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School News

Learning to Make a Difference

A Note to Parents

Dear Parents,

As we approach the final days of the school year, our school calendar continues to fill up with field trips and end-of-the year activities. Once again, please be sure to check the *Looking Ahead* section of the newsletter for an updated calendar of events each week and look for more information coming home from homeroom teachers as events are planned.

Congratulations to Ms. Horn's class on receiving their First Holy Communion last Sunday. We thank their parents, along with Ms. Horn, Mrs. Kroner, and Father Jeff, for their preparation of our students for this sacrament. Please continue to pray for all of our second graders as they continue to grow in their faith.

This week our eighth graders were out in the community on their annual Days of Discovery field trips as well as on their class trip to Chicago. We extend our thanks to all of the businesses and agencies that welcomed our eighth graders and provided them with informative experiences this week. Special thanks to the parent volunteers who made these trips possible by planning, driving, and/or chaperoning.

The eighth grade awards ceremony will be held this Sunday, May 14, beginning at 5:00 p.m. in church, followed by a dinner and dance for the eighth graders and their parents in the cafeteria. Graduation Mass for the Class of 2017 will be celebrated next Monday evening, May 15, at 6:00 p.m. We will miss their presence in our school but look forward to following their activities and accomplishments in high school.

Our faculty extends their thanks for all who have made Teacher Appreciation Week a special one for them. In addition, we also extend special thanks to Kim Lenz and all of the parent volunteers who provided lunch for our teachers on a monthly basis throughout the school year. It was always a special treat that was most appreciated!

Please continue to keep our eighth graders in your prayers as they finish their days at our school. We wish all of our graduates many blessings and much happiness in the future! Happy Mothers' Day! Enjoy the weekend!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Kathy Wear

We'll Miss Them!

We wish the best of luck to any students who are not returning next year. We know some students are moving out of the area, and they are most welcome to come back and visit their B.S.S. friends any time.

We also sadly say good-bye to Ms. Sam Horn, our second grade teacher, whose last day will be next Wednesday, May 17. Ms. Horn will be married on May 20, and she and her husband will be living in Alton, where she will be helping

her husband with a new business. We have been so blessed to have her as part of our faculty for the past two years!

Also, Mrs. Susan Faivre, our third grade aide, has accepted a position as a freshman theology teacher at Sacred Heart-Griffin. Although we will miss the many ways Mrs. Faivre shared her faith at our school over the past two years, we also know that she will be a true asset to SHG and are happy that she will remain a part of our school community as a parent.

We hope you will join us in sharing our appreciation for their care and concern for our students and for Blessed Sacrament School. We wish them the best in the future! We will keep you posted on our hiring decisions for their replacements and for the fourth grade teaching position.

In addition, Mrs. Sharon Schraeder, our business manager, is retiring at the end of this fiscal year. Mrs. Schraeder has been an integral part of our office for almost twenty-five years, and her expertise and dedication to the parish and school have been invaluable. She will truly be missed, too, but we pray she will be abundantly blessed in her retirement.

Congratulations to Our State History and Science Fair Participants!

Congratulations to our eighth graders who participated in the Illinois State History Fair on May 4! The following students received superior awards at state for their exhibits: Colin Brockhouse, Sofia Lewis, and Sophie Reimers. Sam Antonacci, Maggie Allen, and Grace Lambert received excellent awards at state for their exhibits. In the research project category, Emma Kinion received an excellent award at state, and Isabella Elias and Sophie Reimers received superior awards. Congratulations to all of our 8th graders and special thanks to their teachers, Ms. Angela Alan and Mr. Dan Manfredo.

Saturday, May 6, was the State Science Fair in DeKalb. Congratulations to seventh graders Justine Bell, Andrew Reimers, Nolan Kelley, and Jack Davis for receiving gold awards, Charles Pittman and Joey Scott on their silver awards, and Anthony Keldermans on his bronze award. Special thanks to their teachers, Mrs. Laura Reiser and Mrs. Mary Ellen Hollahan.

State Track Qualifiers

Congratulations to our track team on a successful regular season and good times at the sectional meet last weekend! Today we honored our state qualifiers at a pep rally. Those athletes who qualified for state include Sophia Bonansinga in the high jump and 4 x 100 relay and Clare Cavanagh, Mary Clare Mizeur, Reilly Mohn, and Lauren Smith in the 4 x 100 relay. Good luck to our 8th grade girls as

they represent our school at the state track meet in East Peoria this weekend! Special thanks to their coaches and helpers, Cindy Klenke, Krista Kolis, David Wortman, Michael Hady, and Anna Pittman.

