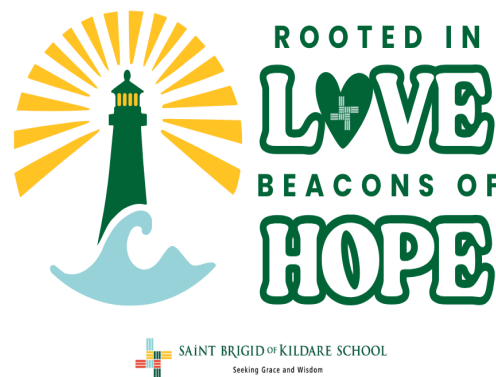


Welcome to Second Grade!

2025-2026



Mission Statement:

The Saint Brigid of Kildare School community, in order to know and live out our Catholic faith, seeks to nurture grace and wisdom. Each individual's unique gifts are developed through strong academic experiences focused on serving God and His kingdom.

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Welcome to Second Grade

Hello! The second grade team consists of two homeroom teachers and several other teachers and staff members that your child will have each day.

- Homeroom teachers: Miss DeSciscio and Mrs. Starkey
- Classroom Support Aides: Mrs. Moeller (DeSciscio) and Mrs. Walker (Starkey)
- Instructional Support Teacher: Mrs. O'Neil
- Intervention team: Mrs. Jenny Rozanski and Mrs. Teri Ryan

Ms. DeSciscio is excited to begin her first year at Saint Brigid. She grew up in the Cleveland area and attended Catholic school her whole life. She recently graduated from The Ohio State University. Ms. DeSciscio is thrilled to be part of such a faith-filled community and is looking forward to a great year!

Mrs. Starkey has been teaching for 18 years, 4 years here at St. Brigid. She has three children, Olivia (Sophomore at Watterson), Riley (3rd grade) and Addison (2 ½). She graduated from Watterson and got her undergraduate degree at Heidelberg College.

Mrs. O'Neil has been a teacher at St. Brigid for 28 years. She has two children who graduated from St. Brigid. Her son, Logan, went to St. Charles, and her daughter, Shannon, graduated from Watterson and is now at college in Nashville.



Communication

Photo newsletters will be sent out in the Wolfhound Wednesday once a month with second grade activities and school happenings.

Should you need to contact the teacher regarding any concerns throughout the year, you can send a note with your child, leave a phone message or send an email. You will be contacted within 24 hours.

The student handbook is online and can be found on the St. Brigid website. You can access information about lunch money, attendance, tardies, and the dress code policy.

Planner

Each day, your child will be responsible for copying his/her homework into his/her planner. Please plan to sign the planner and help promote second grade responsibility. Teachers will be checking planners.

Attendance: Please read the updated handbook section on attendance.

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Please take a moment to check on the Handbook and Safe Environment Policies.

[Safe Environment - St. Brigid of Kildare](#)

[2025 Handbook updates](#)

Volunteers/Field Trip Chaperones

We are planning to go on a field trip in the spring. If you are interested in volunteering for a field trip, you MUST attend “Protecting God’s Children” and be fingerprinted. More information is located on the St. Brigid of Kildare Website.

[Safe Environment - St. Brigid of Kildare Church](#)



This class will also need to be taken for you to volunteer at any time (recess, parties, field trips, ect.)

Christmas Play

All second graders will have the opportunity to participate in a Christmas Play. This play will tell the story of Jesus's birth and include many loved Christmas songs!

The Christmas play will be on December 16, 2025. It will be during the school day in the gym. We are still working on the timing. Our school now has an **Event Policy** that we will be following (Please see below.).

Event Policy

At St. Brigid of Kildare, the safety and security of our students, staff, and guests is a top priority. To help ensure a safe and respectful environment during school-hosted events, we have established an Event Attendance Policy. This policy applies to all non-staff visitors, including parents, guardians, alumni, and other community members. Key highlights include:

- **Designated Entry & Exit:** All visitors must use the specified entrances and exits and may be required to show identification. Entrance time will be provided.
- **Check-In Required:** Visitors must register at a designated check-in point and may only enter the building at the approved time.
- **Access To Building:** Visitors are permitted in designated event areas only. Classrooms and administrative offices are off-limits unless otherwise approved.
- **Supervision & Conduct:** Visitors must follow staff directions, demonstrate respectful behavior, and uphold Catholic values at all times.
- **Siblings:** If a parent wishes to have a sibling attend an event, the parent must come to the front office, sign the sibling out, go to the designated entry for the event with the child, and sign the child back in after the event. Parents are responsible for a sibling during an event.
- **Dismissal After Events:** If parents wish to take their student(s) home after the event, a transportation change must be submitted by **10:00 a.m.** that day. Students will be dismissed with car riders at the regular dismissal location. **For safety reasons, students may not be taken directly from the event.**
- **Safety Protocols:** Security staff and volunteers will monitor all events. Any disruptive or unsafe behavior may result in removal from the premises.

