

SAINT BRIGID OF KILDARE SCHOOL

Seeking Grace and Wisdom

ALSO **Program**

2019-2020



Dear students and parents,

Welcome to a new year of the Saint Brigid of Kildare ALSO program. ALSO stands for “After-school Learning and Service Opportunities.” These programs help to supplement the rich curriculum at our school and allow children to explore the various interests they may have.

The attached listing outlines the after-school offerings for the 2019-2020 school year. When your child is considering programs to sign up for, please help him or her to take a realistic look at his or her current extra-curricular schedule. Will an ALSO program enrich him or her, or is he or she already committed to other activities?

For those interested in participating, **sign-ups will be held in classrooms on Tuesday, September 17th and Wednesday, September 18th.** Flyers and permission slips including starting dates will be sent home the following week.

Permission slips should be returned to the homeroom teacher. In the event that too many students sign up for a program, the moderator will randomly draw names of participants who returned their permission slips on time and then notify students of their status in the program.

Once a student is accepted in to a program, all communication will come directly from the program moderator. Any general questions can be directed toward the school office.

We look forward to another wonderful year!

Power of the Pencil Writing Club

Moderator: Mrs. Cecutti

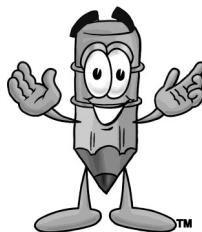
Timeline: October - May

Meetings: every Tuesday, 3:00 – 4:00 PM

Max Participants: 30

Grades: 5 and 6

Power of the Pencil is a writing club for students who love to write, want to improve their writing, or who want to find more time for writing in a relaxed, fun, and supportive atmosphere. Writers can choose their own topics and genres, but will also participate in group writing, pass around stories, prompt writing, and other suggested writing activities that will help each student grow and gain confidence as a writer. Students who are interested can also enter writing contests or seek to have their writing published. Collaboration with peers enhances the writing experience, so there will be many opportunities to work with other student writers. An end of the year Power of the Pencil magazine will be published with featured writing from each club member and presented at the end of the year pizza party. All writing supplies are provided. This club experience can help students prepare for the Power of the Pen club and competition team in 7th and 8th grades.



Yearbook Club

Moderator: Mrs. Asencio

Timeline: October 1 – March 10

Meeting Times: Tuesdays 3:00 – 4:00 PM

Max Participants: 12

Grades: 5–7

Come and join the Yearbook Club! Students will learn how to create and design pages of the yearbook by using a software program. We will cover photography tips, download and upload tools, and much more.



Power of the Pen Club

Moderator:	Mrs. Hardin & Mrs. Regrut
Timeline:	October – May
Meeting Times:	Most Tuesdays 3:00 – 4:00 PM
Max Participants:	30
Grades:	7–8

Power of the Pen is a competitive creative writing team in which we write short stories in 40 minutes or less in response to prompts. We also learn from example stories, discover new writing techniques, and work on the craft of storytelling. Depending on student interest and availability, six students per grade level will attend a district tournament on a Saturday in February, at which time they could qualify to proceed to regional and/or state level events. Although all students are welcome to attend meetings, we will focus on the skills needed to succeed in the POP tournaments.



Puzzles, Puzzles, Puzzles

Moderator: Mrs. Wodarcyk

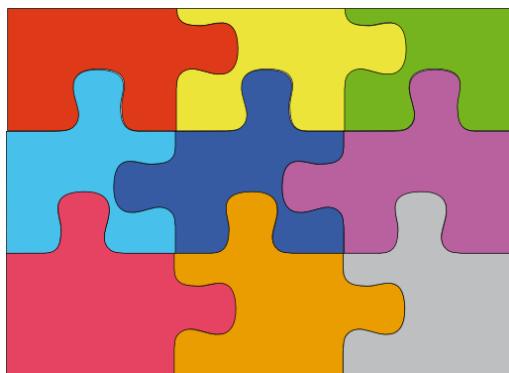
Timeline: January – Feb

Meeting Times: Wednesdays 3:00–4:00 PM

Max Participants: 15

Grades: 5–6

Are you a jigsaw puzzle enthusiast like me? Do you lose track of time when you are working on a puzzle? Do you find working on puzzles relaxing? If so, come join me and your friends after school and we will socialize while working on puzzles.



