

April 6, 2017

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## School News

Learning to Make a Difference

### A Note to Parents

Dear Parents,

As we begin the month of April, the season of Lent is nearing its end. Next week is Holy Week, and our seventh graders will be performing the Living Stations of the Cross for our student body on Wednesday, April 12, at 9:00 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. We will dismiss for Easter break at 1:30 p.m. on Holy Thursday, April 13. After-school care at B.A.S.E. is available that day. We hope your family will be able to attend the Holy Week services as we begin the final preparations for Easter. (See the related article for specific times.)

Don't forget that our Men's Club will host their final fish fry in the school cafeteria tomorrow evening. They will be serving food from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. Please see the related article and the flyer posted on the school website for more details.

This is the last newsletter before Easter break, but any additional flyers or reminders will be sent home or emailed next week. Again, thank you for the many ways you supported our school and Mrs. Bloome's family last week and for your ongoing support! We will have a special Spirit Day next Thursday, April 13, in memory of Mrs. Bloome. Please see the related article for details.

We appreciate you keeping Mrs. Bloome and her husband Lee and their extended family in your prayers as well as our faculty, staff, and students. Wishing you a blessed Holy Week and Easter and a relaxing break with your children!

Sincerely,  
*Mrs. Kathy Wear*

### Congratulations!

Congratulations to sixth graders Sam and Will DeSalle for receiving the Individual Golden Awards at our assembly on Monday. They were recognized for helping a teacher every morning without being asked to do so and without expecting any recognition.

### In Memory of Mrs. Bloome

Next Thursday, April 13, we will celebrate the difference Mrs. Bloome made in our lives as well as her April 15<sup>th</sup> birthday by wearing one of her favorite colors, hot pink or periwinkle blue, on a special Spirit Day in her memory. On that day students will be asked to wear pink or blue shirts with jeans or their uniform bottoms. Students may also wear pink or blue socks. All other regular uniform guidelines. We hope everyone will join us in this special Spirit Day in memory of Mrs. Bloome!

### Holy Week Schedule

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday this weekend. Weekend Masses follow the regular schedule. The regular morning Mass schedule is in place next week from Monday through Wednesday, but there are no morning Masses the rest of the week. Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday is at 7:00 p.m. On Good Friday our seventh graders will present the Living Stations for the parish at 3:00 p.m., and the Good Friday service is at 5:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, and the regular Mass schedule is in place for Easter Sunday. **There is no 4:30 pm Mass next Saturday, April 15, and no confessions scheduled when the Triduum begins on Thursday, April 13.** We hope your family will be join in commemorating the most important events in our faith through the celebration of the Triduum services at Blessed Sacrament Church.

### Barnes & Noble Book Fair Hosted by Pre-K Students

Mrs. Stauffer's and Miss Emily's Pre-K classes will host a spring book fair at Barnes and Noble on Tuesday, April 11. Mrs. Stauffer's Pre-K-1 class will perform songs at 6:00 p.m. Miss Emily will read aloud to the students in the children's area after their performance, and then Pre-K-2 will perform at 6:45 p.m. The winners of the character drawing contest (see separate article below) will be announced at 7:00 p.m. We also hope to have some of our *Seussical* characters on hand for the evening!

Additionally, families will have the opportunity to pre-order Cheesecake Factory cheesecakes from the Café, which will also count towards our school's book fair totals. The cheesecakes would make a great addition to your Easter celebrations. Please see the order form accompanying today's newsletter for details. **Orders are due Monday, April 3.**

Families are able to make purchases anytime April 11 in-store or online for our book fair. **Our book fair ID number is 12122404.** Online orders will also be accepted throughout the following week for our book fair, using the ID number provided above. Please plan to join us!

### "Oh, the Characters You'll Create!" Drawing Contest

Our librarians and art teachers are sponsoring an art contest open to all of our students. Students entering the contest will create their own Dr. Seuss-inspired character according to the directions on the flyer that was sent home last week. The contest entries are due by **Monday, April 10**, to Mrs. Ficke, and the contest winners will be announced at the Barnes & Noble event on Tuesday, April 11. All entries will be on display at school during April.

