



2011 – 2012

Saint Brigid of Kildare

ALSO Program

Dear students and parents,

Welcome to a new year of the St. 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 2011-2012 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 Monday October 24th and Tuesday October 25th. 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 a large number of 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!

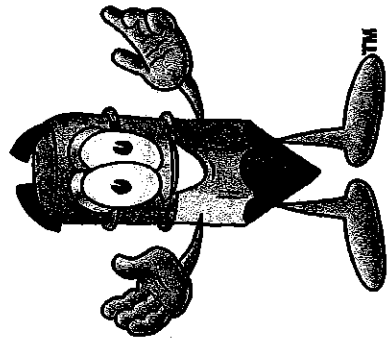


Power of the Pencil Writing Club

Moderator: Mrs. Cecutti
Timeline: November - May
Meeting Times: Tuesdays 3:00 – 4:00
Maximum number of participants: 20

(grades 5 and 6, alternating grades each week)

Power of the Pencil is a writing club for students who love to write or who want to practice writing in a relaxed, fun 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. An end of the year Power of the Pencil magazine is published with featured writing from each club member and presented at the end of the year pizza party. All supplies are provided. This experience helps students prepare for the Power of the Pen competition team for 7th and 8th grades.



YEARBOOK CLUB

Moderator: Mrs. Asencio
Timeline: November – March
Meeting Times: Wednesdays 3:00 – 4:00
Maximum number of participants: 18
(grades 6 & 7)

We will design the yearbook pages, take digital pictures, download and upload them to the web site, scan and plan layouts of all of the pages.

Battle of the Books Reading Club

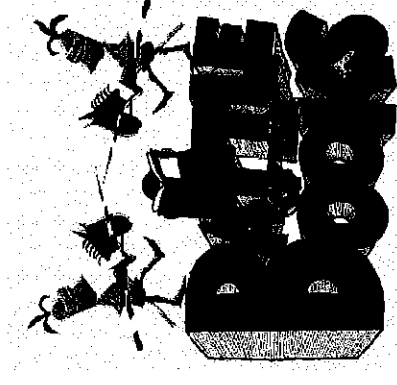
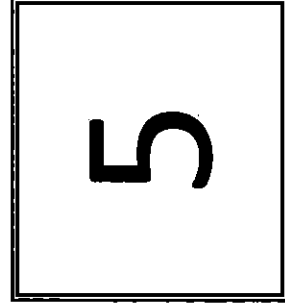
Moderator: Mrs. Cecutti

Timeline: November – April

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

Maximum number of participants: 20 (grade 5)

Battle of the Books for 5th grade is an enrichment opportunity for students who enjoy reading and would like to have time to read, discuss, and answer questions about books with their peers. For the student interested in qualifying for the competition team, an assigned reading list is mandatory, but other books will also be available for free choice reading. In February, students who qualify for the Battle of the Books team will compete with teams from around the Columbus area. All club members will receive a t-shirt. The club will end with a celebratory pizza party.



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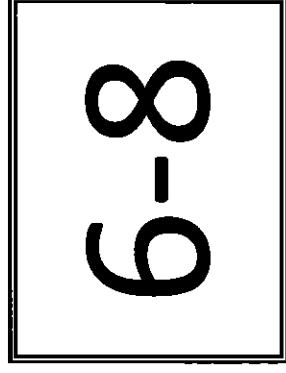
Moderator: Mrs. Cecutti

Timeline: November – May

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

Maximum number of participants: 20 (grades 6-8)

Battle of the Books for 6th – 8th grade is for students who want to read and discuss books with their peers. There is also the opportunity to qualify for two competition teams: one team of 6th and 7th grade students who will compete in a Columbus area competition in the spring and a team of 7th and 8th grade students who will compete in the diocesan competition in the spring. Those who want to qualify for the teams will be required to read from an assigned reading list and need to attend as many club sessions as possible. Qualifying for the competition teams will be based on criteria decided upon by the club and Mrs. Cecutti. Competition dates will be available soon. The year will end with a celebratory pizza party.