To read the complete Event Policy, please view our [Event Policy Document](#).

Sacrament Preparation

Second graders receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion this year. The second graders spend a lot of time preparing for these sacraments. Please pray for us!

First Reconciliation- December 6th @10am

First Communion- May 9th



This year, students will continue learning about Theology of the Body as an extension of our Religion program. Please see the attached link for a parent letter which explains more about Theology of the Body (Scroll to the bottom and click on the parent letter for 2nd grade.). [Diocese of Columbus Educators Welcome Page | Ruah Woods Institute](#)

New this year in place of Raz-Kids

Lexia Core 5

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This year, your child will be using Lexia Core5 (grades K-5).

The activities in Core5 support and build on our classroom curriculum and focus on developing reading skills in six areas: phonological awareness, phonics, structural analysis, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension.

Here's how Lexia Core5 Reading works:

- Your child begins Core5 at a starting point that fits their needs and works in online activities throughout the week.
- Online activities include direct instruction and feedback as your child learns new skills.
- Progress and performance in the program are reported so teachers can provide help when needed.
- Paper-and-pencil activities are also used for practice and may be done in school or brought home.

Lexia Core5 Reading can be used at home. Getting started is easy!

Use one of the following browsers: Chrome, Edge, Firefox, or Safari. (Internet Explorer is not supported.)

How to Log in through Clever:

1. Go to the Clever login page for St. Brigid - <https://clever.com/in/saintbrigidofkildare>
2. Have your child enter his/her login credentials.
3. Scroll to the Lexia app on Clever.



If using an iPad:

1. Download the free Lexia Core5 Reading.
2. Download the free Clever app.
3. Open the Clever app, and search for St. Brigid of Kildare School.



*Make sure you choose the one that does **NOT** say Diocese of Columbus.

4. Have your child log in using his/her credentials. Please see the label above.
5. Select the Core5 in the Clever portal.

For assistance with your student's login credentials, please contact **your child's homeroom teacher**.

For technical issues, please reach out to Kerinan Jordan at mrs.jordan@stbrigid-school.org

**You can view a help video here - <http://bit.ly/45Tt03w>

Please Note: Data privacy is important to us. For security purposes, student usernames and

passwords are managed by St. Brigid of Kildare. Please contact your child’s teacher or school if you don’t know your child’s username or password, or if your child cannot log in successfully. Lexia Customer Support cannot provide you with your child’s username, password, or teacher’s email address, or help you log in on an unsupported device.

Assessments

- STAR reading and math
 - 3 times a year

Data will be shared at student-led conferences

- DRA- Developmental reading assessment
- Spelling inventory
- unit math Assessments and weekly spelling tests

Please see the Testing letter below:

 Parent Letter - Testing

Grade Level Communication Plan Grade 2

<p>DAILY</p> <p>Students fill out their assignment notebooks.</p>	<p>WEEKLY</p> <p>Friday Folders - Families will be receiving a Friday Update email with an explanation of what was covered throughout the week.</p> <p>The weekly Wolfhound Wednesday is posted online each week and contains important information about school events.</p>
<p>MONTHLY</p> <p>Each month, the Wolfhound Wednesday will include a photo newsletter for our grade band. Be sure to click on each photo so that you can read the caption with information about our activities.</p>	<p>HALFWAY THROUGH THE TRIMESTER</p> <p>Interim Reports: If a teacher needs to report an issue with academic progress between report cards, the parent/guardian will receive either an interim email or phone call.</p>

END OF TRIMESTER

Student report cards and discipleship rubrics are posted online through the FACTS website. The diocesan report card is designed so that teachers can share information on specific grade level standards within each content area. Please be sure to view and e-sign both reports each quarter.

THREE TIMES PER SCHOOL YEAR

Student-led conferences are held in the fall, winter, and spring. Students discuss their learning with their parents and share data, such as their STAR reading score, their STAR math score, their AR reading record, and their discipleship trackers. Students and parents/guardians then set goals for academic performance going forward.

ON DEMAND

Teachers are always available to answer questions or to discuss concerns. Please contact us via voice message or email, and we will return your call or email within 24 hours. We are happy to discuss issues over the phone or via email.

Please contact us at:

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“Good two-way communication between families and schools is necessary for your student’s success. Research shows that the more parents and teachers share relevant information with each other about a student, the better equipped both will be to help that student achieve academically.”

2nd Grade
2054-2026 schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
DeSciscio-Music	Spanish and Library	Gym	Rotating between gym and art	Art
Starkey-Spanish and Library	Music	Art	Rotating between gym and art	Gym