Intramural Volleyball

Congratulations to all of our students who participated in the intramural volleyball tournament in our gym Tuesday evening! They all had fun while displaying their volleyball skills and teamwork. Special thanks to Mrs. Davis for organizing the tournament and to the volunteer coaches, Lori Wernsing, Cindy Oh, Polly Harvey, David Wortman, Amy Schober, and Nick Allen, and their student helpers, Megan Wernsing, Ava Stone, Gabby Antonacci, Elise Huffstedtler, and Madison O'Connor.

Cross Country Summer Running Program

Our cross country team coach, Mike O'Brien, will be overseeing a summer running program for students interested in joining our cross country team. This is an optional program but would be a great opportunity for students to see if cross country is for them and to prepare interested athletes for the upcoming season. Please see the letter being emailed home today for more details.

Baseball Team Meeting

There will be a baseball meeting on Wednesday, May 17th, at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria for parents who have a son interested in participating on the Blessed Sacrament I.E.S.A. baseball team next fall. Please plan to attend.

Update on Unauthorized Items

We have had several students bring "fidget spinners" to school over the last couple of weeks. These have become a distraction to learning in the classroom as well as a problem in the cafeteria and on the playground. Similar to "thinking putty", the only acceptable use would be with a doctor's note and with prior consultation with the teachers regarding its educational use. Otherwise, they are considered toys that are not acceptable for use on school grounds during the school day. We hope your children will enjoy them outside the school day. Thanks for your cooperation!

Talent Show Auditions

Be a part of the Blessed Sacrament Talent Show to be held on Fun Day, Wednesday, May 24! Auditions will be held after school at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16. The deadline for turning in the audition form has been extended to Monday, May 15. See the flyer posted on the school website for more details. Don't miss your chance to be part of the fun!

SchoolKidz School Supply Kits

Orders may be placed (and paid for) online at www.shoptkits.com, using our school account number 10950. Paper orders are also accepted, and all paperwork is being sent home with each student today. **Paper orders, along with payment, are due back to the school office by Friday, May 12, and online orders are due Thursday, May 18.** Identical school supply lists will be posted on our website for those families who prefer to gather their own supplies over

the summer months. Please contact Mrs. Burke with any questions.

Yearbook Group Photos

Tomorrow, Friday, May 12, group pictures will be taken for use in the school yearbook. These groups include any clubs, fine arts groups, after-school enrichment groups, Scholastic Bowl team, Builders Club, and Scout groups as well as winners of our science and history fairs, essay contests, and geography and spelling bees. Scouts may wear their uniforms on this picture day, and students may bring any awards associated with their group for the photos. No sports teams are included as their photos for the yearbook were taken by Lifetouch previously.

Library Books Due!

All library books are due by Monday, May 15! All library books from 8th graders are due by Monday, May 8. Please see Mrs. Criscione or Mrs. Allen if you need to pay for lost books or books needing repairs. End of the year privileges (i.e. Fun Day participation, etc.) may be withheld from students who are not in good standing with their library books. **As a special incentive, every student in the grade level (both homerooms) that is the first one to have all books returned will receive a free poster.**

Scouting News

Last Friday, our fourth grade Junior Girl Scout Troop members took a trip to the State Capitol as part of the annual Girl Scout Day at the Capitol event. They really enjoyed this educational trip, and even had the opportunity to visit the Lieutenant Governor's office and go onto the floor of the House of Representatives. They truly appreciate Rep. Sara Wojcicki-Jimenez's office for arranging this special tour for the troop.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to sixth grader Madi Sweeney on her role as Jane in the Springfield Muni Opera's upcoming summer production of *Mary Poppins*. Eighth grader A.J. Elias also has a role in the production. Way to go! If we have any other students involved in other summer productions, please let us know!

Book Signing

Sacred Heart-Griffin High School and Blessed Sacrament School are partnering to sponsor a book talk and signing by Louise Phipps Senft, an alumna of both schools and author of [Being Relational: The Seven Ways to Quality Interaction](#). The event will be held on Thursday, May 25, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the SHG East Campus Common Area. Books will be available for purchase and signing at the event. We hope you will join us!

