

March 23, 2017

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School News

Learning to Make a Difference

A Note to Parents

Dear Parents,

We welcomed Fr. Jeff back with a special recognition at our leadership assembly on Monday, and then all of the students received their third quarter report cards from Father. It's so nice to have him back in our school!

If you have any questions regarding your child's report card or progress, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher. Also, don't forget that Engrade is an easy way to follow your child's grades throughout the grading period. We appreciate your continued help and support as our students finish their final quarter of this school year.

Tomorrow our eighth graders will be attending their Confirmation retreat at St. Joseph Church in Chatham. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to receive the sacrament of Confirmation next Wednesday, March 29, at a 7:00 p.m. Mass.

PSA will be selling Lenten lunch items tomorrow. The following items will be for sale: pretzel with cheese (\$3.00), nachos with cheese (\$2.00 or \$2.50 with extra cheese), and popcorn (50 cents per bag).

Our Men's Club will be hosting another fish fry in the school cafeteria tomorrow evening. They will be serving food from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. See the related article and the flyer posted on the school website for more details.

Enjoy your weekend!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Kathy Wear

Congratulations!

There were several eighth graders who participated in the Illinois Regional History Fair this past weekend. The following students received superior ratings on their exhibits and will move on to state level: Maggie Allen, Sam Antonacci, Colin Brockhouse, Grace Lambert, Sofia Lewis, and Sophie Reimers. Three additional students received superior ratings on their research papers and will advance to state: Isabella Elias, Emma Kinion, and Sophie Reimers. Good luck at state!

Bruins Update

Congratulations to our 5th and 6th grade girls' volleyball teams on the completion of their seasons! The 5th grade girls placed 4th in their tournament, and the 6th grade girls placed 1st in their tournament in addition to placing 1st in the league during the regular season. Special thanks to the 5th grade coaches, Susan Faivre and Emily Eades, and the 6th grade coaches, Laura Rogers, Michelle Eades, and Emily Eades, for their dedication and leadership this season. Way to go!!

Hoops Mania Update

Thanks to all of our families who sold and/or purchased tickets for Hoops Mania! We sold 407 tickets and will have winners for every 29 tickets sold. Good luck to all of those who are participating!

Successful Scholastic Book Fair!

Thank you for making our spring Scholastic Book Fair, *It's S'more Fun with Books*, one of our most successful book fairs ever! We appreciate the Men's Club accommodating our book fair set-up during the first two fish fries, as they were both very successful sales evenings. Our total sales were nearly \$9,391.04, of which the school received a check for \$2,347.76, 25% of the total, for our library. The funds raised will enable us to continue electronic check-out in our library, which is vital given our size and resources. Special thanks to Laura Dietrich for coordinating the fair along with our librarians, Mrs. Criscione and Mrs. Allen, and all of the volunteers who staffed the fair throughout the week.

Lifetouch Spring Portraits

Photo packets from our Spring Portrait Day are being sent home with all students today. If you want to purchase any photos, please return the form with payment and any remaining photos to the school office by Friday, March 31. If you are not interested in purchasing any photos, please return the entire packet to school by next Friday. We appreciate Lifetouch's donation back to our school for hosting a photo day in the spring, regardless of the amount of packets purchased.

"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 being sent home today. 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.

Hot Lunch Orders for April

The hot lunch order form for April is going home today. Please return the completed form with payment to the school office by **Monday, March 27**. Thank you!

Half Marathon Anyone?!

This week our students began the annual running contest at school. Any student who chooses to participate receives a tracking card during P.E. or recess. The goal for each participant is to complete 13 miles (a half marathon!) at

his/her own pace by 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 children and encourage them to pick up a tracking card if they are interested in working toward this goal.

Tuition Assistance for 2017-2018

The F.A.C.T.S. tuition assistance applications (along with the required supporting documentation) for the 2017-2018 school year are **due March 31**. You may apply online by accessing the link on our website or request a paper copy of the application from Sharon Schraeder. Families will be notified in mid-May of their assistance. Please contact Sharon Schraeder at 522-7534, ext. 245, with any questions.

Registration for 2017-2018

Registration forms, along with the registration fees, were due back Monday, March 13. Please make every effort to return the paperwork this week, as the numbers gathered at registration are critical in making the appropriate preparations for the upcoming school year. We appreciate your cooperation!

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.