### **Schnuck's Selects BSS as *Bags for My Cause* Recipient**

The Montvale Schnuck's store selected Blessed Sacrament School as the first recipient of their "Bags 4 My Cause" program. During the month of May, Blessed Sacrament School will receive \$1 for each Schnuck's reusable Giving Bag sold at the store located at 2801 Chatham Road. We appreciate your support of this effort and are most grateful to Schnuck's for including us in their generous program!

### **Lifetouch Spring Portraits**

Photo packets from our Spring Portrait Day were sent home with all students two weeks ago. If you want to purchase any photos, please return the form with payment and any remaining photos to the school office by **tomorrow, Friday, April 7.** If you are not interested in purchasing any photos, please return the entire packet to school tomorrow. We appreciate Lifetouch's donation back to our school for hosting a photo day in the spring, regardless the amount of packets purchased.

### **Spring into Box Tops**

There is a box tops collection sheet being sent home today with everyone. All students who return a completed collection sheet by tomorrow, **Friday, April 7**, will receive a special treat bag before Easter. Thank you for your ongoing support of this program!

### **Spring Musical ~ *Seussical, Jr.***

Our sixth through eighth graders are presenting this year's musical, *Seussical, Jr.*, on Friday, April 28, and Saturday, April 29. Performances both evenings will begin at 7:00 p.m. An order form for tickets will be coming home next week and will be posted on the school website. Tickets are \$5 per person, and there is a family rate of \$20 for more than four people in an immediate family. Tickets are also available at the door. The students have really been working hard at rehearsal. We appreciate the dedication and enthusiasm of our music teacher, Mrs. Lisa Hartman, and Mrs. Taryn Grant in bringing this show to life. We hope you join us for this fun show!

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Scholarship Packets**

Our parish and several individuals offer many scholarship opportunities for our eighth graders planning on attending Sacred Heart-Griffin next year. A packet of scholarship application forms will be sent home with the eighth graders on Monday, April 10. Some applications will require teacher and/or principal recommendations. The applications will be due back to the school office by **Wednesday, May 3**. Specific details for each scholarship will be included in the packets.

### **SHG 0-Hour Algebra**

A packet of information was distributed previously to all seventh grade students regarding SHG's zero-hour algebra classes. Completed applications must be sent to your child's current math teacher for verification prior to being submitted to SHG. Therefore, **please submit the application to your current math teacher on or before Thursday, April 13.** Please note that this date is earlier than the one

previously published in order for the math teacher to provide a detailed evaluation. Thank you.

### **Alumni Breakfast**

The alumni breakfast for the B.S.S. Classes of 2013 & 2017 has been scheduled for 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 2. Our current 8<sup>th</sup> graders and high school seniors who graduated from our school will receive their invitations after Easter break. We look forward to celebrating the achievements of both classes!

### **Ursuline Academy Foundation Tuition Award**

Last week our current 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> graders received applications for the Ursuline Academy Foundation Tuition Award. One student from each Springfield Catholic elementary school who is entering 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade next year will receive a \$500 award to be applied to the 2017-2018 tuition. **Please note that applications are due back to the school office by tomorrow, Friday, April 7.** Thank you!

### **SHG News – Cheerleading & Volleyball**

SHG will hold cheerleading tryouts in the East Campus Gym, April 10-14, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. each day. There is a parent meeting on Sunday, April 9, at 2:00 p.m. Please email [shgcheerleading@gmail.com](mailto:shgcheerleading@gmail.com) with questions. There is a flyer posted on our school's website.

SHG will host a meeting for parents of incoming freshmen interested in playing volleyball on Monday, April 10 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the East Campus cafeteria and should last about 30 minutes. Players may attend but are not required to do so. This meeting is only for players/parents that are already registered to attend SHG next year. Please contact Sandy Hamilton with questions at [sandyhamilton@gmail.com](mailto:sandyhamilton@gmail.com).

SHG volleyball will also host a volleyball camp this summer for incoming 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders, June 19-22. For more information, please go to [www.springfieldelitevbc.com](http://www.springfieldelitevbc.com) and look under "camps."

### **Timothy Retreat for Junior High**

There will be a Timothy Retreat for junior high students at St. John Vianney Parish in Sherman on April 21-22, 2017. It is an overnight retreat and the cost is \$25 per student. Please call 496-2452 or see the flyer on our website for more information.

