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Dear Prospective Parent,

I am compelled and excited to share our experience of St. Brigid School with you. We moved to Beaver Creek Township eleven years ago which placed us half way between St. Brigid Parish and St. Luke Parish in Beaver Creek. We decided to join the St. Brigid Community and have been blessed since. The community of teachers and parents are very supportive and the smaller parish school is a draw for us, as well as all the opportunities available at St. Brigid School. We have three girls (triplets) who will be entering 5th grade this fall and have attended St. Brigid since Kindergarten.

Our first summer with the St. Brigid community was just after our girls were born. When our girls first came home from the hospital, many of the St. Brigid teachers, along with other parishioners came to our house to help care for our infants. As we got to know these teachers, we knew in our hearts that we wanted our children to attend St. Brigid School. This has been a decision that we have been pleased with. The smaller community at St. Brigid School (one class per grade) and close knit interactions of parents/parents and teachers/parents has brought comfort to us. We know their classmates and their parents, and we know their teachers!

All three of our girls have been in the same classroom each grade since Kindergarten, which has been a positive experience, and worked out well. The teachers have always respected the individuality of our girls and were very accepting and supportive of information that we provided for them regarding multiple birth children in the school setting. In fact, teachers at St. Brigid have received much experience since, having two younger sets of triplets currently entering the 4th and 2nd grades.

We are very impressed with the community service projects and values that are instilled in our children at St. Brigid School. They perform service projects regularly such as visiting nursing homes and singing to the residents, making projects that are used for fund raisers at the bazaar and local charities, donating time, clothing, food and skill to local projects. In this sense, the children learn the value of being part of something larger than themselves and it is exciting to them. The school continues to solidify and help them live the faith based values that we instill in our children.

Extracurricular activities are outstanding. Some of these include: Junior Choir, Band (grades 5-8), Art enrichment, and after-school running club. There is also an opportunity to participate on the volleyball and basketball teams, parish Girl Scouts and Boys Scouts (meeting at the school), and 4-H.

The After School Care program has been a valuable program as both my husband and I work full time. They attend After School Care, which is very affordable, right on the school premises and have opportunities to play with their friends and get some homework completed. The After School staff have given assistance with homework if they have questions.

Our family is very proud of what St. Brigid represents and instills in children. We are committed to attending St. Brigid through their elementary and middle school years. Feel free to come and spend a day at St. Brigid School to experience it first hand. Speak with parents, teachers and students and make a decision from both your head and your heart! We hope to meet you in the near future.

Sincerely,
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and mother of 3 St. Brigid School students