

May 18, 2017

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School News

Learning to Make a Difference

A Note to Parents

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to our Class of 2017 on their graduation Monday evening! We are so proud of their accomplishments and good character, and we wish all of them the very best in their high school years! (See the article later in this newsletter for information about the many scholarships awarded to them.)

We are almost at the end of another school year for the rest of our classes! This week we have had lots of walking field trips to Baskin Robbins and/or Washington Park as well as other end-of-the-year activities. Please check the *Looking Ahead* section for any updates!

Monday is the last day of the school year for our MWF Pre-K, and Tuesday will be the final day of the school year for our half-day preschool (Tu/Th), our all-day Pre-K, and our kindergarten students. Please check the calendar for the closing programs and events for those classes.

Our first through seventh grade students will have their final day of the school year and their Fun Day on Wednesday, May 24. Students will attend an all-school Mass at 8:20 a.m. and then return to school for Fun Day activities. A hamburger/cheeseburger lunch will be provided by PSA for all students that day. Also, the students will have a free Spirit Day on Fun Day. They may wear Spirit Day shirts with jeans or uniform shorts. We will also allow athletic pants, capris, athletic shorts, and other shorts that are the same length as uniform shorts. **No sweatpants or short shorts are allowed. If a student does not wear appropriate clothing, he/she will have to call for a change of clothes and will not be able to participate in the activities until appropriate clothing is available. If in doubt about shorts, please send jeans or uniform shorts to be safe.**

Students will receive their report cards at the end of Fun Day with **dismissal at 1:30 p.m.** Please remember that **B.A.S.E. is not available the last day of school, May 24.**

This will be the last official newsletter of the school year, but a basic 2017-2018 calendar and a flyer with summer office hours will be going home with the students in their report cards. Any additional reminders or information will be emailed to parents. Thank you so much for your continued support of our school! We are truly blessed to be partners with you in the education of your children. I hope all of you have a happy and safe summer vacation!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Kathy Wear

Extra Spirit Day Tomorrow!

Tomorrow we are holding an extra Spirit Day to benefit Mission India. As mentioned in previous newsletters, this local organization is raising funds to send a cath lab to

India and offered our students the opportunity to buy t-shirts to support their cause. Tomorrow, in addition to being able to wear Spirit Day shirts, students also are allowed to wear their Mission India t-shirts. Both types of shirts may be worn with jeans or uniform bottoms for a minimum donation of \$1. This extra Spirit Day is not covered by the pre-paid fee, so all students who participate will need to bring at least a dollar. All proceeds will be given to Mission India. Join us in helping a worthy cause and having a Spirit Day Friday!

School Supply Lists and Calendars for 2017-2018

A basic school calendar and the school supply lists for the 2017-2018 school year will be sent home Wednesday in students' report cards and posted online as well. Registration packets will be available after all Masses the weekend of August 5 and 6. Families who preordered a SchoolKidz school supply kit will be able to pick their kit up on August 5 and 6 as well. Fee Night is Wednesday, August 16, 2017. We will also have a welcoming reception for new school families and their mentors that evening, just prior to the start of Fee Night. The first day of classes will be Monday, August 21. A more complete calendar will be posted online and e-mailed to all families. Please look for this!

We're Proud of the Class of 2017!

The Blessed Sacrament School Class of 2017 graduated on Monday evening. This is the 91st graduating class of BSS! We are so proud of the 43 young men and women in this class and grateful for all they contributed to BSS during their years at our school. Many of the students who are continuing on to Sacred Heart-Griffin High School received an impressive total of \$33,000 in scholarships!

