SAINT BRIGID OF KILDARE SCHOOL
Seeking Grace and Wisdom

Home & School
2018-2019
What is Home & School?

Home & School is the parent volunteer association at Saint Brigid of Kildare School. The Home & School Association strives to enrich the Catholic School experience for students and their families by providing a volunteer base and money for supplemental programs, fun activities, staff appreciation and classroom equipment for St. Brigid School. Some of our events and programs include Barn Bash, Pizza Bingo, Field Day, Uniform Exchange, Library Volunteers, and much more!

**How we're funded:** Home & School is funded entirely by contributions made to the Annual Fund. The Annual Fund is a once a year contribution that covers the costs of after school programs, extracurriculars, school performances and field trips organized by Home & School. We do not hold any fundraisers – we won't ask your children to sell things like wrapping paper, magazines or candy because our tuition rates and Annual Fund cover the costs of all extra activities.

**How to get involved:** Volunteer opportunities and positions are described below. If you have an interest in participating in any of these areas, please consider attending the H&S kick-off meeting on Sept 4, or sign up online.

**Volunteer requirements:** All Home and School volunteers must complete the Safe Environment volunteer requirements including completion of Protecting God’s Children. For more information, visit stbrigidofkildare.org, and search “safe environment.”

Save the Dates: Upcoming Events

**Barn Bash**

**Friday, October 19, 2018  6:00-8:30 pm**

Join the school family at Leed’s Farm in Ostrander, Ohio for a night of fun games, dinner, snacks, beverages, baked goods, family activities, fun and games and a DJ! This is a fun night for the whole family!

Visit www.stbrigidofkildare.com and search “Barn Bash.”

**Pizza Bingo**

**Friday, February 8, 2019  6:00 pm**

Join the school family in our school cafeteria and Enke Hall for a night of Bingo, games, activities and of course pizza! This is an annual tradition our students look forward to each year.

Look for registration instructions this winter.
How to Contribute: Annual Fund

Instead of having our children and parents participate in fundraising projects that raise more for the companies sponsoring the sale than for our school, an Annual Fund donation by each family supports the efforts of Home & School at Saint Brigid of Kildare. Each dollar raised goes directly to school projects and improvement. Because of this, we will never ask you or your children to sell items door to door to raise money for our school.

The Annual Fund supports the efforts of our Home & School, including welcome and tours, artists and authors in the school, class parties, class field trips, teacher appreciation, playground supplies, student organizations (ALSO programs), school musicals, new family welcome, classroom wish lists and the teacher education fund, among others.

The general suggested request is $100 per student in order to meet the needs of the school programs the fund supports. However, any amount is appreciated.

Your early contribution to the fund is appreciated as some school programs begin at the start of the school year.

Contribute Online
Visit www.stbrigidofkildare.com and search “Annual Fund.”

How to Contribute: Gifts of Gratitude

Gifts of gratitude was established by the Home and School Association as a united effort to provide a generous monetary gift to every school and parish teacher and staff member at Christmas and the end of the year to thank them for all they do for our children.

Why participate?
This is a convenient way for families to make sure that each teacher, aide, and staff member who touches your child’s life is recognized for all they do at St. Brigid. Instead of several small gifts from each student, each teacher and staff member will receive a monetary gift that they choose how to use—whether they want to splurge on themselves or help with their own family’s expenses.

Will my family be recognized for participating?
Yes -- the teachers and staff will receive a list of families who participate in this program. You may also let the teachers and staff know that you participated in the program by marking "G.O.G" inside your Christmas card.

How much do I give?
The suggested annual gift amount is $25 per child once a year, however any given amount is graciously accepted!

Contribute Online
Visit www.stbrigidofkildare.com and search “Gifts of Gratitude.”
Earn Rewards for the School

Amazon Smile
The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible smile.amazon.com purchases. To set St. Brigid of Kildare School as your preferred charity, visit smile.amazon.com and search for St. Brigid of Kildare. Then remember to use smile.amazon.com each time you shop on Amazon.