Hobby Club

Moderators: Mr. Mazon

Timeline: Wednesdays, Oct 9–May 6

Meeting Times: 3:00 – 4:00 PM

Max Participants: 25

Grades: 7-8

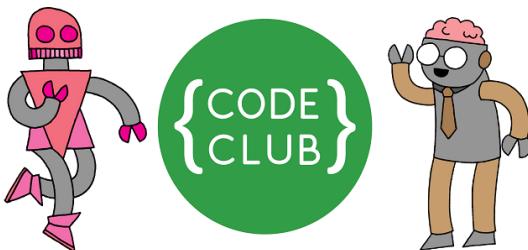
Hobby Club engages young people with fun games and collectable miniatures, encouraging them to develop skills and gain confidence through building and painting the models while developing friendships and social skills. As we engage in the hobby, we will read and apply information from complex informational texts, explore mathematical computation and probability, and creatively engage in art and design. Some figures and supplies will be provided. Students are welcome to bring their own figures, glue and paint brushes with which to game and model.



Girls/Boys Coding Clubs

Moderator:	Mrs. Westendorf
Timeline:	Oct 14–Dec 16 (Girls) Jan 13 – Apr 6 (Boys)
Meeting Times:	Mondays 3:00 – 4:00 PM
Max Participants:	18
Grades:	4–8 (with priority to older students)

Come expand your coding skills in a fun settings. 60% of jobs require some knowledge of coding. We will program using Java, block code, Spheros, drones, websites, and more.



Garden Club

Moderator: Mrs. Wodarcyk, Mrs. Troutman & Ms. Burger

Timeline: Sept 24–Oct 22 and April 21–May 19

Meeting Times: Tuesday 3:00 – 4:00 PM

Max Participants: 20

Grades: 5–6

The Garden Club members will be busy this fall as we harvest crops from our current garden beds, prepare those beds for winter, ready new flower beds near the preschool, and, maybe even discover a delicious recipe or two!



Simple Machines

Moderator: Mrs. Wodarcyk

Timeline: September 18–November 13

Meeting Times: Wednesdays 3:00 – 4:00 PM

Max Participants: 12

Grades: 7

Have you ever seen a car lifted into the air at an auto repair place? Have you ever wondered how an elevator can lift a load of people up into the air? Come and see how simple machines are able to perform tasks with seemingly little effort. Afterwards, we will create a hydraulic lift, drawbridge, and robotic arm using simple and recycled materials.

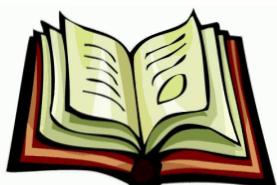


NaNoWriMo

Moderator:	Mrs. Hardin
Timeline:	Oct 30 - Dec 2
Meeting Times:	Daily in November (see below)
Max Participants:	35
Grades:	7–8

National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo for short) is a nonprofit organization that challenges adult participants to write a novel in 30 days every November...and they have a Young Writers Program! The YWP edition of NaNo is designed for classrooms and helps students set individual writing goals. Whether your child wants to write a novel, write 30 short stories, or something in between, the program encourages daily writing at a liberating speed towards a goal.

The purpose of this club/challenge is to give students time, space, and resources for 30 days of creativity. Students can participate in the challenge at home or during and of the writing sessions offered in Room 301, such as before school or during Homework Table. We will set goals and prepare during “Setup Day,” and at the end of the 30 days, Mrs. Hardin will help students make decisions about submitting their stories for any relevant contests or publication.



Crafting Club

Moderator: Mrs. Maschari & Mrs. Mazon

Timeline: Oct-Apr, about every other week

Meeting Times: Tuesdays 3:00 – 4:00 PM

Max Participants: 20

Grades: 6-8

Students will have the opportunity to learn about and make many types of crafts – including embroidery, paper flowers, and more! Crafters will also have time to work on their own projects.



Recycled Rhythm

Moderator: Ms. Bensonhaver

Timeline: Oct 7 - Dec 2

Meeting Times: Mondays 3:00 – 4:00 PM

Max Participants: 10-15

Grades: 6-8

Recycled Rhythm is an experimental and fun program that will use recycled materials as well as other everyday objects to create percussive music. Students will play and create music with nontraditional instruments while developing the listening and cooperation skills needed to perform in an ensemble.

