

October 6, 2016

# + Blessed Sacrament



## School News

*Learning to Make a Difference*

### A Note to Parents

Dear Parents,

Last Friday was an exciting one for our students with our baseball team in the state tournament and special auction events occurring. There were many happy students who won items at the drawing for the children's raffle, and all of the students went home with a treat bag, thanks to Carrie Sluga, Colleen Kane, and their Children's Raffle volunteers. The students also really enjoyed the special corn dog lunch last Friday. Thank you to Coleman's Concessions for bringing their trailer of corn dogs to our school! (See the related articles about the baseball team and the auction.)

Yesterday our fourth graders attended the Diocesan Mission Mass at the Cathedral, and our Jubilate Choir provided the music for the Mass. They were all excellent representatives of our school. Father Scott was present to concelebrate the Mass, and Father Jeff and the refugees in the Kakuma Camp were specifically mentioned during the intercession prayers at the Mass. We appreciate your generosity in support of the missions each year.

On Tuesday and, again, today, our students participated in fire drills in preparation for the timed drill that will be coming soon with the Springfield Fire Department. All of our students are doing a good job of moving quickly and quietly out of the building.

The school directories have arrived and are being sent home today! We make every effort to ensure that the information is accurate, but if there are any corrections or changes needed, please contact the school office.

Tomorrow, Friday, Oct. 7, we have an all-school Mass at 8:20 a.m. for the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. As always, you are welcome to join us.

Tomorrow is also the PSA monthly Spirit Day. This Spirit Day is covered by the pre-paid yearly fee. Any students who did not pre-pay for the year should bring \$1 to participate. Students may wear B.S.S. shirts or other sports teams' shirts with jeans or uniform bottoms again this month as the order for new spirit wear has not arrived yet. (See the related article regarding the PSA spirit wear.)

Looking ahead, parent-teacher conferences will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 2, and Thursday, Nov. 3. Forms to schedule conference times are being sent home today. Please note that there are separate forms for preschool through fourth grade, for fifth grade, and for sixth through eighth grade. These forms are due back in the school office by **Friday, Oct. 14**, to allow time for the completion of schedules. Your scheduled times will be sent home with report cards on October 26. If you have any questions about the conference forms, please do not hesitate to call the school office.

Good luck to our cross country team in their sectional meet this Saturday. School will not be in session on Monday,

Oct. 10, in observance of Columbus Day. Enjoy the long weekend!

*Sincerely,  
Mrs. Kathy Wear*

### Bruins News

Congratulations to our boys' baseball team for their good game in the state tournament! Although they were defeated by Normal Epiphany (who went on to be the state champs) last Friday, they had a wonderful season! Special thanks to their head coach, Dave Ficke, and the assistant coaches, Tom Lenz, Young Brockhouse, and Duane Dye.

Good luck to our cross country runners who qualified to represent our cooperative team with St. Agnes at the sectional meet in East St. Louis this Saturday. B.S.S. boys on the team include Nathaniel Bell, Gryphon Kirchgerner, Bill Hollahan, Pat Kolis, Andrew Reimers, Finn Loken, and Jackson Pitz. Girls from B.S.S. on the sectional team include Grayson Hady, Audrey Frost, Maggie Fleischli, Lily Klaves, Rose Unal, Amelia Curtiss, and Lucy Unal. We hope to see lots of personal best times!

### Thank You for a Successful Auction!

Our annual dinner auction took place last Saturday, and it was a huge success! Receipts are still being tallied, and we will let you know our totals as soon as they are available. Thank you to our auction chairperson, Cindy Lamar, for her leadership and organization and to all of the following committee chairs/teams for the Annual Auction:

**Accounting/Web:** Jennifer Darrow, Becky Leonard, Becky Minder, Sharon Schraeder, Kris Smith & Pam Smith  
**Acquisitions:** Suzanne Baase, Carrie Davis, Megan DeFrain, Jeff Egizii, Taryn Grant, Kim Hoffmann, Betsy Hunsley-Hunt, Colleen Kane, Tara Long, Kristen Luttrell, Jen Madiar, Lori Reimers, Melissa Hansen-Schmadeke, Carrie Sluga, Janel Veile & Gail Wilson

**Ads:** Stacey Herman, Jen Madiar & Gail Wilson

**Auction Catalog:** Lynell Loftus

**Auctioneer:** Frank Lesko

**Children's Raffle:** Carrie Sluga & Colleen Kane

**Decorations:** Jennifer Cicci, Carrie Davis, Jenna Davlin & Taryn Grant

**Emcee:** Catie Sheehan

**Facilities:** Ron Sommer

**Food & Beverages:** Custom Cup, Jeff Egizii, Chris Hanken, Taco Gringo & Anheuser-Busch

**Online Auction:** Kristen Luttrell

**Publicity:** Lori Reimers & Jen Madiar

**Raffles:** Brian & Kara Kienzler, Kim Hoffmann, Sara Ratcliffe & Kris Smith

**Silent Auction:** Melissa Hansen-Schmadeke, Erin Scott & Janel Veile

**Sponsorships:** Kim Hoffmann

**Festival Lunch:** Coleman's Concessions, Michelle Eades & Kathy Harth

**Volunteer Coordinator:** Megan DeFrain

**Web/Technical Support:** Suzanne Baase, Aaron House & Melissa Hansen-Schmadeke

We extend our sincere thanks to all of them for the enormous amount of time and energy that they gave to put together such a successful event. We are also so grateful to all of the volunteers who helped and to the local businesses who contributed to this year's auction. We are so fortunate to have such generous support for our parish school!

