

October 26, 2025

Dear St. Brigid School,

The students enjoyed another enriching week at school. The learning activities taking place at the school are carefully planned and executed in the classrooms. It is exhilarating to be a part of the learning process and to support the students and teachers in their efforts. Here are a few examples of what I observed in several classrooms this week:

- Ms. Haley's Preschoolers: The students were counting the days on the calendar and reciting the numbers up to 29. You guessed it, I stopped by on the 29th!
- At the school Mass this week, Father Paul asked the students to name the three archangels. The students quickly shouted out Michael and Gabriel, and after a brief pause, Thomas Barrera shouted out Raphael. We were reminded that angels are all around us, and we may not even know they are near.
- Ms. Fessenden's Preschoolers were eating snacks this morning, and Ms. Fes was reading the creation story from a children's bible. The story was presented in a way that made it totally accessible to our youngest students.
- The students in Mrs. White's class worked with their Pre-K buddies this afternoon. They read a story and made paper chain skeletons. The students enjoyed teaming together to read, listen and create.
- Ms. Vassallo practiced the readings with three of the fifth graders in preparation for the all-school Mass next week. The kids said they were ready to proclaim the word.
- Mr. Tardiff was working with the seventh graders, and I observed him instructing the students in stretching exercises. The students were engaged in the lesson, setting baselines, and recording data to measure their own personal progress! Healthy bodies are essential to lifelong learning.

There is much more to report on, but you get the idea of how vibrant and engaging school can be for the students. I look forward to sharing more snapshots of learning with you in the coming weeks.

Please stay informed about all the activities taking place at our school by reading teacher messages, visiting our website, and reading the weekly newsletter for updates. If not, you may forget that there is no school next Friday, as the teachers have an in-service day in Brunswick.

Sincerely,

Bill Burke
Principal

PS: The students may continue to wear shorts to school through October 9. Winter uniform will begin on October 14.