The Wizard of Oz

The Hoogland Teens, Kids & Juniors are presenting *The Wizard of Oz* at The Hoogland Center for the Arts. Experience live theatre magic with lavish costumes, flying monkeys, the classic story, and several B.S.S. students in the performance! Performances continue Saturday & Sunday, March 25 & 26. See the website, www.hcfta.org, for specific performance times and tickets. Good luck to our students in the production, including Laney Aleman, Charlotte Apostol, Portia Apostol, A.J. Elias, Isabella Elias, Sophia Elias, Ava Giacomini, Lucy Unal, and Rose Unal. We hope you are able to attend this most beloved musical!

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. Donations are due by Friday, March 31. Thank you, in advance, for helping needy children in our community.

Men's Club Fish Fry

The Men's Club will host a fish fry tomorrow, Friday, March 24, 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!

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 4th through 7th 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. Practices 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.

Sacred Relics of the Saints: Treasures of the Church

The Diocese of Springfield in Illinois will host at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics **today, Thursday, March 23, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.** Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will be here with his very special ministry to teach about these holy objects. He will bring with him over 150 relics, some as old as 2000 years.

Among the treasures will be relics of St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux (the "Little Flower"), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. In addition, there will also be present a portion of the veil of Our Lady, as well as one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic. In the Church's history many miracles and healings have been worked in the presence of relics, and many have been healed through this ministry.

Please do not miss this opportunity. You may bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members, which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession.

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 dental examination 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!

SHG Spring Musical Production of *Oklahoma*

Tickets are on sale now for SHG's spring musical production of *Oklahoma*. The show will run this weekend, March 23-25 at 7:30 p.m. and March 26 at 2 p.m. Tickets may be purchased online at www.shg.org or by calling 787-1595, ext. 168. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for students or seniors.

The Children's Round Up will be held Sunday, March 26, at noon. Children and parents will have the opportunity to meet the cast, take a backstage tour, play games, and see the production immediately following the event. Lunch is included. Tickets for the Children's Round Up are \$15 each.

SHG Zero Hour Math Class

SHG will continue to offer its zero hour algebra program for qualifying eighth grade students in the 2017-2018 school year. The applications, which are due May 1, were sent home with all of the 7th grade students last week.

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 April 24. 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 an informational flyer posted on our school's website. Come and show your support!

Looking Ahead

Thursday, March 23 –

4:00 p.m. – Home Scholastic Bowl meet

7:00 p.m. – Exposition of Relics at the Cathedral

Friday, March 24 –

8th grade Confirmation retreat at St. Joseph Church in Chatham

5:00-7:30 p.m. – Men's Club Fish Fry

Monday, March 27 –

April hot lunch order forms due!

8:20 a.m. – Leadership assembly (wear t-shirts)

Wednesday, March 29 –

7:00 p.m. – Confirmation Mass

Friday, March 31 –

Donations for Builders Club Lenten project due!

Lifetouch photo packets & payments due back!

Extra Spirit Day to benefit Hope School (not covered by pre-paid fee)

5:00-7:30 p.m. – Men's Club Fish Fry

Monday, April 3 –

Free modified Spirit Day for March Madness Fundraiser

Friday, April 7 –

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

5:30 p.m. – Barnes & Noble Pre-K Book Fair event at the store; Dr. Seuss theme; more details to follow!

Wednesday, April 12 –

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

Thursday, April 13 –

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

Friday, April 14 –

Good Friday

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

Friday, April 14 – Friday, April 21 –

No school for Easter vacation

Please Remember!

Before School Patrols for the Week of March 27-31:

Josh Mauney Grace Minder Ambz Negro

Charles Pittman Anna Riedell Jaynanne Roate

After School Patrols for the Week of March 27-31:

Nadia Giacomini Bryce Johnson Daniel Katalinich

Mass Servers for March 25 & 26: (only BSS students)

4:30 p.m. Saturday Joey Scott, Finn Loken & Lennon Long

7:00 a.m. Sunday no current BSS student

8:30 a.m. Sunday Lauren Smith & Anthony Keldermans

10:30 a.m. Sunday Maddie O'Connor

Daily Servers for March 27-31:

8:00 a.m. M & W & Audrey Frost

8:20 a.m. Tu. & Mitch Dye

8:00 a.m. Th. & Madailein McKay

8:20 a.m. Fri. & Ellen O'Brien