### **Lifetouch School Pictures**

School picture day is Friday, October 14. Students may be out of uniform but must follow non-uniform guidelines. You may simplify picture day by ordering in advance online at [www.mylifetouch.com](http://www.mylifetouch.com). There is no need to send cash or flyer back to school when you order online; you may pay securely online, and there are more options to choose from as well. Our school's picture day ID code is **AH216145Y0**. Lifetouch flyers are being sent home today if you would prefer to return the flyer with payment on picture day.

### **Parent/Teacher Conferences**

Parent/teacher conferences will be held Wednesday and Thursday, November 2 and 3. Conference forms are being sent home today and are due back next Friday, Oct. 14. There is an early dismissal at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 2, with conferences available from 2:30 to 8:00 p.m. There is an early dismissal on Thursday, Nov. 3 (following Grandparents' Day at approximately 11:30 a.m.), with conferences available from noon to 5:00 p.m. After-school care through BASE is **not available** either day!

### **Custom Cup Art Display**

This year our 8<sup>th</sup> grade Art Club will have rotating displays at Custom Cup Coffee, which is owned by B.S.S. parishioners and parents, Kendra and Brent Boesdorfer. These displays may be seasonal ones, or you may also see original artwork by students who are becoming more advanced and dedicated to their work. Be sure to stop by to enjoy the art display and, of course, a great cup of coffee, too!

### **PSA Spirit Day Wear**

Spirit wear ordered from PSA should be arriving soon. A wide variety of options were offered, and over 400 items were ordered by our families, so completing the order is taking a little longer than expected. We are adding an extra Spirit Day on Friday, Oct. 21, to benefit the Knights of Columbus and their work with the religious education of special needs children and adults, so we hope these ordered items will be ready for our students to wear then. Thanks for your patience and understanding!

### **Service Hours Reminder**

A report of recorded service hours will be included in the report cards at the end of the month. The report will include all hours turned in by Friday, Oct. 17. It is very helpful to turn in the hours as you complete them instead of waiting until the end of the year. If you have any questions, please contact Michele in the school office.

### **March for Life**

We have received information regarding the March for Life trip sponsored by the Diocesan Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Students and chaperones will leave for Washington, D.C., on Wednesday, Jan. 25, and will return on Sunday, Jan. 29, with the actual march taking place on Friday, Jan. 27. More information about the march and sponsored trip will be sent home with our 8<sup>th</sup> graders next week, but please mark your calendars now if your 8<sup>th</sup> grader is interested in attending the March for Life.

### **Clothe the Naked**

October begins the "Clothe the Naked" work of mercy for our parish for the Year of Mercy. New and gently used coats and jackets for all ages will be collected by the parish to be donated to the St. Martin de Porres Center. Collection boxes will be in the vestibules of church during the entire month of October. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity!

### **Arrival Reminder**

Please remember that students should not arrive on the school grounds before 7:45 a.m. as there is no adult supervision until that time. Students who arrive earlier need to attend the before-school care at B.A.S.E. For information about enrolling your child in that program, please call the school office or check the school website, [www.bssbruins.org](http://www.bssbruins.org), under the "Parents" tab for more details. Thank you for helping us in our efforts to keep all of our students safe.

### **Volunteers Needed for Grandparents' Day**

Grandparents' Day on Thursday, Nov. 3, is less than a month away! If you are available to help with set-up in the late afternoon/evening of Wednesday, Nov. 2, or with serving on the morning of Thursday, Nov. 3, please contact Lori Dye at 652-3269 or at [dyprnc@comcast.net](mailto:dyprnc@comcast.net). You will earn service hours, and this is always such a fun morning!

### **Harvest of Thanks, Springtime of Hope Endowment**

We recently received our annual disbursement of funds from the Diocesan Harvest of Thanks, Springtime of Hope Endowment for need-based tuition assistance for students. We are grateful for this contribution to our tuition assistance fund, which directly benefits our students.

### **Physical & Eye Examination Reminders**

Please remember that all school physicals are due in the office prior to October 15. All children entering kindergarten and sixth grade must have their school physical forms and updated immunization records on file in the school office. Also, kindergartners and any students new to Illinois schools need to submit proof of an eye exam by October 15.

Please contact Michele at 522-7534, ext. 201, with questions.

