

November 7, 2025

Dear St. Brigid School,

Parent-Teacher Conferences provide parents, teachers, and students with an opportunity to check in, set goals, and celebrate achievements. I pray that you found the conferences helpful and insightful as we work to educate and share the presence of Jesus and his message with your children. It is in practicing our faith that we grow closer to God and to God's presence in our lives.

The winter weather is approaching, and many of the children were underdressed for the windy and cold conditions on Thursday. Please be sure that your children arrive at school prepared for the cold weather. A warm coat, gloves/mittens, hats, and insulated footwear are great tools to protect them from the elements. When the snow begins to fall, snow pants are also necessary for the youngest children.

It is time for us to hit the reset button on morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. Here are the non-negotiable items to follow when dropping off and picking up students.

Morning Drop-Off and Afternoon Pick-Up

- Observe a speed limit of 5 mph.
- Do not use your cell phone while driving on school property.
- When your vehicle is in motion, students must be seated and not leaning out of the vehicle windows.
- There is absolutely no parking in front of the Fr. Hayes Center or on Elmwood Street during school hours, including drop-off and pick-up. These areas are where our car line forms, so it is imperative that you pull over to the curb, form a line, and allow traffic on Stevens Avenue to flow. I will say this again, "Pull over to the side of the road to line up". One rulebreaker can cause a traffic backup.
- When walking to drop off or pick up your children, you must cross near the Stevens Avenue end of the parking lot, near the wooden barricades. There will be no crossing between vehicles that are most likely in the drive position.
- Pull as far forward as possible when you are in line. My staff will instruct you to pull all the way when space is available. Do not take offense at this request, as we are trying to keep the traffic flowing.

I appreciate your understanding as we try to keep people safe during these critical periods of our school day.

When you look at the What's Happening page on the website, I encourage you to complete the NEASC Parent Survey at the top of the page to share your experience at the school. The data collected will assist the staff and the school board as they revise the school's strategic directions document.

Grandparent/Special Person Day is approaching, and the HSA is asking all folks planning on attending to RSVP. The HSA is also seeking parent volunteers to work at this event. One other important point about Grandparent/Special Person Day is that the HSA creates a slideshow of photos of children with their grandparents or special family members. The deadline for submitting photos for this slideshow is November 19, 2025. Photos received after this date will not be included in the slideshow. Please click on the flyer posted on the "What's Happening ?" page to learn all you need to know about this special day!

Please remember that there is no school on Tuesday as we observe Veterans Day.

Sincerely,
Bill Burke
Principal