### **Father-Son Adventure and Pilgrimage**

The Diocesan Office for Marriage and Family Life is offering a Father-Son Adventure and Pilgrimage for young men, ages 13-18 years, July 13-15, 2017. The cost is \$125 per person and scholarships are available. There is a flyer posted on our school website with more information and an itinerary. Please contact Carlos Tejada at 698-8500 for information.

### **Half Marathon Anyone?!**

Last week our students began the annual running contest at school. Any student who chooses may get a tracking card during P.E. or recess. The goal is to complete 13 miles (a half marathon!) at his/her own pace by next Thursday, April 13. The students have to complete 19 laps of the gym or 14

laps of the playground in order to complete one mile. Please talk with your child and encourage them to pick up a tracking card if they are interested in working toward this goal.

### **Uniform Reminders**

Just a reminder that, as of April 1, students may once again wear uniform shorts, and skirts may be worn without opaque tights. However, skirts/skortis are not to be more than two inches above the knee. Shorts must be uniform shorts (no cargo shorts) and should not be shorter than approximately two inches above the knee. Please refer to the dress code section of the parent/student handbook (page 25-27) for further information. Thank you for your cooperation!

### **Builders Club Lenten Project**

The Builders Club is sponsoring a Lenten project to benefit The Matthew Project, which provides needed items and services for homeless students in District 186. The Builders Club is requesting that each grade bring a certain personal hygiene or food item, as listed on the flyer posted on the school website. There is a particular need for socks and undergarments. Donations are due by **tomorrow, Friday, April 7**. Thank you, in advance, for helping needy children in our community.

### **Men's Club Fish Fry**

The Men's Club will host the final fish fry for this Lenten season tomorrow, Friday, April 7, from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. A flyer is posted on the school website with available food items and prices. The gym will be open beginning at 5:30 p.m. as an area for children to play **if there are enough chaperones available**. We ask that students wear tennis shoes if they are going to play in the gym. If they wear other shoes, they will have to take them off. Therefore, children must wear socks. The gym will be supervised by adults, and parents are asked to sign their children in and out of the gym. A parent or a chaperone must be present at the fish fry for a child to be in the gym. With the availability of the gym, children will not be allowed to play on the parking lot or in the field.

**We do need enough adult chaperones to supervise children in the gym. If you are interested in supervising during a shift, 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. or 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., please call Ruth Hanken at 652-1742.** Again, the parking lot and field will remain off limits for children, whether the gym is open or not. The safety of children during the fish fry is our main concern. We appreciate your cooperation and help!

### **Collection at Fish Fries**

Boy Scout Troop 31 and Cub Scout Pack 31 will be collecting personal hygiene items for St. Martin De Porres Center during all the fish fries this year. They will be accepting toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, conditioner, towels, washcloths etc. Thanks, in advance, for your generosity!

### **Garden Club News**

The next Garden Club meeting will be held **Tuesday, April 11**. **Please note this is a new date.** The club will continue to meet on the first Tuesdays through the summer,

with the exception of July 4, which will be rescheduled for a different day in July.

### **Golf Team Meeting**

Mark your calendars for Monday, April 10, if your child is interested in joining the school's golf team. The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria, and all parents of current 4<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> graders interested in being on the golf team should attend. The interested students are also invited to attend the meeting. If your child is definitely signing up for the golf team, please also bring your child's completed physical form and a check for the \$75 athletic fee. Practice will begin Mondays in May at Brookhills Golf Course from 4:00-5:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Etheridge at 836-9196 or Michelle Calucchia at 493-7633.

### **Dental Exam Reminder**

Please remember that all students in kindergarten, second grade, and sixth grade are required to present proof of having been examined by a dentist before May 15 of the school year. (Dentist offices have the official form that needs to be submitted.) If a child in grade K, 2 or 6 fails to present proof by May 15, then the school may hold the child's report card until one of the following occurs: 1. The child presents proof of a completed dental examination within 18 months prior to the deadline; 2. The child presents proof that a dental examination will take place within 60 days after May 15; or 3. The parents obtain a waiver from the Department of Public Health or provide objection to the exam on religious grounds.