### October Box Tops Contest

A collection sheet was sent home last week for our October Box Tops contest. Each student who returns a completed sheet will receive a treat bag, and the class that collects the most box tops over the entire month of October will win a class prize. All collection sheets are due back to the office by Friday, Oct. 28.

### Halloween at the Executive Mansion

Students in Pre-K through fifth grade are invited to trick or treat at the Executive Mansion from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, October 30, 2016. Please enter through the Fourth Street gate for Halloween treats. A flyer is posted on our school website for more information.

### Faith & Family Night

Springfield Jr. Blues are sponsoring a Faith & Family Night on Saturday, Oct. 8. The Jr. Blues play at 6:05 p.m. at the Nelson Center, and there will be a free post-game Powerlight Skate Night. See the flyer being sent home today and posted on the school website for more details.

### Basic Necessities Drive for St. Martin de Porres

Louis Criscione, a BSS graduate, is organizing a toilet paper, diaper, and toiletry drive for St. Martin de Porres Center for his Eagle Scout project. Donations will be collected on Sunday, Oct. 16, between 1:00 and 6:00 p.m. at the Walmart in Parkway Pointe in Springfield. This is a perfect opportunity to help the needy in our community. See the flyer posted on the school website for details.

### 7th & 8th Graders Invited to SHG Football Game

Join the SHG student section at the SHG vs. Rochester football game Friday, October 7! Come on out to Cyclone Stadium between 6:30-7 p.m. on the 7th and cheer the Cyclones to victory. The reserved student section is on the northernmost part of the stands, on the SHG side, closest to the jumbotron. Wear your black and gold & join the fun!

### Looking Ahead

Friday, Oct. 7 –  
PSA Spirit Day (included with prepaid days)  
8:20 a.m. – All- school Mass  
4<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to New Salem  
SHG football game – 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders invited  
Saturday, Oct. 8 –  
Faith & Family Night at Springfield Jr. Blues game  
Monday, Oct. 10 –  
No school – Columbus Day  
Wednesday, Oct. 12 –  
1:30 p.m. – Early dismissal; BASE available  
6:30 p.m. – First Reconciliation meeting for second grade parents in church  
Friday, Oct. 14 –  
**Parent-teacher conference forms due!**  
**Physicals & eye examination forms due!**  
Lifetouch school picture day (non-uniform day)

Sunday, Oct. 16 –  
1:00-6:00 p.m. - Eagle Scout collection of basic necessities at Walmart in Parkway Point  
Monday, Oct. 17 –  
**Service hour forms due for inclusion on 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report!**  
8:20 a.m. – Leadership assembly (wear t-shirts)  
Wednesday, Oct. 19 –  
End of first quarter!  
Thursday, Oct. 20 –  
6<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to Challenger Learning Center  
Friday, Oct. 21 –  
Extra Spirit Day (not covered by pre-paid fee)  
Monday, Oct. 24 –  
8:20 a.m. – Leadership assembly (wear t-shirts)  
5<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to Funks Grove Rock Museum  
Wednesday, Oct. 26 –  
Report Card Day!  
Friday, Oct. 28 –  
**Box tops collection sheets due!**  
Monday, Oct. 31 – Happy Halloween!!  
1:30 p.m. – Costume parade for Pre-k-fourth grade in the gym; classroom parties to follow  
Tuesday, Nov. 1 –  
8:20 a.m. – All-school Mass  
Wednesday, Nov. 2 –  
1:30 p.m. – Early dismissal; **no B.A.S.E.**  
2:30-8:00 p.m. – Parent-teacher conferences  
Thursday, Nov. 3 –  
Grandparents' Day with Mass at 9:30 a.m.; students dismissed after Mass; **no B.A.S.E.**  
12:00-5:00 p.m. – Parent-teacher conferences  
Friday, Nov. 4 –  
No school for students; teachers will be attending the DAEC (Diocesan Adult Enrichment Conference)

### Please Remember!

#### Before School Patrols for the Week of Oct. 10 - 14:

Madeline Landgrebe	Evee Maloney	Aiden Mauntel
Peter Mokoff	Liam Noonan	Jack Ozyurt

#### After School Patrols for the Week of Oct. 10 - 14:

Joey Scott	Teddy Thornberry	Alaric Wortman
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#### Mass Servers for Oct. 8 & 9: (only BSS students listed)

<b>4:30 p.m. Saturday</b>	Taylor Verry & Joey Scott
<b>7:00 a.m. Sunday</b>	Mary Clare Mizeur
<b>8:30 a.m. Sunday</b>	Caleb Rutherford
<b>10:30 a.m. Sunday</b>	Jaynanne Roate

#### Daily Servers for Oct. 10 - 14:

<b>8:00 a.m. M &amp; W &amp;</b>	Anthony Keldermans
<b>8:20 a.m. Tu.</b>	& Mitch Dye
<b>8:00 a.m. Th. &amp;</b>	Grace Minder
<b>8:20 a.m. Fri.</b>	& Aiden Mauntel