook and those that have been submitted so far sound delicious! However, we are a bit shy of our goal of 200 recipes. Maybe you have a favorite family recipe that you would like to share with others or one that is quick and easy with a few ingredients that tastes like you've cooked all day! Everyone has something to share and all recipes are welcome! Our categories are:

Appetizers & Beverages; Soups & Salads; Vegetables & Side Dishes; Main Dishes; Breads & Rolls; Desserts; Cookies & Candy; and This & That.

There is no limit to the number of recipes you can submit. When submitting your recipes, please be sure to include your full name so you can be acknowledged for your recipe(s). There are three ways that you may submit your recipes:

- 1) E-mail them to me at mrsdoco@aol.com In the subject line, please put cookbook recipes.
- 2) You may drop them off at the rectory office. If you are not using the recipe cards, please put them in an envelope labeled cookbook recipes.
- 3) You may also drop them off to Mrs. Rinkenberger in the school office. Again, if not using the recipe cards, please put them in an envelope labeled cookbook recipes.

Recipe cards will be available on the tables located in the back of the church after all masses. As well as in the rectory office and the school office.

The original deadline of May 1st has been extended to May 15th due to spring break.

I would like to thank all of you who have contributed recipes so far and I look forward to those recipes that will be submitted in the future.

Thank you for all of your support!

Bonnie Olson



Find out how to get a \$1,000 tuition credit on the next page!

ART Department Request:

The Art Department is in need of a couple of volunteers to help with a special project. As part of our Kids In Need Foundation grant, grades Kindergarten, 1 and 2 are creating a "container garden" (we're calling it our "Kinder-Garden") to put in the Lobby underneath the statue of St. Bridget. The garden consists of 8 potted plants - one very, very large one, 4 medium pots, and 3 smaller pots, plus a few garden stones to complete the display. The garden will remain in the Lobby until the end of the school year, although some of the plants will be raffled off at the BLOOM Style Show. The children have painted and decorated the pots this week, and with your help, will plant their garden the week before Easter break. I need a parent volunteer to help "plant" the garden on Thursday, April 9th with grades 1 and 2 in the afternoon.

Also, if any of you have any houseplants that you can donate so we can assure our pots are full and lush, we could use extra plants such as trailing plants (ivy, etc) and sturdier plants such as peace lilies.

Finally, I also need a couple of parent volunteers to help decorate the Lobby for the BLOOM style Show. I have artwork to hang on the walls, and would like to have that up BEFORE we leave for Spring Break. This could be done at your convenience, but before Thursday, April 9th.

Yearbook reminder: We are contracted to sell 100 yearbooks and I'd love to meet our contracted amount this year! \$18.00 buys a great keepsake with lots of new features this year!

If you can assist with any of the above, please contact Lisa Peretin, lperetin@stbridgethobart.org or parrot10@earthlink.net

THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Recruiting & Open Registration

We are now actively in the recruiting and open registration mode. If you have a St. Bridget School sign at home, it's time to put it up in the front yard for everyone to see.

How about visiting the neighbors who have young children (potential St. Bridget students) and inviting them to come and visit our school. Our Bishop told us to **"tell your parents to speak out in an active manner"** about our school community. ***If you bring in a NEW family its worth a \$500 credit to your tuition the first year and \$500 the next year;*** its in the contract (read for further details). Your efforts will help build a stronger school and school community.



The Law of the Garbage Truck

One day I hopped in a taxi and we took off for the airport. We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on his brakes, skidded, and missed the other car by just inches! The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us.

My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And I mean, he was really very friendly. So I asked, 'Why did you just do that? This guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!' This is when my taxi driver taught me what I now call, 'The Law of the Garbage Truck.'

He explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger, and full of disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it and sometimes they'll dump it on you. Don't take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on.

Don't take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home, or on the streets. The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day.

Life's too short to wake up in the morning with regrets, so... Love the people who treat you right. Pray for the ones who don't.

Life is ten percent what you make it.....and ninety percent how you take it!
Have a blessed, garbage-free day!



