

“The students who come to Bishop Watterson are very well prepared to take on the academic rigor of a high school curriculum. More importantly, they are well rounded, service-oriented young people. St. Brigid not only prepares their students for high school, but for life. The faculty, staff and administration there do an excellent job of challenging, preparing and supporting their students so they can be successful.”

—Deacon Chris Campbell, Principal at Bishop Watterson High School

“The education our children are receiving at St. Brigid goes beyond textbooks - they are learning to be faithful, kind and respectful individuals. Every member of the faculty puts each child's well-being first and it is a wonderful feeling to know that our kids are in such warm and caring hands each day.”

—Jeff and Natalie Baur, St. Brigid Parents

“Graduating from St. Brigid has allowed me to be a part of a family that has influenced my life well beyond my years as a student. The morals and values that were taught to me at St. Brigid have given me the confidence and skills to succeed and most importantly allowed me to strengthen my faith. Being able to come to teach at St. Brigid everyday is truly like coming home.”

—Karen Partridge, St. Brigid 2002 Alum & Teacher



Bishop James A. Griffin established Saint Brigid of Kildare Parish on July 18, 1987 and appointed Father Paul Enke as founding pastor. The church design was inspired by the Church of Ireland Cathedral in Kildare, Ireland. On its dedication, August 15, 1991, Bishop Griffin proclaimed his vision for a Catholic School on the grounds. The parish embraced the idea and built the Saint Brigid of Kildare Parish Educational Center, which was dedicated on October 5, 1996. Currently, Saint Brigid of Kildare Parish has over 3,000 families with about 12,000 parishioners of all ages, and is presided by two resident priests, Msgr. Joseph M. Hendricks, Pastor, and a Parochial Vicar.

Our School’s Innovative Financial Model

Cost-based tuition means that tuition is determined based on the actual cost of operating the school. Each student costs the same amount to educate regardless of the number of children in a family. We do not rely on the parish to help cover the cost for tuition. Saint Brigid of Kildare’s goals are to most efficiently utilize the parish’s limited resources, to better identify those who need assistance, and to effectively deliver that assistance to those in need.

K-8 families needing assistance with tuition are able to apply for funds. Diocesan assistance is open to all socioeconomic and religious backgrounds, and St. Brigid assistance is open to all Catholic families. Interested families use a FACTS application similar to college tuition assistance. St. Brigid continually awards over \$270,000 in tuition assistance each year.

Safe Environment Program

Saint Brigid of Kildare School is committed to the protection and safety of all children and believes that the prevention of child abuse begins with each person. We follow best practices to ensure the safety of every child in our school and parish, and require all volunteers and staff to complete a Protecting God’s Children awareness session, undergo a background and fingerprint check, complete a volunteer application form, and sign a volunteer code of conduct.



“Catholic schools not only perpetuate our country’s rich tradition of excellence in education, but they strengthen the community and nation by supporting and promoting the right to religious freedom under our Constitution...the students, staff, and alumni of Saint Brigid of Kildare School can be justly proud of this fine institution.”

—Ohio Senate Proclamation



SAINT BRIGID OF KILDARE SCHOOL

Seeking Grace and Wisdom



Our Mission:



The Saint Brigid of Kildare School community provides Catholic faith formation and strong academic foundations to develop lifelong learners, compassionate leaders, and dedicated disciples of Christ.

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Academic Excellence

Our Catholic Faith — Saint Brigid of Kildare School joins with parents and family to form a living community of shared faith. We integrate Catholic faith and traditions, Gospel values, morality and the themes of Catholic social teaching into a challenging academic curriculum.

21st Century Learning Environment — Saint Brigid of Kildare has created a 21st century learning environment in which students think critically, communicate in new ways, collaborate, and use creativity and innovation. Flexible learning spaces allow for small group work, reconfigurable furniture inspires creative thinking and the “think tank” creates a comfortable and fun learning environment.

Technology Integration — With hundreds of Chromebooks and tablets available, students learn how to properly use technology and the meaning of responsible digital citizenship. Students in K-8 use technology to learn media production, collaboration on projects in the cloud and much more.

Spanish Education — Saint Brigid of Kildare is proud to offer a world language program for all students which exposes them to the diversity in both language and culture.

SPiCE & Academic Support — The Saint Brigid of Kildare SPiCE (Special People in Catholic Education) program supports the education of all children with special learning needs. The program has enabled us to employ five full-time intervention specialists, a full-time guidance counselor and school nurse, and a part-time occupational therapist and speech therapist. We are prepared to meet the academic, emotional, and social needs of all of our students.