Kroger Community Rewards
Register your Kroger Plus card to St. Brigid of Kildare Elementary School. It costs you nothing, but Kroger will donate a portion of your purchases back to us. Even if you did this last year, you have to re-enroll every year starting August 1st.

1. Sign in to www.krogercommunityrewards.com or create an account.
2. Click “I’m a customer” then sign in with your account or create a new account.
3. Search “St. Brigid of Kildare” or 82139. Select and Save. (Please verify your enrollment date is after Aug 1, 2018).

Giant Eagle Apples for the Students
Register your Giant Eagle Advantage Card and use it every time you shop to help our school!

1. Sign in to gianteagle.com or create an account.
2. Register your Giant Eagle Advantage Card online.
3. Visit the My School Programs page and enter the code #4423 or St. Brigid of Kildare School.

Box Tops for Education
Cut out and collect those Box Tops! St. Brigid earns cash through the Box Tops for Education program. Each Box Top is worth 10 cents! See www.boxtops4education.com for program details.

Earn Cash for Tuition

MyScrip
Reduce the cost of next year’s tuition by participating in the Scrip program. Through Scrip, families purchase gift cards from nearly 400 retailers and receive a rebate that is later credited to their tuition. 100% of the rebate or discount is credited to each participating family’s individual St. Brigid tuition account.

By partnering with the Great Lakes Scrip Company, St. Brigid receives the gift cards at a discount ranging from 2% to as much as 30%, based on the retailer. St. Brigid families pay face value for the cards and the difference is applied to next year’s tuition.

Log onto www.ShopWithScrip.com and register. You will need to link yourself as a member of Saint Brigid with this enrollment code: B69F4FCL15L46. Then sign up for Presto Pay – the only way to pay for your Scrip order. With Presto Pay, your payment will be electronically deducted from your checking account.

For more information on Scrip, visit www.stbrigidofkildare.com and search “Scrip” or contact Scrip co-chairs Susan Moreland at (614) 399-3267 and srfcmoreland@gmail.com, or Christine Drab at (614) 256-9065 and christinedrab@sbcglobal.net.
HOME & SCHOOL CHAIR POSITIONS

Co-Chairs: Beth Mooney (brian.beth.mooney@gmail.com, 513-608-9935), Jen Lynch (lynchjen@hotmail.com, 216-338-6922)
The co-chairs are responsible for overseeing all the home and school committees and working with administration on special events. The co-chairs serve a one year term following a one year term as vice co-chairs. **Time commitment**: moderate and consistent and includes attending monthly home and school meetings and assisting administration with special events.

Vice Co-Chairs: OPEN
The vice co-chairs assist the co-chairs in overseeing the committees and special school events. The Co-Chairs are also responsible for overseeing the Gifts of Gratitude program in December and May and recognizing birthdays of office staff. The position is a one year term before filling a one year term as Co-Chairs. **Time commitment**: moderate and consistent. The Co-Chairs should attend the monthly home and school meetings.

Secretary: Nancy Davis (tdnd1234@aol.com, 336-337-4421)
The secretary is responsible for taking notes at each home and school meeting and providing copies of those notes to the group. **Time commitment**: moderate and consistent. The secretary must attend each home and school meeting which are approximately an hour long.

Treasurer: Nick Little (little.187@hotmail.com)
The treasurer is responsible for working with the annual fund chairs to determine the yearly budget for Home and School. The treasurer also handling reimbursement requests from other committee members. **Time commitment**: moderate and requires timely processing of reimbursement requests. The treasurer is also required to maintain and report on budget vs actual expenses and attend monthly meetings.

Communications: Suzanne Green (glennsuzanne@yahoo.com, 614-404-8867)
This position is a new position and is responsible for sending monthly meeting reminders and communicating Home and School information to Allie Wing for publication in the Wolfhound Wednesday. **Time commitment**: moderate and consistent. This position should be able to attend the Home and School monthly meetings.

