

September 15, 2016

+Blessed Sacrament



School News

Learning to Make a Difference

A Note to Parents

Dear Parents,

Our students in grades 2-8 have been completing Iowa Assessments all week. Any make-up testing will be completed the week of Sept. 19-23. We appreciate your help in making sure your children are ready each day to do their best!

Tomorrow is mid-quarter already, and progress reports will be sent home for all students in grades 2-8. You can check your child's progress on Engrade at any time with grades always updated weekly by 5:00 p.m. on Mondays. Please don't hesitate to contact your children's teachers directly with any questions.

Our Annual Auction is quickly approaching! The online auction begins next Thursday, and the list of items and order form for tickets for the Children's Raffle will be sent home next Thursday. New this year to the auction night will be mobile bidding for the silent auction items. See the *All About Auction* flyer being emailed home today for more details.

Next Tuesday Father Jeff will be leaving for his sabbatical in Kenya. He will be working in the Kakuma Refugee Camp until the middle of March. An informational flyer about the refugee camp and Father's work there is being sent home today for you to share as a family. We will definitely miss Father Jeff during those six months, but we welcome Father Scott Thelander as the acting administrator of our parish during Father's sabbatical. Please keep Father Jeff and the refugees in your prayers. Have a good weekend!

*Sincerely,
Mrs. Kathy Wear*

Athletic News

Parents and athletes who received a concussion form are reminded to please complete and return the form as soon as possible. This is a new requirement due to a state law that was passed this year, and the form must be completed and on file for student participation in a sport. Thank you for your prompt cooperation!

Bruins Update

Congratulations to our golf team members who competed in the IESA sectional tournaments last Saturday. Both Addi Eades and Sofia Lowis qualified for the state meet with Sofia earning top medalist honors at the sectional meet. Carter Etheridge and Miles Roland also qualified for the state meet through their sectional. We'll honor these state qualifiers and the golf team at a pep rally at 2:30 p.m. tomorrow, Friday, Sept. 16. Good luck to our BSS golfers at the state meet in Peoria on Saturday!

Good luck to our boys' baseball team in the first game of their regional tournament. The Bruins play West

Lincoln Broadwell there at 9:30 a.m. this Saturday, Sept. 17. If they win, they will play for the regional championship on Monday, Sept. 19, at 4:15 p.m. at West Lincoln Broadwell. (Inclement weather may change these dates.) Go, Bruins!

Coleman's Cozy Dog Auction Lunch

Our annual student auction lunch will be Friday, September 30. Students will receive a cozy dog, chips, and a cookie for \$3.50. A special order form was sent home last week and is posted on our school website. **Order forms with payment are due back by Friday, September 23.** The regular PSA hot lunch will NOT be served that day. Students will need to bring a sack lunch if they choose not to order the cozy dog lunch. Special thanks to the Colemans, Kathy Harth and Michelle Eades for this lunch!

Arrival & Dismissal Times

Thank you to all of the parents who have been so cooperative in helping our students arrive and dismiss safely! We appreciate your continued efforts to avoid cell phone use while driving and for parking and pulling forward to allow for smooth arrival and dismissal procedures for all. Having a few less parents parking at arrival time has also made a difference.

Special thanks to all those families who are making adjustments to their morning schedules to make sure their children arrive on time for school. Mrs. Davis has been on "tardy patrol" with her clock outside the office the last couple of weeks to be a visual reminder to the students of the importance of arriving on time, and yesterday we had no unexcused late arrivals in the entire school! The office and the teachers truly appreciate your efforts! With your help we hope this will become the normal day at our school. Thank you!!

Room Parents

Thank you to all of the parents who so graciously agreed to be room parents this year. Mrs. Erin Scott contacted the lead room parents for each grade level by phone last week to confirm their availability for this service. **There will be a meeting for all room parents tonight, Thursday, Sept. 15, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.** We ask all room parents to please plan on attending. Thank you!

Volunteers Needed for the Annual Auction!

Save the date! The 47th Annual Fall Festival Dinner and Auction for Blessed Sacrament School is on Saturday, October 1. There are so many FUN ways to be a part of this fantastic event and EARN SERVICE HOURS at the same time. Opportunities to help are available from September 22 through Auction Night on October 1. Sign up NOW via the link: <http://signup.com/go/Qvqmpx>.

Auction registration will open soon. Please be sure to read the *All Things Auction* newsletter that is being sent with today's newsletter.