Ohio’s Learning Standards— Saint Brigid of Kildare uses courses of study based on the Ohio Learning Standards. These rigorous standards, geared toward college and career readiness, are a set of common internationally-benchmarked academic standards.

Two-Time Blue Ribbon School — Saint Brigid of Kildare School was named a National Blue Ribbon School in 2008 and 2014 in the high-performing schools category, which includes schools that have achieved among the highest scores in both reading and math.



St. Brigid School Quick Facts

Doors Opened: 1996
Grades: Preschool (3’s, 4’s, pre-K) through 8th
Size: Over 650 students, over 80 staff
Principal: Kathy O’Reilly
Vice Principal: Cindy Lombardo
Asst. Principal & Dir. of Student Learning: Jill Carfagna
Pastor: Monsignor Joseph Hendricks
Bus Service: To and from Dublin, Hilliard, and Olentangy schools



Preschool

Philosophy—Saint Brigid of Kildare Preschool strives to ensure that each of our students are happy, confident, and engaged learners while attending our program. Our curriculum is Catholic faith-based and play-based to prepare all students to enter kindergarten with a solid foundation of social and academic skills. Our dedicated and friendly teachers work together with families to cultivate an environment where all students feel safe and have their unique needs met.

- We offer a variety of classes, including:
- Three-hour classes, AM or PM
 - 2 and 3 day class options
 - 5 day PreK class
 - Wolfhound Adventures (optional enrichment program)



Extracurriculars

- Boy & Girl Scouts
- Power of the Pen
- Power of the Pencil
- Reader’s Theater
- Walking Club
- Performance Choir
- Band, Honor Band
- Coding Club
- Robotics & Electronics
- Yearbook Club
- Spring Musical
- Art Club...and much more!

Athletics

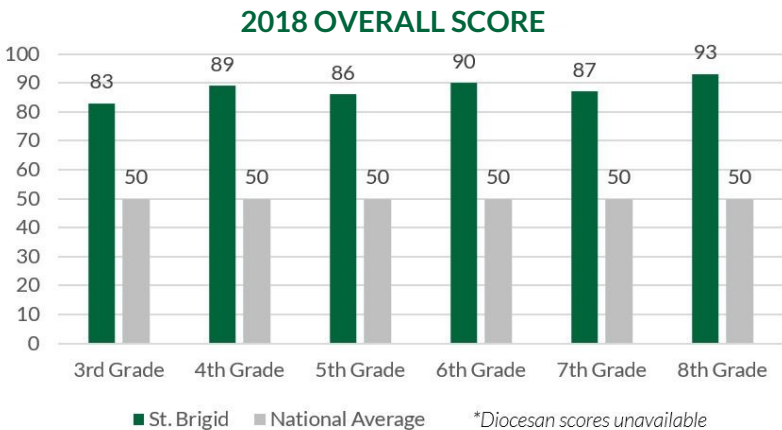
- Baseball & Softball (grades 4-8)
- Basketball (grades 4-8)
- Football (grades 4-8)
- Golf (grades 6-8)
- Tennis (grades 6-8)
- Track (grades 4-8)
- Cross Country (grades 4-8)
- Volleyball (grades 4-8)
- Cheerleading (grades 7-8)
- Intramural Football, Basketball & Volleyball (grades 2-3)
- Ski Club (grades 4-8)

Latchkey

Morning and afternoon latchkey is available. Parents can choose from part-time a.m., full-time a.m., part-time p.m., full-time p.m., or full-time a.m. and p.m.

Developing Lifelong Learners, Compassionate Leaders, and Dedicated Disciples of Christ

Achievement — Our students score well above national averages on the Terra Nova test, as well as above the diocesan averages. They consistently rank in the top 10-15% of the nation on standardized testing.



Service — Our service learning program teaches students to respectfully minister to others. Typically, our eighth grade classes perform over 3,200 hours of service in the community.



8th grade students complete an average of

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service hours each year.

Technology—Saint Brigid of Kildare School employs state of the art technology that maximizes your child’s learning potential. All 4th through 8th grade students have their own personal Chromebook, and smart TVs are used in every classroom to further integrate technology into learning.

STREAM Lab

(Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics)

- ⇒ technology lab
- ⇒ all wireless devices
- ⇒ maker space
- ⇒ 3D printer
- ⇒ portable lab stations
- ⇒ Vernier Lab Quest 2.0

Individualized Instruction— Our low student to staff ratio supports a family and community atmosphere.

