

**St. Bridget Church & Blackwell School**



**Joining hands across Richmond**

## **2011-2012 Blackwell Volunteer Opportunities**

Thank you for your interest in being a part of the St. Bridget/Blackwell Elementary School Volunteer Team! Listed below are some volunteer opportunities for the 2011-2012 school year. Please read them over and see what interests you. “Application requirements” denote the forms that are required. On the last page you can fill in your contact information and mark your selected interest(s). If you have any questions, please contact: Alicia Meyer, Coordinator, 740-4272 or [aliciabmeyer@comcast.net](mailto:aliciabmeyer@comcast.net).

### **CLASSROOM ASSISTANT/TUTOR**

Provide support to a particular classroom. The teacher sets tasks for you ranging from: tutoring an individual or a small group of students who need special encouragement; helping to prepare materials for instruction; helping with bulletin boards; helping students with their work in classroom.

Time commitment: 1-2 hours weekly (same day each week)

Grades served: PreK-5

Application requirements: RPS (including Keep N Track), DSS, CPS

### **RESOURCE ASSISTANT (Library, Art, Music, Computer)**

Provide support to the Resource teachers either during classes or in preparation for classes, (e.g. shelving books in the library, or preparing materials in the art room.)

Time Commitment: One–two hours weekly (same day each week)

Grades served: PreK-5

Application requirements: RPS (including Keep N Track), DSS, CPS

### **READ ALOUD DAYS (Dr. Seuss Day)**

Blackwell celebrates nationwide “Read Across America” days by inviting volunteers to come and read to a classroom on those days. Good way to be introduced to Blackwell School!

Time Commitment: Two hours yearly

Grades served: PreK-5

Application requirements: Sign-in sheet only

### **BIRTHDAYS ARE SPECIAL! (\*NEW THIS YEAR)**

We want to give a birthday card and a little bag of candy from St. Bridget parishioners to each 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade student on their birthday. Need volunteers to purchase, sign, address cards, and donate candy. A Girl Scout, working on her Silver Award, will collect and distribute the cards.

Time Commitment: varies

Grades served: 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>

Application requirements: None

### **MATH FACTS PROGRAM**

An after-school program in which Benedictine Cadets and St. Gertrude girls tutor 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students in their multiplication facts. Runs twice a year—fall and spring. Sessions are from 3:30 p.m -5:00 p.m. twice a week for 5 weeks. Several adults needed to help oversee program. Snacks and drinks are provided by St. Bridget parishioners.

Time Commitment: 3 hrs./week for 5 weeks.

Grades serves: 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>

Application requirements: RPS (including Keep N Track)

### **FUN SATURDAYS**

St. Bridget Youth Group puts on a Saturday fun event for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Blackwell students 4 times a year. Last year we had Wii games, board games, dance, limbo, relay races, and more dance! One Saturday the coach and team at Benedictine put on a basketball clinic. Adult volunteers needed to help with activities, provide lunches. Good opportunity to connect with your own teenager!

Time commitment: 3-4 hours per Saturday.

Grades served: 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>

Application requirements: sign in sheet only.

### **SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE**

St. Bridget collects school supplies for Blackwell School. Need: pencils, crayons, colored markers. Colored pencils, glue (sticks and regular), rulers, pencil boxes/pouches, tissues, hand sanitizer, 3-prong pocket folders, blue and black erasable pens, 3-ring binders, 3x5 cards, highlighters, erasers, new or used backpacks, black and white notebooks. Bring to St. Bridget Church. Thanks so much!

### **BOOK DRIVE**

St. Bridget School and St. Michael's School have ongoing book drives to benefit Blackwell students. These books go directly into the students' homes. Volunteers needed to: donate books; to help sort and box books; to transport books to Blackwell and set up there.

Time Commitment: Flexible

Grades served: PreK through 5

Application requirements: none

### **SHOPPING HELPER (\*NEW THIS YEAR)**

Several of our children are sponsored through Children, Inc. for help in purchasing clothing, shoes, and school supplies. Volunteers are needed to help shop for these items two or three times a year.

Time Commitment: 2 to 4 hours yearly

Grades served: PreK – 5

Application requirements: none

### **PTA VOLUNTEER (\*NEW THIS YEAR)**

Parental participation is sorely lacking in inner-city schools. St. Bridget parents could provide an invaluable service in helping build a strong PTA at Blackwell. They need help with: programing; ideas for speakers and topics; promotion etc. Perhaps St. Bridget PTA could take this on as a project!

### **SUMMER CAMPS**

What a wonderful program to be a part of! 19 Children attended camp at Benedictine in 2011 because of the generosity of St. Bridget parishioners. Also need help in providing lunches, drinks and transportation. To donate \$\$ to the camp fund, send check to St. Bridget Church, c/o Kimberly Lapkin and mark "Blackwell Camp Fund". Thank you!

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Please fill out the contact information below

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

How would you prefer to be contacted? Home phone \_\_\_ cell phone \_\_\_ email \_\_\_

Have you volunteered at Blackwell before? If so, what did you do as a volunteer?

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I am interested in the following volunteer opportunities:

\_\_\_\_\_ Classroom Assistant/Tutor

\_\_\_\_\_ Fun Saturdays

\_\_\_\_\_ Resource Assistant

\_\_\_\_\_ School Supplies

\_\_\_\_\_ Read Aloud Days

\_\_\_\_\_ Book Drive

\_\_\_\_\_ Birthdays Are Special (\*New)

\_\_\_\_\_ Shopping Helper (\*New)

\_\_\_\_\_ Math Facts Program

\_\_\_\_\_ PTA Volunteer (\*New)

\_\_\_\_\_ Sponsorship of Basketball Camp

**Please return this form to either:**

**St. Bridget Church Office**

**or**

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