Cub Scout Pack Hot Dog Fundraiser

Blessed Sacrament Cub Scout Pack 31 will be hosting a hot dog fundraiser this Saturday, September 17, immediately following 4:30 Mass. Please join us for dinner, which includes hot dogs (\$5.00 a plate) or hamburgers (\$7.00 a plate), sides, drinks and a dessert. This will also be a great opportunity to wish Father Jeff safe travels as he leaves for his sabbatical to the Kakuma Refugee Camp in northern Kenya on September 20th.

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.

Concession Stand Workers Needed

If parents would like to earn service hours working concessions, we have a girls' basketball home game on Wednesday, Sept. 21st. We are in need of workers from 5:30-8:00 p.m. The second home basketball game is Thursday, Nov. 17th, so we are in need of workers from 3:30-6:00 p.m. Please contact Denise Klaves at bdklaves@comcast.net if you are able to help.

Parish Pilgrimage to the Cathedral's Holy Door of Mercy

There will be a Blessed Sacrament Parish pilgrimage to the Holy Door of Mercy at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Please meet on front steps of the Cathedral, facing 6th Street, at 11:45 a.m. on Sunday, September 18. Parishioners will gather and pass through the doors. It will be a fairly brief but meaningful event for this Year of Mercy.

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 6:30-7:00 p.m. on Oct. 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, get your friends together, and join the fun! See you there!

Garden Mums

The 5th grade class is sponsoring a mum sale to benefit the missions. The 10" mums are available in a variety of colors for \$8 each. Order forms with information were sent home last week with students. **Orders with payment are due back to school today, Thursday, Sept. 15, and mums can be picked up from 3:15-5:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 23.**

Diocesan Scout Retreat

The Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting is hosting a Scout Retreat on Saturday, November 19, from 1-5 p.m. at Holy Cross Parish in Auburn. The cost is \$10 per

participant, and the registration deadline is November 15. Please see the flyer posted on our school website for more information or contact Kyle Holtgrave at 698-8500, ext. 154.

Additional Flyer

A flyer is posted on our school website about the Opa Greek Fest with events on Friday, Sept. 16, and Saturday, Sept. 17. Also, a flyer about auditions for 2nd through 8th graders for the Showstoppers local choir is also posted on the school website. See these flyer for more information!

Looking Ahead

Thursday, Sept. 15 –

5th grade mum orders due!

6:30-7:30 p.m. – Room parent meeting in cafeteria

Friday, Sept. 16 –

Mid-quarter reports will be sent home with gr. 2-8

Saturday, Sept. 17 –

Cub Scout hot dog fundraiser after 4:30 p.m. Mass

Monday, Sept. 19 –

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

Wednesday, Sept. 21 –

Sleeping Beauty performance for Pre-K-fourth grade

Friday, Sept. 23 –

Cozy Dog Lunch Order Due Today!

3:15-5:30 p.m. – Pre-ordered mum pick-up

Monday, Sept. 26 –

2:30 p.m. – Leadership assembly (wear t-shirts)

Tuesday, Sept. 27 –

Vision and hearing screenings

Friday, Sept. 30 –

Vision/hearing screenings for MWF Pre-K

Coleman's Cozy Dog Auction Lunch (**regular PSA lunch items will not be available to purchase**)

1:30 p.m. dismissal – No BASE available!

Saturday, Oct. 1 –

BSS Annual Auction:

5:30 p.m. – Doors open for auction

6:30 p.m. – Auction dinner served

7:15 p.m. – Live auction begins

Please Remember!

Before School Patrols for the Week of Sept. 19 – 23:

Jackson Stewart

Chip Weihmeir Bridgid Wilhite

Spencer Wood

Edie Ambrose

Gus Beard

Emma Brennan

After School Patrols for the Week of Sept. 19– 23:

Briana Huelsman

Nathan Jugan Nolan Kelley

Mass Servers for Sept. 17 & 18: (only BSS students listed)

4:30 p.m. Saturday

Nathaniel Bell, Nathan Jugan & Teddy Thornberry

7:00 a.m. Sunday

Charles Pittman, Finn Loken

8:30 a.m. Sunday

Audrey Frost, Brady Maloy & Jack Fleischli

10:30 a.m. Sunday

Agnes Cross, Lennon Long & Liam Noonan

Daily Servers for Sept. 19- Sept. 23:

8:00 a.m. M & W &

Bill Hollahan

8:20 a.m. Tu.

& Madailein McKay

8:00 a.m. Th. &

Joey Scott

8:20 a.m. Fri.

& Ethan Short