### **Service Hours Requirements & Waiver Request**

Please refer to the Family Service Hours flyer in your registration packet regarding the process to apply for a waiver for inability to complete the service hours. Please note that **a request for a waiver must be submitted in writing by April 15. No late submissions are accepted! Thank you!**

### **Hockey with Bishop Paprocki**

Bishop Paprocki will once again participate in the Hockey with (Bishop) Paprocki fundraiser for Catholic Charities Legal Services on Wednesday, April 19. This fun event will be held at the Nelson Center beginning at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5 at the door. There is a flyer posted on our school's website. Please come and show your support!

### **Looking Ahead**

Friday, April 7 –

**Donations for Builders Club Lenten project due!**

**Box tops collection sheet due!**

**Lifetouch photo packets/payments due!**

**Ursuline Academy Foundation Tuition Award applications due!**

Regular PSA Spirit Day (covered by pre-paid fee)

2:15 p.m. – First Friday adoration & benediction for grades 2-8

5:00-7:30 p.m. – Men's Club Fish Fry

Monday, April 10 –

**Drawing contest entries due!**

7:00 p.m. – Golf team meeting in the cafeteria

Tuesday, April 11 –

3:00-4:00 p.m. – Garden Club meeting

6:00 p.m. – Barnes & Noble Pre-K Book Fair event at the store; Dr. Seuss theme; see related article!

Wednesday, April 12 –

9:00 & 9:45 a.m. – Living Stations performances for students

1:30 p.m. – Early dismissal for faculty meeting; after-school care at B.A.S.E. available

Thursday, April 13 –

**SHG 0-hour Algebra applications due to Mrs. Healy**

No morning Mass or confessions

Special Spirit Day in memory of Mrs. Bloome (wear pink or blue shirts with jeans or uniform bottoms)

1:30 p.m. – Early dismissal for Easter vacation; after-school care at B.A.S.E. available

7:00 p.m. – Holy Thursday Mass

Friday, April 14 –

No morning Mass or confessions

3:00 p.m. – 7<sup>th</sup> graders' Living Stations for the parish

5:30 p.m. – Good Friday service

Friday, April 14 – Friday, April 21 –

No school for Easter vacation

#### **Please Remember!**

#### **Before School Patrols for the Week of April 10-14:**

Griffin Cook    Julia Danna    Teddy Dietrich  
Carmen Dillman    Maria Fulgenzi    Jack Gaffney

#### **After School Patrols for the Week of April 10-14:**

Madeline Landgrebe    Spencer Wood    Aidan Mauntel

#### **Before School Patrols for the Week of April 24-28:**

Mary Claire Gardner    Lucy Harvey    Drew Herman  
Briana Huelsman    Nathan Jugan    Nolan Kelley

#### **After School Patrols for the Week of April 24-28:**

Peter Mokoff    Liam Noonan    Jack Ozyurt

#### **Mass Servers for April 8 & 9: (only BSS students)**

**4:30 p.m. Saturday**    Nathaniel Bell, Mitch Dye & Gabby Antonacci

**7:00 a.m. Sunday**    Ava Giacomini

**8:30 a.m. Sunday**    no current BSS student

**10:30 a.m. Sunday**    Andrew Dailey, Jack Fleschli & Tyler Furkin

#### **Daily Servers for April 10-14:**

**8:00 a.m. M & W &**    Jaynanne Roate

**8:20 a.m. Tu.**    & Caleb Rutherford

**\*\*See Special Schedule sent from the rectory for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday serving assignments.\*\***

#### **Daily Servers for April 17-21**

**8:00 a.m. M & W &**    Joey Scott

**8:20 a.m. Tu.**    & Noah Ward

**8:00 a.m. Th &**    Finn Loken

**8:20 a.m. Fri**    & Lennon Long

#### **Mass Servers for April 22 & 23: (only BSS students)**

**4:30 p.m. Saturday**    Seth Faivre & Emily Leefers

**7:00 a.m. Sunday**    no current BSS students

**8:30 a.m. Sunday**    Michael Krikorian, Mary Clare Mizeur & Blake White

**10:30 a.m. Sunday**    Jack Ozyurt & Maddie McKay

#### **Daily Servers for April 24-28**

**8:00 a.m. M & W &**    Grace Minder

**8:20 a.m. Tu.**    & Liam Noonan

**8:00 a.m. Th &**    Anthony Keldermans

**8:20 a.m. Fri**    & Hannah Lambert