

September 19, 2025

Dear St. Brigid School Community,

The Diocesan School Principal's meeting took place yesterday, and I learned that diocesan officials will conduct an audit of all safety procedures in place at the school, including a review of our current safety protocols and an assessment of the strengths and weaknesses related to student movement on campus. Following the evaluation, diocesan officials will prepare a revised safety plan for the school to follow based on their observations. At the school level, we will conduct a review of our current procedures to make informed choices that provide a safer environment for all visitors to our campus. I will continue to provide updates, and I expect you to see some of the changes we make when you visit campus.

On Tuesday, October 14, from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM in the Foster Gym, the school will host a presentation titled "Project iGuardian," facilitated by Special Agent Chris Fitzpatrick of the Homeland Security Investigations Unit, the primary investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. Project iGuardian informs parents, educators, law enforcement and other trusted adults about the risks that children face in the online environment, to implement preventive strategies and how to report suspected abuse. SA Fitzpatrick has been with Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) since 2001 and began his career in Salt Lake City, Utah. SA Fitzpatrick has been involved in the rescue of over 150 survivors of child sexual abuse. In addition to preparing and executing criminal search and arrest warrants, SA Fitzpatrick is also a Computer Forensics Agent and is responsible for on-scene and laboratory processing of electronic devices during and after the execution of search warrants. I encourage all parents to attend this informative session on October 14 to view the parent version of the presentation. On October 15, SA Fitzpatrick will share a student version of his presentation with our middle school students.

Cafeteria Update: Please visit Fast Direct to confirm the lunch items you have ordered for your child(ren). The stove/oven is still in transit from the manufacturer.

Lunch and Extended Care Billing: This is a reminder that the school sends out bills for lunch and Extended Care on the 1st and 15th of each month. Payment is due upon receipt of the bill. Failure to keep up with payments will result in a loss of services.

Cellphones and Smartwatches: Students in all grades are not permitted to have cell phones or smartwatches on their person from the moment they are dropped off at school in the morning until they are picked up in the afternoon. The middle school teachers collect cellphones and smartwatches from their students each morning and return these items to them at the end of each day. I am extending this rule to include all students.

Multicultural Event: Please sign up to host a table at the Home and School Association-sponsored Multicultural Event taking place on September 26th at 5:30 pm. Everyone is invited to attend this event!

Sincerely,
Bill Burke
Principal