



**SAINT BRIGID
OF KILDARE SCHOOL**
Seeking Grace and Wisdom

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Saint Brigid of Kildare
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November 2014

Room Parents

Thank you for all your work in planning and organizing our Halloween parties. Parents, thank you for attending--a good time was had by all! Thank you to everyone who sent in supplies, provided food and drinks, or provided materials for the crafts and games!

Next on the list is the Christmas Party. Mark your calendar now for Thursday, December 18, for the 3's and Friday, December 19, for the 4's and PreK. For these days, all children will arrive at school at the usual time. The morning parties on Thursday (3's) and Friday (4's 3 day and PreK AM) will start at 9:30 AM and will end at 10:45. On December 19th, the afternoon parties (4's 5 day and PreK PM) will start at noon and will end at 1:15.

At the Christmas party we will be celebrating Jesus' birthday. The children will be singing at the beginning of each party and you won't want to miss it! Look for more Christmas party information and for Las Posadas information to come home in early December.

Preschool Party Childcare

It is not too early to begin planning for your Christmas party childcare needs!

Tina White is coordinating childcare in the parish nursery during our preschool parties. Contact her at (614) 205-7237 or tinawhite206@hotmail.com if you are interested in learning more or to sign-up for any of the Christmas parties. Please remember that you must sign up in order to participate. She needs to plan to have adequate adult coverage.

~~Thank you Tina for your time and effort in coordinating this offering.

Classroom Volunteers

Mrs. Funk, Mrs. McKenna and Mrs. Kellogg will not be sending home parent volunteer calendars for the month of December. Look for daily opportunities to resume in January.

Book Orders

Scholastic book orders are due by December 1st. This will be the last book order before Christmas. If you are new to Scholastic and want to give it a try, go to clubs2.scholastic.com. Our code for online ordering is 1F216. If you are ordering items to use as gifts, please let us know and we will discreetly get them to you when they arrive.

Snack Reminder

Although we encourage you to ask for your child's help in choosing and preparing their snack, please guide them to make appropriate choices. Please use your Healthy Snacks A thru Z list as a reference and use the Allergy Advisory as a guideline for selecting snacks that are safe. We ask that snacks do not contain peanuts and /or tree nuts. We also ask that you do not send foods that may contain peanuts and/or tree nuts as well as foods that are manufactured in a facility that processes or uses shared equipment. There are so, so many healthy choices out there that are safe to be in the classroom. We are trying to keep our learning spaces safe for all children.

If you would like another copy of the Allergy Advisory, please ask and we will send another copy home with your child. We thank you for your support and cooperation. And, the parents of the children with food allergies thank you too.



Weather Related Reminders:

School Closings

The snow on Monday caught us by surprise! Although it was predicted, we don't usually get this much this soon. Like it or not, the cold weather is here to stay! If school is cancelled because of weather conditions, you will always hear St. Brigid announced separately from the Columbus Diocesan Schools. We will always follow the decision of Dublin Public Schools. If you see Columbus Catholic Schools, this does not necessarily mean that St. Brigid is closed. We use a phone and e-mail alert to directly inform parents of weather emergencies. Closings will also be announced on local radio and television stations. If Dublin announces a two-hour delay, there will be no morning Preschool classes for that day.

Snow Boots

There is nothing quite like clomping through the snow in a new pair of boots! It is a fun sensory activity for all ages. However, please remember that according to the Saint Brigid of Kildare Dress Code, snow boots are not to be worn in the classroom during the school day. Your child can wear their boots to school, but you also need to send dress code appropriate shoes to be changed into for class. You can either leave the boots here under their cubby or take them with you when you leave.

Mittens vs. Gloves

Unless your child is a pro at getting their fingers in gloves, please get them mittens! We want their hands to be warm. It is much easier for them to experience success when putting on a mitten compared to the frustration of trying to put on a glove!



Calendar of Upcoming Events

November

26-28 No school for the Thanksgiving holiday

December

1 Scholastic Book Orders Due

18 Christmas Party for 3's

19 Christmas Party for 4's and PreK, Early Dismissal for the whole school (including preschool) 1:30 pm

22-Jan. 2 Christmas Break

The Preschool staff feels abundantly blessed.
Daily we give thanks for our many blessings!
We are thankful for all of you and your children!
Happy Thanksgiving!



FAQ: Does the Gifts of Gratitude program include preschool?
Yes! The preschool staff is included as a part of the Saint Brigid staff.