The scholarship winners this year are as follows:

SHG St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship:

Jonah Parkes

SHG Alumni Scholarship:

Sophia Bonansinga

Joseph A. Cadigan Memorial Scholarship:

Brannan Kraft

Eva Kress Cadigan Memorial Scholarship:

Ava Giacomini

Patrick J. Cadigan Memorial Scholarship:

Sam Antonacci

Eleanor Maher Weber Memorial Scholarship:

Sofia Lewis

C. Joseph & Sandy Cavanagh Scholarship:

Caleb Rutherford

Jack & Peg Coleman Memorial Scholarship:

Jack Schafer

Arlette M. Donath Memorial Scholarship:

Lauren Smith

Excellence Through Catholic Education Scholarship:

Jonah Parkes

Don and Claire Forsyth Scholarships:

Sophie Reimers & Nick Schlosser

Scholarship Honoring Patricia Kienzler:

Sophie Reimers

Alma & Robert Mandeville Scholarship:

Jenna Pohlman

Lloyd Mosley Server Recognition Scholarship:

Jonah Parkes

Scholarships Honoring Lloyd & Marty Mosley:

Riley Brinker & Grace Lambert

Ann Pohlman Memorial Scholarships:

Emma Kinion & Nora Ficke

Thomas Schmidt Memorial Scholarship:

Clare Cavanagh

Virginia M. Valdez Memorial Scholarship:

Reilly Mohn

Monsignor Tarrent Scholarships:

Grace Lamber &, Jack Lamar

Hugh P. Cassidy Memorial Scholarship:

Ava Giacomini

Father Chester Scholarship:

Nathaniel Bell

Scholarship Honoring the Ursuline Sisters:

Megan Wernsing

We know these students will continue their successes in high school, and we look forward to following their future accomplishments and having them return to visit us! Thank you, too, to their parents for their support over the years.

Tuition Assistance for 2017-2018

Letters to families who applied for tuition assistance were mailed last week. We understand that the application information may not tell the whole financial situation of the family and ask that you meet with Fr. Jeff if the amount of assistance does not meet your needs. If you have not applied but feel that you will be unable to pay the full tuition, please apply online as soon as possible.

All families with children in all-day PreK through eighth grade who wish to make monthly payments for tuition must sign up through FACTS to have payments automatically deducted from a bank account. Families who used FACTS in the past will be automatically re-enrolled if using the same payment plan. New families must complete the online application. All applications will be processed by the end of June. Payments will be scheduled to be withdrawn from August-May.

Summer Appointments

Please schedule appointments now for required examinations for the 2017-2018 school year. Students entering preschool, kindergarten, or sixth grade and any students playing sports next year are required to have a physical exam. A dental exam is required for students entering kindergarten, second, or sixth grade, and a vision exam (not just a screening) is required for all students entering kindergarten or for any students new to the school next year.

Box Tops for Education

A Box Tops summer collection package is being sent home with students today. Thanks to all of our collections, the school received a check for \$2,716! Please continue collecting over the summer months and return them on Fee Night in August for a chance to win prizes. Thank you for your ongoing support!

Last Call - Campbell's Soup Labels for Education

Over the past few years, participation in Campbell's Labels for Education program has declined. As a result, Campbell's made the difficult decision to wind down the program. **Therefore, please turn in any Campbell's soup labels to the school office by the end of the school year. We will do one final submission for labels at the end of May.** They will continue to support children through their Grand Stand for Schools sweepstakes as well as their community efforts to tackle both obesity and hunger amongst the country's poorest families. Thank you for your support!

Summer Reading Lists

Please encourage your children to continue reading over the summer months. There are two lists of books being emailed along with today's newsletter in order to provide some suggestions as you visit the library or bookstore. The Bluestem List is recommended for grades 3-5, and the Caudill List is recommended for grades 6-8. Happy reading!!

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.

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!

Golf Ball Drop

Tickets are now on sale for the Golf Balls from Heaven Fundraiser scheduled for Monday, July 10, at Illini

Country Club. We will host a B.S.S. Family Swim & BBQ Night at Illini beginning at 5:00 p.m., with the actual drop over the practice green happening between 6:45 and 7:00 p.m. Anyone who wants to volunteer to sell tickets or post flyers for the event should contact Kim Hoffmann in the Development Office. We will also need volunteers to sell tickets after Masses in June. Service hours will be awarded, of course.

Annual Rummage Sale

This week you received a flyer and sign-up sheet for the Blessed Sacrament Rummage Sale, which will be held from 7:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 3. Donations will be accepted beginning Sunday, May 28, from noon until 6:00 p.m. and on Monday, May 29, until Thursday, June 1, from 6:00 until 9:00 p.m. in the evening. Many volunteers are needed, and this is a great opportunity to catch up on service hours that you may still need for the current school year. 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 being sent home previously for the specific volunteer opportunities. Raffle tickets were also sent home previously. 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.