Mentor Families

Thank you so much to the families who have volunteered to serve as mentors for new school families next year! All those who have volunteered thus far will be contacted with further information in the coming weeks. We are still looking for another dozen or so mentor families next

year, particularly for kindergarten and pre-k students. Please call or email Mrs. Burke at burke@bssbruins.org if you would be interested in helping in this way or if you have any questions. You earn service hours for each family mentored. Thank you for your consideration of this important service!

Girls on the Run Helping the Community

Each year the B.S.S. Girls on the Run (GOTR) program team selects a community-based service project. This year, they are donating **new and gently used books** to the Ronald McDonald House in Springfield. The people who stay at the Ronald McDonald House will greatly appreciate these donations. Books for all ages, including puzzle books, are welcome. Appropriate books for adults are also welcome, as there are many adult parents who stay at RMH while their children are hospitalized. If you want to donate books, please drop them off in the decorated boxes placed around the school. **All books must be donated by Friday, May 12.** We hope you can help with this project! It would mean a lot to the Girls on the Run!

Girls on the Run 5K

Our spring session of the Girls on the Run program will be wrapping up in May. We thank our coaches, Mary Tuttle, Betsy Link, Jennifer Cicci, and Janette Allotey, for leading this educational program for our 3rd and 4th grade girls. Everyone is invited to take part in the spring 5K event sponsored by Girls on the Run of Central Illinois. It will be held on Saturday, May 20, at Lincoln Land Community College. Online registration is available at www.GOTRcentralillinois.org.

Math Workbooks for Summer Review & Enrichment

Our students are doing an amazing job in the second year of our new math series. We encourage them to continue practicing math during the summer to retain the concepts that they have learned. As a possible resource for review, Mrs. Healy sent home an order form with her sixth and seventh grade students for a summer review book for interested students this past week, but review books for other grade levels are available. A copy of the order form is posted on the school website and can also be accessed at their website, www.summerskills.com.

If you would like to order a review book, **you need to mail, call, fax, or on-line order the book. Do not send any order or payment to school.** You need to order your own book as the book will be delivered to your home. **Because this book is a review, you should order the math book that corresponds with your child's current grade level.** Answer keys and solution keys are provided in the books. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Healy.

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.

Annual Rummage Sale

Mark your calendars!!! The Annual Blessed Sacrament School Rummage Sale is on Saturday, June 3rd, this year. We need YOUR help! If you have been spring cleaning and found items that need a new home, they would be most welcome here, and we will accept them the week prior to the sale. We will be accepting the usual gamut of donations---- toys, games, sporting goods, housewares, furniture, and antiques. We are not able to accept TV's. Please call or text Neal Malone at 361-5943 to let him know when you will be available to assist with the sale, or you may email him at the.malones7@comcast.net.

93rd Annual Garden Party

Add another date to your calendar! Our Garden Party will be held on Wednesday, June 14, and the co-chairs, Jennifer Furkin and Kate McCarthy, are looking for adults and teens to help during the Garden Party and for set-up and clean-up shifts. Family services hours as well as 8th grade and high school service hours will be given to those helping. See the flyer posted on the school website for the specific volunteer opportunities. Raffle tickets were sent home last week. Be a part of this fun tradition at Blessed Sacrament!

Vacation Bible School

Join us for a fun and faith filled week of singing, learning, playing and friendship during Blessed Sacrament's Vacation Bible School. This year's VBS theme is "Maker Fun Factory: Created by God Built for a Purpose" and will run Monday, June 19 - Friday, June 23, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., with early drop off available. VBS is offered to students in grades K-5, and students in grades 6-8 are needed as helpers. The cost is \$25 per child. Parent volunteer opportunities available See the flyer being emailed home today for more details. Please contact Marlene Keldermans at 691-7704 or mkeldermans47@gmail.com with any questions or to volunteer.

Save the Date for Our Annual Auction

The 47th Annual Blessed Sacrament Auction will be held on Saturday, September 30, 2017. There are a number of committee volunteers already in place, but we are seeking a general chairperson, as well as fresh faces on the committee. This is the biggest fundraising event of the school year and we need many hands on deck! Please contact Kim Hoffmann if you can be a part of this team effort!

Service Hours Reminder

Service hours for this school year may be earned through May 31, 2017. Several opportunities are available as listed in this newsletter or on our school website. Please call the school office if you need assistance in finding service opportunities. Statements will be mailed in early June, and families will be billed for any hours not completed. All

accounts must be current by July 31, 2017, in order for families to be allowed to complete registration for the 2017-2018 school year.