Faith Focus:

The Holy Land includes many holy places, but none so venerable, some say, as the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. This favorite place of pilgrimage has many chapels, favorites being St. Helena, and the True Cross and the "Chapel of Adam." The place of the Lord's crucifixion was called Golgotha in Greek, Calvary in Latin, translations of the Hebrew word for "skull". It was so called in tradition, relates Jerome and others, because of the ancient legend that Christ was crucified on the very spot in which Adam was buried, so that the blood of Jesus would have poured down its redemptive stream upon mankind's first guilty head. The skull and cross bones that appear occasionally at the foot of a crucifix are a remnant of this legend. Whatever there is to this, "Golgotha" is a fitting name for this holy hill, possibly resembling a skull in fact or fancy, on which the second Adam's obedience culminated.

As is often asked: INRI - the inscription above Jesus' head - Iesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum - Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews - a mix of Hebrew, Greek, and Latin
from Catholic Source Book..Rev. Peter Klein



Art To Remember

Art Institute FIELD TRIP

Grades 3, 4 and 5 visited the Art Institute in Chicago last week, courtesy of a Target grant. The tour was enlightening and the docents (tour guides) said our children were wonderfully behaved. The students asked some good questions and answered a few tough questions correctly too! Although each grade received a separate tour experience, all students were able to see the Claude Monet room and the famous Georges Seurat piece Saturday Afternoon On La Grande Jatte. The museum staff were very kind and informative. All families are welcome to visit the museum during the 3rd week of May when the AIC opens its newest wing on Modern Art. The museum will be free to all visitors for this week. Thank you to our chaperones, Eclipse Bus Service, and to Target for making this experience happen!

Don't forget to keep logging on to Artsonia!

www.artsonia.com Thank you,

Lisa Peretin

A Free Guide to Talking & Connecting with Your Child

Includes practical tips and ideas on how to:

- Handle tough conversations at every stage
- Teach kids to turn down offers to do drugs and drink
- Answer appropriately when your child asks, "Did you do drugs?"
- Involve caring adults — like grandparents, aunts and uncles
- Use TV to help you talk to your teen about drugs and alcohol

Get Help Talking

Whether you're a parent, relative, or mentor to a child, there are going to be times when you need help discussing issues both big and small. That's why we've created the Time To Talk Talk Kit. With ideas on how to start talking, scripts on what to say, and tips for answering tough questions, this kit can help you keep the child in your life healthy and drug-free!

Parents - The Most Powerful Influence in a Child's Life

It is surprising to many parents that they are the most powerful influence in a child's life — greater than friends, athletes, musicians, and even celebrities! Our research shows that kids who learn a lot about the risks of drugs from their parents are 50% less likely to use drugs and alcohol than those who do not; yet, only a third of teens report learning a lot from their parents.

About Time To Talk

Time To Talk® is the Partnership for a Drug-Free America's nationwide movement that reinforces the huge influence parents have in helping children make healthy choices. Talking with kids about the risks of drugs and alcohol isn't as hard as parents think. Time To Talk helps make these conversations easier with free, research-based tools and tips to help parents and caregivers have ongoing discussions with their kids. The Partnership champions parents' efforts to be the heroes in their kids' lives. We are a nonprofit organization that motivates and equips parents to prevent their children from using drugs and alcohol, intervene when use occurs, and supports families to find help and treatment for loved ones when needed.

Get the Talk Kit!

Paste the following address in an internet window: http://www.timetotalk.org/comcast/comcast_ttt_kit.pdf

Hobart Kiwanis Mission

The Hobart Kiwanis mission is to help children. Their current fundraiser is a raffle, benefiting Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis. Raffle tickets will be available for order through the school office for \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

- 1st prize is a 7 night Mexican Riviera Cruise for 2 with airfare
- 2nd prize is a 4 night vacation in Las Vegas for 2 with airfare
- 3rd prize is a 47 inch flat panel HDTV
- 4th prize is a 2 night stay at Canterbury Indianapolis & dinner for 2 at St. Elmo's
- 5th – 7th prizes are \$400 American Express Gift Cheques

Winner need not be present. Drawing will be August 15th, 2009 at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Indianapolis. All proceeds go to Kiwanis Indiana District for the purchase of a Mobil Intensive Care Unit. For more info visit the Riley Raffle page at www.indkiw.org

Christine McCullom

*Concentrate on
this Sentence...*



**'To get something
you never had, you
have to do something
you never did.'**

*When God takes something from
your grasp, He's not punishing
you, but merely opening your
hands to receive something
better.*

**'The will of God will never take
you where the Grace of God will
not protect you.'**



BLOOMnews

Seats for the St. Bridget BLOOM Style Show
are now officially SOLD OUT!!