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. (If you plan to use events in June for service hours for the 2016-2017 school year, please email Michele Hinds-Greenwood at hinds-greenwood@bssbruins.org. so that she is aware of that before sending out statements.) 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.

Uniform Sales During the Summer

Dennis Uniform Company will **NOT** have a sale in Springfield this summer. They will, however, be running promotions for discounts with free shipping over Memorial Day weekend and again sometime in June. They encourage families to order early, and there is no charge for size exchanges. They suggest signing up for their email notifications in order to receive information about all upcoming sales. Please visit www.dennisuniform.com to sign up for information.

Luers will hold their annual summer uniform sale from Monday, July 17, through Saturday, July 29.

Blessed Sacrament Choir Trip to Italy

The Children's Choirs of Blessed Sacrament have been invited to participate in a children's choir festival in Rome, Florence, Assisi, and Venice, Italy, in the summer of 2018, June 30-July 11. If your child is in grades 5-12 by summer of next year and you would be interested in this adventure, please contact Jody Kienzler at the rectory office at 528-7521 for more info. It's a grand way to see the world with your child or grandchild.

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.

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!

Scrip Reminders

Scrip will be sold in the parish office during the summer, beginning Tuesday, May 30th. You may stop in and make your purchases from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday-Friday. Special orders will be placed on Mondays at 10:00 a.m. and will be available on Wednesday afternoons. Purchases that you make through June will count towards your rebate for the 16/17 school year. Families earning a rebate of a minimum of \$10 will receive a report in mid-July of their total rebate amount with a form to return indicating if they want the rebate donated to school, applied to a tuition account, or as free scrip.

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!

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.

Volunteers Needed for YMCA Summer Programs

The YMCA is looking for volunteers to assist with serving lunches to summer campers from 11:30-1:30 daily throughout the summer months. The shifts may be split. Please call Lisa at 544-9846 for further information or to volunteer. A flyer is emailed with today's newsletter.

Looking Ahead

Thursday, May 18 –

SchoolKidz online orders due today

Friday, May 19 –

Extra Spirit Day to benefit Mission India – all students must pay \$1 to participate

1st grade field trip to St. Louis Zoo

Rescheduled to Monday, May 22 - 3rd grade walking field trip to Washington Park & Baskin Robbins

4th grade field trip to St. Louis Science Center
10:00 a.m. – PreK (MWF) walking field trip to Baskin Robbins

Monday, May 22 –

Garden Party volunteer forms due today!

Last day for MWF Pre-K; year-end ceremony in the classroom at 10:15 a.m.

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

6th grade walking field trip to Baskin Robbins
PreK (all-day) 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 lunch & dismissal
1st grade walking field trip to Washington Park & Baskin Robbins

5th grade walking field trip to 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!! ☺

Saturday, May 25 –

5:30-10:00 p.m. – All-class reunion in the cafeteria

Saturday, June 3 –

7:00-11:00 a.m. – Blessed Sacrament Rummage Sale

Wednesday, June 14 –

Blessed Sacrament Garden Party

Monday, June 19 – Friday, June 23 –

Blessed Sacrament Vacation Bible School

Please Remember!

Before School Patrols for the Week of May 22-24

Carmen Dillman	Maria Fulgenzi	Jack Gaffney
Mary Claire Gardner	Lucy Harvey	Drew Herman

After School Patrols for the Week of May 22-24:

Amelia Curtis	Jack Davis	Mitchell Dye
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Mass Servers for May 20 & 21: (only BSS students)

4:30 p.m. Saturday	Teddy Thornberry, Nathan Jugan & Grace Klenke
7:00 a.m. Sunday	no current BSS students
8:30 a.m. Sunday	Grace, Caroline & Hannah Lambert
10:30 a.m. Sunday	Augustine Hyde & Grace Minder

Daily Servers for May 22-26:

8:00 a.m. M & W & 8:20 a.m. Tu.	Olivia Redpath & Ben Wilson
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8:00 a.m. Th, & 8:20 a.m. Fri

Arianna Antonacci & Tyler Furkin