Annual Fund: Katie Allen (allen.katie33@gmail.com, 614-352-7594), Pam Radtke (pamela.radtke@ymail.com, 614-975-7616)
This position works with Sarah Moore in the parish office to send communication and follow up with families regarding the annual fund campaign. **Time commitment**: minimal throughout the year and moderate in the beginning of the year when the annual fund campaign kicks off.

Artists/Speakers: Mary Moore (mary.moore@live.com, 740-815-6492)
Works with the school staff to bring the arts to St. Brigid. **Time commitment**: minimal and sporadic.

Display Case: Katie Allen (allen.katie33@gmail.com, 614-352-7594)
This position is responsible for maintaining and decorating the display case in the main hallway by the cafeteria. **Time commitment**: moderate and consistent.

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**Scrip:** Christine Drab (christinedrab@sbcglobal.net, 614-761-0524) Susan Moreland (srfcmoreland@gmail.com, 614-588-7502)
This position coordinates the purchase and distribution of gift card from families. Families receive a tuition discount based on the amount of gift cards purchased. **Time commitment:** moderate and consistent as orders occur regularly.

**School Rewards:** Brian Mooney (brian.beth.mooney@gmail.com, 513-608-9935) Kerry Sullivan (jacquefarms@aol.com, 614-733-3752)
This position coordinates school reward programs such as Box Tops for education. **Time commitment:** moderate and consistent throughout the year.

**Spirit Wear:** Theresa Vivona (vivona1012@gmail.com, 540-834-8109) Karen Huttsell (Karen.huttsell@siemens.com, 614-602-7724)
This position coordinates the sale of and distribution of spirit wear. **Time commitment:** consistent but minimal.

**School Supplies:** Lisa Beuselinck (dereklisab@hotmail.com, 614-949-1040) Jennifer Musser (jmusserfamily@aol.com, 614-357-1498) Erika Amlin (erka.amlin@gmail.com)
This position is responsible for coordinating the ordering of school supply kits and distributing the kits to the child’s classroom. **Time commitment:** moderate in May and August and minimal throughout the year.

**Outreach:** Kristina Hooper (kristina_hooper@hboe.org, 614-580-9788)
Work with Ms. O’Reilly to organize collection drives as needed. **Time commitment:** minimal and as needed.

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**HOME & SCHOOL COMMITTEES**

All committees listed below are accepting new volunteers for the upcoming school year. **Sign up online to get involved!**

**Gifts of Gratitude:** Beth Mooney (brian.beth.mooney@gmail.com, 513-608-9935) Dawn Campagni (dawncamp@hotmail.com, 614-560-0300)
The gifts of gratitude (GOG) committee is responsible for hosting a staff holiday and end of year party. They are also responsible for collecting money from families to fund holiday and end of year gifts for the entire St. Brigid Staff. **Time commitment for chairs:** minimal throughout the year and moderate in December and May. **Volunteer opportunities within the committee:** Volunteers on this committee will assist the chairs in planning the staff parties and organizing collections for the gifts.

**Library:** Cheryl Hohlefelder (hohleinone@gmail.com, 614-873-1367)
This position assists the librarian in identifying volunteers to perform library tasks. **Time commitment for chairs:** moderate and consistent. **Volunteer opportunities within the committee:** Volunteers can sign up for shifts which are typically a couple hours, and can sign up for as many or few as they would like.

**Barn Bash:** Kara Tinkler (etinkler@columbus.rr.com, 614-783-3123) Samantha Blackburn (sblackburn1013@gmail.com, 614-440-4060)
This position coordinates the yearly barn bash at Leeds Farm which occurs every October. **Time commitment for chairs:** moderate from September-October and minimal through the rest of the year. **Volunteer opportunities within the committee:** Volunteers on the committee are asked to assist for a few hours the night of the event. Opportunities include working check in, serving food, helping with set up, etc.

