

# Profile

OF THE  
SAINT BRIGID FAMILY



SAINT BRIGID SCHOOL

# *Introduction*



The mission of St. Brigid School is to educate the whole child in a welcoming Catholic community, providing students with a strong foundation for life.

As a Jesuit education entails a partnership between school and home, parents and guardians play a critical role at St. Brigid School, serving as models and mentors of the Christian faith, the values of Ignatius, and the Tradition of the Sisters of Mercy that our school is founded upon.

As part of the school's commitment to this mission, St. Brigid School embraces a set of guidelines to assist and encourage family members to be active in their child's spiritual and academic lives, as well as foster a commitment to reflection and growth in their own spiritual journey.

## *Embraces Personal Growth*

St. Brigid family members are committed to a Catholic, Jesuit, and Mercian education for their student. They seek opportunities to grow beside their student, to stretch and expand within their own faith and to serve and model the values taught at St. Brigid School.

Family members are active in the SBS community, and inspire their students in the Ignatian and Mercian tradition by striving for excellence, committing to justice, and nurturing a personal relationship with God.

### THE SAINT BRIGID FAMILY:

- Is involved in his or her child's life, while allowing them the freedom to make mistakes and grow.
- Is open to opportunities to continue his or her own personal growth alongside their child and sets a positive example.
- Is respectful toward teachers, administrators, coaches, and other caregivers in the St. Brigid community and the community at large.
- Is aware of ever-changing cultural influences which impact school-age children and models respect, compassion, and love while guiding themselves and their child toward a deeper understanding of current events and complex issues of humanity.
- Is present and involved in the St. Brigid community through volunteer opportunities such as the Home and School Association service projects, special events, and special committees, when able.

# *Fosters Robust Religious Life*

St. Brigid encourages and invites parents to foster their own religious life alongside their student. By nurturing their own spirituality, parents can best guide their student in his or her relationship with God.

A St. Brigid family member is committed to the values and teachings of an Ignatian education, and models and promotes reflection, service, and leadership, while recognizing the power and presence of God in all things.

## THE SAINT BRIGID FAMILY

- Encourages his or her child to develop a sense of wonder and appreciation of the beauty and mystery of creation and to see God in all things.
- Encourages their child to grow in their faith journey with the understanding that the school teaches through the lens of the Catholic Church.
- Fosters his or her own personal relationship with God through prayer, reflection, and service.
- Respects and is open to the beliefs and practices of the Roman Catholic Church and models the principals of the Ignatian and Mercian tradition regarding service toward the greater glory of God.
- Respect the religious beliefs of others and embraces interreligious dialogue with the intent to learn from diversity and differences in faith.

# *Shows Love & Compassion to All*

"Love ought to manifest itself in deeds rather than in words."

- St. Ignatius

"We must strive to do ordinary things extraordinarily well."

- Catherine McAuley

The St. Brigid family strives to follow the Ignatian, Jesuit, and Mercian traditions and models God's love and compassion toward our neighbors through service to those in need.

## THE SAINT BRIGID FAMILY:

- Identifies and utilizes his or her God-given talent in service to St. Brigid school and the human and global community.
- Demonstrates a concern for and actively protects human dignity.
- Models God's grace and mercy for all students at St. Brigid School and beyond.
- Embraces and builds upon the diverse community at St. Brigid School by knowing others individually and in peer groups.

## *Committed to Justice*

Families play a critical role in the St. Brigid community as conscientious, competent, and compassionate people for others. They understand that the service of faith and the promotion of justice are integral to a Catholic, Jesuit, and Mercian education. Families join the St. Brigid School community, inspiring their children to thirst for justice in and out of the classroom.

### THE SAINT BRIGID FAMILY:

- Understands that the Christian faith and the Ignatian and Mercian tradition implies a commitment to a just society, and sees that faith and justice are deeply intertwined.
- Attempts to understand the complexity of social issues with an eye toward raising conscientious and loving children who glorify God through a commitment to justice and service.
- Feels a sense of compassion for victims of injustice and supports all humans in maintaining their rights and human dignity.
- Seeks opportunities to engage with and serve others.