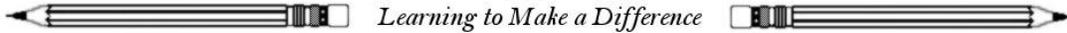


November 3, 2016

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## School News



Learning to Make a Difference

### A Note to Parents

Dear Parents,

This has certainly been a very full week! It was so much fun to see all of the Pre-K-fourth grade students in their Halloween costumes on Monday afternoon. There were lots of creative costumes this year! We especially thank all of the room parents for organizing such fun classroom parties, as well as all of the volunteers who helped out that day.

We really enjoyed welcoming all of the grandparents and special friends this morning. The students were so eager to show their guests around the school and then attend Mass with them. It is one of the most special days in our school year, as we know what great pride the grandparents and other special guests have for the children. Special thanks to Lori Dye for coordinating the reception, to Christy Rutherford for the table decorations, to Kendra & Brent Boesdorfer of Custom Cup Coffee for providing the coffee, and to the many parent volunteers who helped set up for the reception and served our guests during the reception.

It was also great seeing so many parents at parent-teacher conferences yesterday, and we are enjoying seeing the rest of our parents at conferences this afternoon. If you were unable to attend your scheduled conference, please call the school office or contact your child's teacher(s) to set up another time to meet. Thanks for your continued support!

Finally, please remember that tomorrow, Friday, Nov. 4, the students do not have school. The teachers will be attending the Diocesan Adult Enrichment Conference in Decatur that day. Enjoy your weekend! Don't forget to set your clocks back on Sunday!

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Kathy Wear*

### Student Directory Correction

We were informed of a correction to our student directory that was distributed in September. Please note that the e-mail address for second grader Austin Stefan's parent should read [jwelch122086@aol.com](mailto:jwelch122086@aol.com). Thank you!

### Congratulations!

Congratulations to Mrs. Harth's kindergarten class for winning the October Box Tops Contest! They will receive a free Spirit Day in the upcoming weeks. Congratulations to Mrs. Mundstock's sixth grade class for collecting the most change for the Builders Club Halloween UNICEF collection.

Also, kudos to all of the students who designed very impressive "turkeys in disguise" for our November library display. We're proud of all of our students' creativity!

### Barnes and Noble Book Fair

Mark your calendars now for our annual Barnes and Noble Book Fair. It will be held on Monday, November 21, in the evening at the store located on Veterans Parkway. You will also be able to make online purchases from Nov. 21 through Nov. 26, which will count towards our school total. The book fair ID number to use for online purchases is 12013561. This is a great opportunity to start (or finish!) your holiday shopping and support BSS at the same time. Don't forget there is also scrip available to use for your purchases as well. This is always an enjoyable evening! A flyer with a voucher is being sent home today and will be posted on our school website.

### Lunchroom Notes

We have noticed quite a bit of food being wasted in the lunchroom each day. In some instances, entire hot lunches, sandwiches, fruit, and other cold lunch items are simply thrown away. Please talk with your children about this, as we all need to remember how many people are less fortunate and would be most grateful to have so much good food to eat. Perhaps talking with your children about what they really will eat and have time to eat may also prevent some of the waste.

We also ask your cooperation in reminding the children to use their manners in the cafeteria. In other words, use their indoor voices, be respectful, and pick up all of their own trash to throw away at the end of each shift, including what they may have dropped on the floor. With everyone's cooperation, we can have very pleasant lunch shifts for all grade levels to enjoy. Thank you for your help!

### Uniform Reminders and Junior High Skort Samples

Please remember that as of November 1, students are not allowed to wear shorts until next spring. Also, girls in grades 5-8 are now required to wear tights under their skirts/skorts starting on Tuesday, Nov. 1. **Please remember skirts/skorts must not be shorter than two inches above the knee. There are several that need to be lengthened!** Please be aware that Luers and Dennis Uniforms carry both girls and juniors sizes in the skirts and skorts. In speaking with both companies, we were informed that typically the junior sizes are cut slightly longer to appropriately accommodate the girls' height. We do have samples of Luers' khaki skorts in both the girls and juniors sizes available in the school office through next week. You are welcome to stop in or have your daughter come in to try on various sizes. Both companies will be running discount promotions in late November, so please watch for more information.