Fitness Made Fun

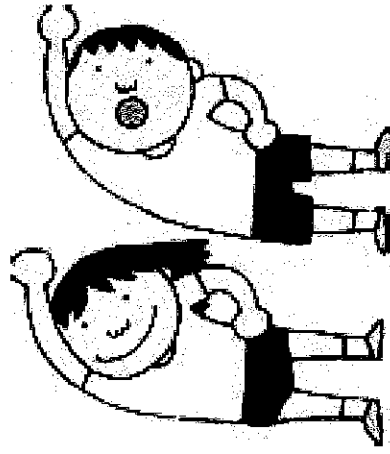
Moderator: Mrs. Gutridge

Timeline: January - May

Meeting Times: Wednesdays 3:00 – 4:00

Maximum number of participants: 15
(grades 3 - 4)

This program is designed to promote exercise and fitness as important parts of being healthy. Students will learn about different types or ways to get exercise. Each week we will be engaging in aerobic, strength, flexibility and relaxation activities. Bring a water bottle and a towel!



Power of the Pen

Moderator: Mrs. Hardin

Timeline: November – May

Meeting weekly until
spring tournaments in
February, March, and May.

Meeting Times: Tuesdays 3:00 – 4:00

Maximum number of participants: 20
(grades 7 - 8)

Power of the Pen is a statewide competitive creative writing team. 7th and 8th graders can join the team for fun. or to compete in tournaments. If you love writing, come grow with us.



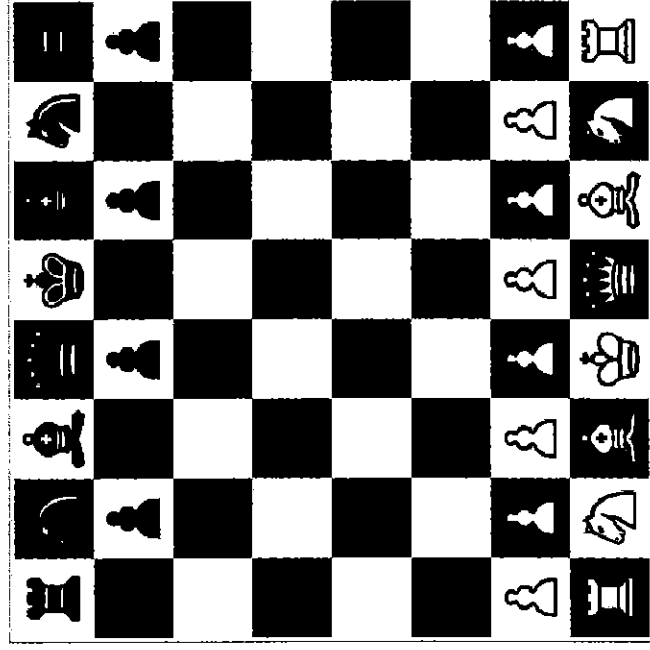
2012 Spring Musical

Moderator: Mrs. Sarah Johanson

Timeline: January - March

Meeting Times: First rehearsal – January 17, 2012
(grades 6 - 8)

“Once Upon a Mattress” will be presented as the 2012 spring musical at St. Brigid of Kildare School on March 22nd and 23rd. The musical is an extra-curricular activity, so nearly all of the rehearsals will be held outside of school time, usually immediately after school. Auditions are open to all students in grades six, seven, and eight. In December, students will receive audition materials in music class. Auditions will take place in the music room on January 9 and January 10, 2012. The first rehearsal begins January 17th, 2012.



Chess Club

Moderator: Mr. Condo

Timeline: October – March

Meeting Times: Tuesdays 3:00 – 4:00

Maximum number of participants: 30
(grades 4 - 8)

Chess Club will be a time for students to learn and practice chess. Some chess experience is required to join.