**Field Day:** Natalie Baur (nkbaur@aol.com, 614-766-9078) Stacy Dixon (stacykd@sbcglobal.net, 614-561-8933)
This position coordinates the end of year field day celebration with activities provided by super games. **Time commitment for chairs:** moderate in May and minimal through the rest of the year. **Volunteer opportunities within the committee:** Volunteers on the committee are asked to help the day of the event which is held in May with supervision, serving food, etc.

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Hospitality: Jill Hoving (jillmh@mac.com, 614-989-1777) Kristin Mifsud (kmifsud@hotmail.com, 614-273-9956)
This position coordinates the supply of refreshments, snacks, and light meals for school and teacher functions including early release meeting once a month. **Time commitment for chairs:** moderate and consistent. **Volunteer opportunities within the committee:** Volunteers on the committee can sign up to provide cookies, snacks, drinks, etc on a monthly basis for teacher meetings and as needed throughout the year.

Pizza Bingo: Kristina Hooper (kristina_hooper@hboe.org, 614-580-9788) Molly Riddle (riddlem8@nationwide.com, 513-227-4779)
This position coordinates and plans the pizza bingo night which is normally held in February. **Time commitment for chairs:** moderate in January and February and minimal throughout the year. **Volunteer opportunities within the committee:** Volunteers on the committee can sign up to help during the event, to donate prizes for bingo, etc. The commitment would be a few hours the night of the event.

Room Parent: Kristina Hooper (kristina_hooper@hboe.org, 614-580-9788) Julie Tobias (tobias.julieann@gmail.com, 614-389-4749)
This position coordinates the selection of room parents and assists at all school parties. **Time commitment for chairs:** moderate and consistent. **Volunteer opportunities within the committee:** Room parent volunteers help coordinate classroom parties, teacher birthday recognition, etc. The time commitment for volunteers is moderate and consistent throughout the year.

School Tours: **OPEN**
Cindy schedules tours for new families as needed. She submits requests to the volunteers who can select what dates and times work best in their schedule. **Volunteer opportunities within the committee:** Volunteers can be added to Cindy’s list and can select the dates and times of tours that best work in their schedule.

New Family Welcome: Alexis Santangelo (alexis@innovationexhibits.com, 330-502-5394) Stacy Austin (stacyandrob2001@yahoo.com, 317-694-6202)
This position coordinates assigning a new family mentor volunteer with each new family. **Time commitment for chairs:** minimal throughout the year and moderate in July/August. **Volunteer opportunities within the committee:** Volunteers will mentor new families and provide support to help these families with their transition into St. Brigid.

Uniform Exchange: Barbara Worley (babsz1966@yahoo.com, 614-923-4837)
This position coordinates and organizes the uniform exchange which occurs twice a year—typically in August and February. **Time commitment for chairs:** moderate in August and February and minimal throughout the year. **Volunteer opportunities within the committee:** Volunteers can help the day of the event in August and February to sort and organize clothing.

Social Committee: Jen Glatz (Jennifer.glatz@sbcglobal.net, 614-507-2698)
This position together with the committee plan monthly events to draw parents together and create bonds among school families. **Time commitment for chairs:** moderate and consistent. **Volunteer opportunities within the committee:** Volunteers are asked to help plan and coordinate one event during the school year. The commitment is moderate but periodic.

Volunteers at Large: Jessica Freiburger (3freixys@gmail.com, 614-282-5095)
This position is responsible for coordinating volunteer needs for the entire school. Including the need for 7th and 8th grade volunteers. This position uses a Volunteer at Large distribution list to reach out as needs arise. Examples include, assisting with the flu clinic, donating food items for events, etc. **Time commitment for chairs:** moderate and sporadic. **Volunteer opportunities within the committee:** Volunteers can sign up to be included on an all school email list that solicits volunteers on an as needed basis. Some examples might include assisting with the flu shot clinic, volunteering to donate time or items to school events. The commitment is sporadic and you can choose your level of commitment on a case by case basis.

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