### **Head Lice Reminders**

Recently, we have had some cases of head lice reported at various grade levels. Per school policy (page 16 in the handbook), children may not be in school until they have been treated and all nits have been removed from hair. School personnel do recheck the heads of students returning from lice treatment, and we also periodically check students/classes where lice is reported or suspected. Please routinely check your own children and also remind them NOT to share hats, brushes, hair bows/ties, etc. with other children as these actions spread lice. Thank you for your cooperation.

Some families report they sought treatment at the new Lice Clinic of America, now open at 2509 West Iles Avenue, and have been pleased with the results and their recommendation to have all family members checked. The website is [www.LiceClinicSpringfield.com](http://www.LiceClinicSpringfield.com). Blessed Sacrament School does not endorse or support this clinic or any specific brand of lice treatment or deterrent products. We are simply providing this information as a service to our families.

### **Catholic School Pee Wee Basketball League**

Please see the information accompanying today's newsletter and posted on our school website for information about a peewee basketball league hosted by Cathedral and St. Aloysius Schools. The league is open to students from preschool through fourth grade.

### **Missionary Childhood Association Collection Boxes**

Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) collection boxes were sent home with all students this week. The MCA helps children worldwide come to know God and assists them in their daily lives. Please return the full collection boxes to the school office sometime during the second quarter. Thank you for supporting the missions!

### **Missionary Childhood Association Art Contest**

MCA is sponsoring its annual art contest, and entries must be submitted to the Office for the Missions, 1615 W. Washington, Springfield, IL 62702. Entries will be judged at the diocesan level, and then the top three winners at each grade level will be sent to the national MCA office for judging. All entries must arrive in the Office for the Missions by Jan. 15, 2017, and any entries received by Dec. 15, 2016, will have the chance to appear as the cover design for the Christmas edition of *The Catholic Times* newspaper. Entry forms and guidelines are available on our school website.

### **SHG Preview Night 2016**

Thursday, Nov. 10, at 6:30 p.m., Sacred Heart-Griffin will open their doors to students and parents interested to TAKE A LOOK INSIDE SHG's community. You'll take a campus tour, visit classrooms, meet teachers and students, and discover how SHG will help your student succeed both academically and socially. This event is free and open to 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents or guardians interested in learning more about what makes Sacred Heart-Griffin a great school for students to learn and grow.

### **Thank You, SHG!**

We extend our sincere thanks to Sacred Heart-Griffin for their recent gift of \$1,000 to our school from the proceeds of their Annual Raffle. We appreciate their generosity and support of our Catholic elementary schools as we all work together to provide academic excellence and strong faith development for all students whose families desire a Catholic education for them.

### **Joint Activity with Catholic Grade Schools**

During the afternoon of Friday, Nov. 18, our fifth graders will join fifth graders from the other Springfield Catholic schools at Little Flower to complete an art project and then rake leaves and visit residents at St. Joseph's Home. In addition to a rake to use (labeled with the student's name), students are also being asked to bring a small gift of either hand/body lotion, puzzle books, or a small bag of candy bars to donate to the residents of St. Joseph's Home. Permission slips will be sent home with students next week.

### **Attention, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys!**

The SHG soccer team is looking for 8th grade boys interested in playing on a SHG junior varsity indoor soccer team starting on Wednesday, November 9th. This would be an excellent opportunity for these boys to play with their future teammates. If interested, please contact Dan Wellman at [d.wellman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:d.wellman@sbcglobal.net) or [217.652.0617](tel:217.652.0617).