Youth Basketball Camp at Blessed Sacrament

One of our parents, Scott Eades, who has been involved in coaching at our school is running a youth basketball camp the week of June 5-8 at Blessed Sacrament School. Boys and girls going into grades 4-8 in the fall of 2017 are eligible to attend. The cost is \$65 per camper with a \$10 discount for additional members of the same immediate family. The registration and waiver forms are being emailed home today and will be posted on our school website. For further information, please contact Scott Eades at 217-414-3518 or at seades2@comcast.net.

Feast of Corpus Christi

All of the second grade First Communicants are invited to take part in the Corpus Christi procession on Sunday, June 18, following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. The second graders should wear their First Communion attire and meet in the church immediately following the Mass. The procession should be finished around 1:00 p.m. Please email Margaret in the parish office at mantenan@bsps.org if your child plans to participate. Thank you.

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!

Summer Camp at Little Flower School

Little Flower School is offering their annual summer camp. There are a variety of fun activities and field trips planned! Children are welcome on a drop-in, daily rate basis or for full-time registration. Please see the flyer being emailed with today's newsletter and posted on our website. Please call Little Flower at 529-4511 for further information.

SHG Summer Camp Activities

Sacred Heart-Griffin is offering several athletic camps this summer for girls and boys entering 4th-8th grades, depending upon the camp selected. There are some brochures available in our school office or go to www.shg.org.

Looking Ahead

Friday, May 12 –

SchoolKidz school supply kit paper order forms & payment due to office

Lifetouch yearbook photos of groups/clubs
8th grade lunch at Pie's the Limit with dismissal for the day from that location
4th grade walking to Baskin Robbins
IMSA 5th & 6th grade participants' field trip to SIU School of Medicine
2:30 p.m. – All-school rosary in the cafeteria

Sunday, May 14 – Happy Mothers' Day!

5:00 p.m. – 8th grade awards night & dinner/dance

Monday, May 15 – **All library books due!**

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

6:00 p.m. – 8th grade graduation Mass

Tuesday, May 16 –

9:00 a.m. – Ms. Vespa's 1st grade spring program

1:30 p.m. – Mrs. Carter's 1st grade spring program

3:00 p.m. – Talent show auditions in the cafeteria

Wednesday, May 17 –

2nd grade pizza party and field trip to Baskin Robbins

7th grade field trip to Camp Williamson in Carlinville

6:00 p.m. – IESA Baseball meeting in the cafeteria

Thursday, May 18 –

SchoolKidz online orders due today

10:00 a.m. – Preschool walking field trip to Baskin Robbins

Friday, May 19 –

1st grade field trip to St. Louis Zoo

3rd grade walking field trip to Washington Park & Baskin Robbins

4th grade field trip to St. Louis Science Center

10:00 a.m. – MWF Pre-K walking field trip to Baskin Robbins

Monday, May 22 –

Garden Party volunteer forms due today!

Last day for MWF Pre-K (10:15 a.m. graduation ceremony in the classroom)

1:30 p.m. – All-day Pre-K walking field trip to Baskin Robbins

Tuesday, May 23 –

Last day for Tu/Th preschool

9:30 a.m. – All day pre-K breakfast & dismissal

11:00 a.m. – Kindergarten cookout & dismissal

1st grade walking field trip to Washington Park & Baskin Robbins

Wednesday, May 24 – Last day of school!

8:20 a.m. – All school Mass

Fun day for grades 1-7 & report cards

1:30 p.m. dismissal – NO B.A.S.E.!!

Happy Summer Vacation!! ☺

Please Remember!

Before School Patrols for the Week of May 15-19

Justine Bell Joey Brown Quinn Butler

Griffin Cook Julia Danna Teddy Dietrich

After School Patrols for the Week of May 15-19:

Eddie Ambrose Gus Beard Emma Brennan

Mass Servers for May 13 & 14: (only BSS students)

4:30 p.m. Saturday Adrianna Thiele & Ethan Keller

7:00 a.m. Sunday Mary Clare Mizour

8:30 a.m. Sunday Emma & Henry Kinion

10:30 a.m. Sunday Jeffrey Wernsing

Daily Servers for May 15-19:

8:00 a.m. M & W & Quinn Butler

8:20 a.m. Tu. & Audrey Frost

8:00 a.m. Th, & Cameron Booker

8:20 a.m. Fri & Addison Eades