

You are invited to our New & Prospective Families Open House

on Thursday, February 1, 6:00-7:30 pm

Many scholarships available. 75% of our families pay \$0 tuition.

Visit our classrooms. See our excellent library, STEM lab, and activity center. Look at displays of student work that showcase academic rigor, art, and use of technology. Learn about service to the community, extra-curricular activities, and much more that makes St. Brigid special!

Kindergarten screening will be held in April. Your child must be **age 5 by September 30** to enter St. Brigid kindergarten. Please call to reserve your child's place for screening at 937-372-3222. Preschool registration for 3, 4, and 5 year-olds began January 3.

Families that cannot attend the Open House may call Principal, Heather Ayers, at 937-372-3222 during school days to ask questions. You can schedule a tour online on our website homepage - <u>https://stbrigidxenia.org/school/</u>. After the tour you can arrange a classroom visit, or a shadow day for your child(ren).

WHY CHOOSE ST. BRIGID SCHOOL?

1. **Catholic values** are modeled and taught. Building character and establishing moral values is infused throughout the school day.

2. **Academics** are rigorous and lead to success at the next level. Many valedictorians and salutatorians at area high schools over the years graduated from St. Brigid.

3. **STEM Education** is a K-8 program which uses the foundational practices and skills essential to the core disciplines of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics; skills that will challenge our students to think critically, design solutions, and make evidence-based explanations through real-world authentic learning experiences. Code.org along with Dash and Cue robots are part of St. Brigid's STEM program.

4. **Technology** is cutting edge. Our technology includes Chromebooks, Robots, and a Makerbot 3D printer. Chromebooks are used throughout the curriculum in all grades. TinkerCAD is used for 3D designs for the 3D printer. St. Brigid uses Google Workplace for Education which allows student to collaborate with teachers and other students on various assignments/projects. St. Brigid staff and students can access Google Workspace for Education anywhere, anytime and on any device. Grades 2 through 8 are 1:1 Chromebook classrooms. All classrooms have an interactive smartboard for teachers and students to use. St. Brigid staff continue to implement new technology to meet the 21st century learner's needs.

- 5. Physical Education and Music meet twice a week for all grades.
- 6. A true family atmosphere where families know each other and care for each other.

FINANCIAL AID is available for Preschool plus Kindergarten through 8th grade. Fill out the FACTS application for financial aid and you will be considered automatically for CEF grants from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Preschool is included for the first time in 2024-25. **The FACTS application must be submitted and 2022 taxes (not 2023) uploaded by February 25.** See the link to FACTS on our website on the Tuition page or call Jan Abel, Tuition Manager at 937-372-3193 or 937-603-8529 (cell) for details. Catholic families from any parish are welcome. Non-Catholic families are welcome and are eligible for financial aid.

The Catholic Education Foundation of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is happy to offer **WELCOME TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS** again for the 2024-2025 school year! There will be 300, \$1000 tuition scholarships available to **incoming preschool through 8th grade students**. To be eligible, the student(s) must be the first child in their immediate family to attend a Catholic school. Each family must complete an application at <u>https://catholicbestchoice.org/</u> <u>affordability/</u>. These scholarships will be awarded on a first come, first served basis.

OHIO ED CHOICE EXPANSION SCHOLARSHIPS were greatly expanded prior to the 2023-24 school year and are available in grades K through 8. These are income based and are based on Federal Poverty Level (FPL). Any family with an income of 450% or less of the FPL qualifies for a full EdChoice scholarship. For example, a family of four that earns less than \$140,400 is eligible for a scholarship of \$6166 from the State of Ohio. The scale adjusts \$24,210 for each additional or lowered number of family members. Any remaining tuition could be paid by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. (See the information on the FACTS application). In addition to the full scholarships from Ed Choice, every student is eligible for a scholarship on a sliding scale. Call us with your questions. This is an amazing opportunity that we want more families to benefit from.

ST. BRIGID PRESCHOOL is committed to an environment developmentally appropriate for the young child age 3-5 years old.

By working closely with parents, who are viewed as primary educators of their children, the preschool staff will assist each child to reach his or her maximum ability.

Play is a fundamental part of our program as it is through play that children come to know and appreciate God's world, learn cooperation, problem-solving, language and mathematics, develop curiosity, self-esteem, self-direction, and values.

GOALS:

- 1. To provide a positive initial preschool experience
- 2. To provide opportunities through play that are based on individual needs, interests, and abilities
- 3. To create a desire to learn
- 4. To develop a positive attitude toward self and others
- 5. To provide opportunities for growth spiritually, intellectually, socially, emotionally, and physically
- 6. To provide activities that are both self and teacher directed
- 7. To develop readiness skills for St. Brigid Kindergarten program

3-4 Year Old Program

(3 years old by September 30 and potty trained) Tuesday and Thursday 7:50-10:50 am

4-5 Year Old Program

(4 years old by September 30 and potty trained) Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 7:50-10:50 am

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(4 years old by September 30 and potty trained) Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 11:50-2:40 pm

Call us at 937-372-3222 Visit our website: www.stbrigidxenia.org