### **BSS Alumna Elise Antonacci Named SHG Student of the Month**

SHG junior, Elise Antonacci, was named Student of the Month for the month of November. Elise is a member of several SHG activities, including Student Ambassadors, Spanish Club, Academic Team, Our Lady of Nazareth, and Science Olympiad. Elise's favorite part about SHG is "the feeling of family I get when I walk through the door. No matter where I am in the school, I know someone and someone knows me." Congrats to Elise!!

### **Veterans' Day Band Concert**

You are invited to join the SHG and Springfield Catholic Elementary School Bands for an afternoon of music in honor of our military veterans. The concert will be held on Sunday, November 13, at 3:00 p.m. in the Sacred Heart-Griffin Theatre.

### **Looking Ahead**

Thursday, Nov. 3 –

12:00-5:00 p.m. – Parent-teacher conferences

Friday, Nov. 4 –

**No school for students;** teachers will be attending DAEC (Diocesan Adult Enrichment Conference)

Sunday, Nov. 6 –

Daylight savings time ends!

Monday, Nov. 7 –

No leadership assembly (still wear t-shirts)

Wednesday, Nov. 9 –

1:30 p.m. – dismissal for monthly faculty meeting

4:15 p.m. – PSA Board meeting in office conference Room

Thursday, Nov. 10 –  
8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. - 7<sup>th</sup> grade retreat for all  
Catholic schools at SHG  
6:30 p.m. - SHG Preview Night  
Friday, Nov. 11 –  
PSA Spirit Day – included in pre-paid Spirit Days  
9:30 a.m. – Veterans’ Day assembly  
2:15 p.m. – SHG Band performance for Veterans’  
Day  
Saturday, Nov. 12 –  
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. - Catholic Schools’ Speech  
Meet at Blessed Sacrament  
Sunday, Nov. 13 –  
3:00 p.m. - Band concert at SHG  
Monday, Nov. 14 –  
8:20 a.m. – leadership assembly (wear t-shirt)  
5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade IMSA FUSION field trip to Peoria  
Wednesday, Nov. 16 –  
8:45 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. – 4<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to Titanic  
exhibit in Peoria  
6:30 p.m. – First Reconciliation for second graders  
Thursday, Nov. 17 –  
4:00 p.m. - 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls’ home basketball  
games vs. Grant Middle School  
Friday, Nov. 18 –  
Mid-quarter reports go home!  
11:45 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. - Fifth Grade Joint Service  
Day with other Catholic schools at Little Flower/St.  
Joseph’s Home  
Monday, Nov. 21 –  
5:30 p.m. - Barnes and Noble Book Fair begins with  
performances by kindergartners and first graders (see  
flyer with voucher for more information)  
Tuesday, Nov. 22 –  
Regular 3:00 p.m. dismissal for Thanksgiving break;  
B.A.S.E available  
Wednesday, Nov. 23 – Friday, Nov. 25 –  
No school – Thanksgiving vacation!  
Tuesday, Nov. 29 –  
Lifetouch Picture re-take day!  
9:30 a.m. - Reconciliation for grades 6-8  
Wednesday, Nov. 30 –  
9:30 a.m. – Reconciliation for grades 3-5

**8:00 a.m. Th. &  
8:20 a.m. Fri.**

Bill Hollahan  
& Jackson Pitz

**Please Remember!**

**Before School Patrols for the Week of Nov. 7-11:**

Briana Huelsman Nathan Jugan Nolan Kelley  
Josh Klenke Jack Leahy Cooper Kowalewski

**After School Patrols for the Week of Nov. 7-11:**

Xander Eberding Seth Faivre Audrey Frost

**Mass Servers for Nov. 5 & 6: (only BSS students listed)**

**4:30 p.m. Saturday** Gabby Antonacci & Aidan Mauntel  
**7:00 a.m. Sunday** Luke Portz  
**8:30 a.m. Sunday** no current BSS students  
**10:30 a.m. Sunday** Finn Loken & Jack Fleischli

**Daily Servers for Nov. 7-11:**

**8:00 a.m. M & W &** Andrew Reimers  
**8:20 a.m. Tu.** & Mitch Dye