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News

Diocese of Columbus commends St. Brigid School for Blue Ribbon award

COLUMBUS – The Diocese of Columbus commends St. Brigid of Kildare School, 7175 Avery Road, Dublin, for receiving the “2008 No Child Left Behind – Blue Ribbon School” award, given by United States Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings.

This prestigious honor recognizes nationally both public and private schools that demonstrate either academically superior or dramatic advancement in student achievement.

Saint Brigid of Kildare School has qualified as an academically superior school.

“Saint Brigid School emphasizes academic excellence, progress for each individual student, and Catholic virtues throughout the curriculum and school environment,” said Lucia D. McQuaide, the Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of Columbus. “The key to accomplishing this is the excellent cooperation among the parish leadership, the school leadership and staff, and the parent community,” Mrs. McQuaide added.

“I am honored and proud to be able to accept this award on behalf of our entire school community. Working together with our dedicated staff and our inquisitive students to create a successful learning community has been and will continue to be a wonderful opportunity for all of us to learn together,” said Principal Kathy O’Reilly.

St. Brigid of Kildare School is one of only a handful of central Ohio schools to receive the award this year. St. Brigid of Kildare students consistently perform within the top ten percent of students in the nation in both reading and mathematics on nationally standardized tests.

“This is really the work of (Principal) Kathy O’Reilly and (Assistant Principal), Cindy Lombardo, who have led the charge in pursuit of excellence in education. It is to their credit and the credit of the faculty and staff that St. Brigid School has been recognized for its academic excellence within the framework of a Catholic faith-based education. We are delighted that St. Brigid School, being such a new school, was selected,” said Monsignor Joseph Hendricks, the pastor of Saint Brigid of Kildare parish and school.

St. Brigid of Kildare School opened its doors in 1996 and was the first new school in the diocese in 35 years. It quickly mixed the traditions of Catholic faith formation with progressive teaching techniques to meet specific learning levels and styles.

Students receive current, authentic instruction in religion, language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, health, art, music, physical education, and Spanish. Customized programs in reading, writing and math offer students the opportunity to progress at their own level and pace, while allowing teachers to identify opportunities for improvement or acceleration.