THERE WILL BE NO SEATS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR.

We thank everyone who has helped us already make the style show a success by making seat reservations, purchasing cash raffle tickets and participating in the basket raffle at the K of C fish fries.

See you on April 19th, when you'll be able to see the event in full BLOOM!

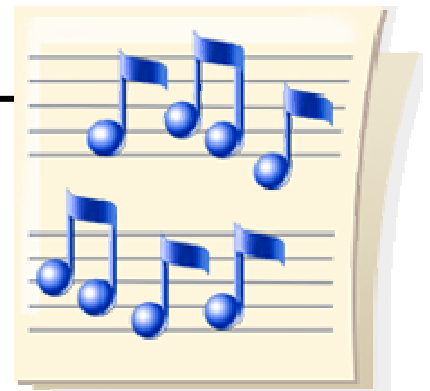
The Rusty Pipes
Community Band

SPRING CONCERT

Thursday, April 9th
3 pm

NEW Hobart High School Auditorium

Tickets \$5
Grade 12 & under free



HSA Meeting Minutes

March 26th

Update on the March 16th meeting with the Bishop

Father talked about last Monday's meeting with the Bishop and SB financial council. He seemed pleased with the outcome. Our school is now current with its debt. We are paid through March. We still have work to do to keep our bills paid. We have Script/Market Day, Bloom Style Show, Vacation Raffle, and Bingo coming up.

SOS Drive

Amy Heuring talked about the great success of the 'Secure Our School' phone drive that was started to get current with our school debt. Since last month's meeting we have received donations from our SBS alumni, parishioners, family, and friends totaling around \$67,000!

New School Contracts for next year

Soon your kids will be sent home with the new school contracts for next year (*they were sent home at the end of March*). They include several new items worth mentioning:

NO increase in school tuition

New \$1200 fundraising buyout option

New \$500 referral incentive for recruiting new families to SBS

Service hours increase from 20 to 30 hours

Script/Market Day requirement increase to \$500 per month

Marketing Director

Mrs. Arias is our new marketing director. She now has an office in the School and is working on the requirement process to get more families into SBS.

New SBS Family Recruitment

We already have (68 families & 126 students) registered for school next fall. We need EVERYONE to spread the word about SBS. We need to boost enrollment. A \$500 recruitment reward is being given for finding new students. New ALL DAY Pre-K is going to be offered in the fall.

Fund Raising Director

Mrs. Heuring has stepped up to head our fundraising efforts. She will keep us on track with our fund raising and be sure we stay current with our debt. She passed out Entertainment Books for each parent at the meeting. These are free gifts to use. We will be selling entertainment books next fall as one of our school fundraisers. You can contact Mrs. Heuring in the Rectory with questions or ideas.

Saint Bridget Cookbook

Mrs. Olson still needs more recipes for the Saint Bridget cookbook. She would like you to get them to her before May 1st so they will be ready to start selling at the parish festival.

Bingo

We need more helpers (maybe teams) for Saint Bridget Bingo Sunday nights. Training will be available. We are still waiting on some paperwork from the state for licensing. This can be a great money maker for our school.

SBS Sports

Mr. Parlock said our students are having a great time with basketball and are doing well. He said people have commented on how great the kids are from SBS. Mr. Arias coached a winning volleyball team. Mr. Pearson needs parents to get him pictures from some of our kids sporting events. He currently does not have any. Track will be starting up soon. They are always looking for volunteers interested in helping with sports and for kids to go out for sports. Concession stand help is always appreciated as well.