



August 29, 2025

Dear St. Brigid School Community,

The first 2 ½ days of school were joyful and instructive. The positive energy in the schoolyard and in the classrooms indicated that it was time to be back together. The students and teachers worked to establish routines and to understand classroom expectations. This is what to expect on the first day of school, and then we learned of the shooting in Minneapolis. Since that time, many parents have reached out to me about enhanced security measures at the school, with many of them recommending the hiring of a school resource officer. The safety of the entire school community is always at the forefront of our minds, and I want you to know that we are working with school staff, diocesan staff, and law enforcement agencies to once again review our current safety plan and to determine the best course of action to protect our school from the most extreme incidents. I will be keeping you informed of any changes to our school safety plan and our ability to respond to threats and incidents.

Ms. Vassallo asked me to share the following message with you through the following link. She has big plans for you and your students this year. Please read Ms. Vassallo's letter further down on the Weekly What's Happening page.

Help us by following the drive thru protocols. I am quite certain that once you figure out the time you need to arrive for pick up you will be able to avoid multiple trips thru the line!

1. Only drop your child off at the Elmwood Street gate if Mrs. Bull is present to greet you at 7:30. This will help Mrs. Koukos keep track of all of the students.
2. Do not park in front of the Fr. Hayes Center during drop off or pick up. It clogs the exit from the parking lot into Stevens Avenue. You will be asked to move by me or a member of the staff.
3. The drive thru is single file only. Do not pull off to the side of the exit.

Bill Burke
Principal

"The mission of St. Brigid School is to educate the whole child in a welcoming Catholic