

September 29, 2016

# + Blessed Sacrament



## School News

*Learning to Make a Difference*

### A Note to Parents

Dear Parents,

The excitement for the Children's Raffle portion of our Annual Auction has been building all week! The drawing will be held tomorrow, Friday, Sept. 30, at 12:40 p.m. in the gym. Parents are welcome to attend and will have the opportunity to check in for the auction at that time, too.

In celebration of our auction and in support of our baseball team, **we are making tomorrow an extra Spirit Day**. This Spirit Day is free of charge to all students in appreciation of our families' support of our school, our auction, and our extracurricular activities. Students may wear any official BSS Spirit Day t-shirt, sports team shirt, or the uniform shirt untucked with jeans or uniform bottoms. (No other types of shorts are acceptable.)

**Don't forget that tomorrow, Friday, Sept. 30, is a 1:30 p.m. early dismissal, and after school care at B.A.S.E. is not available tomorrow. Also, PSA will not be serving any lunch items tomorrow. If students did not pre-order the corn dog lunch, they will need to bring a sack lunch tomorrow.**

Please make plans to join us at the Annual Auction this Saturday, Oct. 1! Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner being served at 6:30 p.m., and the live auction begins at 7:15 p.m. See the final *All Things Auction* flyer being sent home today for more details. Have a good weekend!

*Sincerely,  
Mrs. Kathy Wear*

### News from Father Jeff

We were very excited to receive an email from Father Jeff yesterday! He arrived safely at the Kakuma Refugee Camp in Kenya on Monday and is settling in there. He said there is an abundance of heat, dust, and mosquitoes but a shortage of wifi, electricity, and water.

Yesterday he visited the secondary school in the camp as he pursues opportunities to help the refugees. He reported that there were 1200 students in the school but less than 200 girls. Father Jeff noted that the students stood in a circle outside in the sun for the assembly without any complaints. He's hoping he can help them to follow their dreams and to never give up, even with impossible odds.

Technology is not good where he is, but he will try to send a picture from time to time. He wants our school to know that all of us are in his thoughts and prayers. Please continue to keep Father Jeff and the refugees in your prayers!

### Golden Awards

Congratulations to our individual Golden Award winner for this week, eighth graders Gabby Antonacci, Ava Giacomini, and Sofia Lowis. The girls not only helped with

the MacArthur Clean-up Day last Saturday, but they also volunteered to help with auction preparations.

### Bruins News

Congratulations to our boys' baseball team as they advance to the state tournament this weekend! They defeated Peoria Rankin, 8-0, last Saturday to win the sectional championship. Our Bruins play Normal Epiphany at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 30, at the Eastside Center in East Peoria.

We have received word from IESA that they are making contingency plans in case the predicted rain tomorrow affects the game schedule. If rain affects play, the games tomorrow may be moved back to later in the day or may be rescheduled to Saturday or Monday, if needed. They advise all parents and fans to check the IESA website, [www.iesa.org](http://www.iesa.org), for details as it will have the most up-to-date information. Go, Bruins!!

### Builders Club News

Builders Club, our school's service organization through Kiwanis Club, recently elected their officers for this school year from many worthy candidates. Congratulations to Nathaniel Bell, president; Sofia Lowis, vice-president; Sophie Reimers, secretary; and Grace Lambert, treasurer. The class representatives will be Clare Cavanagh, Pat Kolis, Danielle Kraft, and Teddy Thornberry. We have many active Builders Club members this year, and we look forward to their leadership as they work together to serve others in our school, parish, and community.

### Feast of St. Francis – Blessing of Pets

Next Tuesday, Oct. 4, is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. After dismissal, at approximately 3:15 p.m., we will have a blessing of pets by Father Scott. Students and their families should meet with their pets on the field at that time. Please keep pets away from the dismissal procedure that afternoon in consideration of students who may not be comfortable around animals.

### All Things Auction!

The 47th Annual Auction for Blessed Sacrament School is this Saturday, Oct. 1! Online registration is available at \$35 per person at [www.bssbruins.org](http://www.bssbruins.org). Even if you are registered, you will need to "check in" and pick up your bidding number. Check-in will be available tomorrow from 12:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the school. Avoid any lines on auction night by checking in tomorrow!

Look for a copy of the auction booklet, with live auction and silent auction items listed, on our school website soon! You can also get a sneak peak of the silent auction items through the link on the *All Things Auction* flyer going

home today. It also includes details about the new use of mobile bidding for the silent auction.

Don't forget that volunteering at the auction is a great way to earn family service hours. Opportunities to help are available now through Auction Night on October 1. Sign up NOW via the link: <http://signup.com/go/Qvqmpx>.

#### **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 being sent home today for details.

#### **Garden Club Meeting Reminder**

Garden Club members, mark your calendar! The next Garden Club meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 4, after school. All club meetings are the first Tuesday of the month, August-November and April-May, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

#### **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 is being sent home today 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.

#### **Cell Phone Use and Social Media Postings**

Please remember, per our school policy on Internet and E-mail (page 15 of the Parent/Student Handbook), "*any digital photos or videos placed online should not be labeled in any way that identifies Blessed Sacrament School or any individual students/staff, in consideration of the safety of all students and issues regarding confidentiality.*" Furthermore, students are not permitted to keep or to use cell phones during the school day (page 11 in the Parent/Student Handbook). The teacher will confiscate any cell phones found to be in use during the school day for any reason and contact the student's parents. We appreciate your help!

#### **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, Sept. 30 –

#### **Free Spirit Day**

Vision/hearing screenings for MWF Pre-K  
Coleman's Cozy Dog Auction Lunch (**regular PSA lunch items will not be available to purchase**)  
12:40 p.m. – Children's Raffle drawing in the gym  
**1:30 p.m. dismissal – No BASE available!**

Saturday, Oct. 1 –

Annual Parish/School Auction – Doors open at 5:30, dinner at 6:30 p.m. & live auction at 7:15 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 3 –

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

Tuesday, Oct. 4 –

3:15 p.m. – Blessing of pets in the field by Father Scott

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Garden Club Meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 5 –

11:00 a.m. – 4<sup>th</sup> grade at Diocesan Mission Mass

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

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 –

Lifetouch school picture day (non-uniform day)

Monday, Oct. 17 –

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

Monday, Oct. 24 –

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

Wednesday, Oct. 26 –

Report Card Day!

#### **Please Remember!**

#### **Before School Patrols for the Week of Oct. 3 - 7:**

Nadia Giacomini	Bryce Johnson
Daniel Katalinch	Anthony Keldermans
Gryphon Kirchgerner	Dani Kraft

#### **After School Patrols for the Week of Oct. 3 - 7:**

Josh Mauney	Grace Minder	Ambz Negro
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#### **Mass Servers for Oct. 1 & 2: (only BSS students listed)**

<b>4:30 p.m. Saturday</b>	Spencer Wood
<b>7:00 a.m. Sunday</b>	Ethan Short
<b>8:30 a.m. Sunday</b>	Lauren Smith
<b>10:30 a.m. Sunday</b>	Jackson Pitz, Addison Schneller & Emily Leefers

#### **Daily Servers for Oct. 3 - 7:**

<b>8:00 a.m. M &amp; W &amp;</b>	Teddy Thornberry & Liam Noonan
<b>8:20 a.m. Tu.</b>	
<b>8:00 a.m. Th. &amp;</b>	Finn Loken & Agnes Cross
<b>8:20 a.m. Fri.</b>	