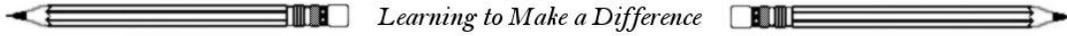


April 26, 2018

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## School News



### A Note to Parents

Dear Parents,

This past Sunday the second graders in Mrs. Townsend's homeroom received their First Communion, and it was another special day in their growth in our faith. Again, thanks to the parents, the teachers, and Father Jeff for guiding and preparing them. Please keep all of our students in your prayers as they learn and grow in faith.

We also ask that you especially keep one of our junior high teachers, Mrs. Stacy Mundstock, in your prayers. Mrs. Mundstock had been sick for a few days recently and had surgery for a perforated small intestine this past Tuesday evening. Her surgery was successful, and she is resting comfortably. However, she will be in the hospital the rest of this week, and the doctors anticipate that her recovery time will be 4-6 weeks.

We are grateful that Mr. Mike Moore has been substituting for her this week. Mrs. Kris Cavanagh will be finishing her long-term subbing assignment with the 5<sup>th</sup> grade tomorrow as we are welcoming Mrs. Taylor back on Monday after her maternity leave. We are blessed that Mrs. Cavanagh will be covering the remaining weeks of the school year, if necessary, for Mrs. Mundstock.

Yesterday representatives from our school brought some of the pennies that our school has collected for the Illinois Proud Penny Drive to a gathering at Cathedral Grade School. The P.J. Staab family presented a \$1,000 check to the drive, and the organizers encouraged our representatives to continue to collect pennies (and any other coins or cash donations) to move our schools closer to the goal of being able to purchase the identified Lincoln document.

**To add to our penny drive, we are sponsoring an additional Spirit Day tomorrow, Friday, April 27.** To participate, students should bring pennies, coins or a dollar bill totaling at least a dollar. Students may wear B.S.S. spirit shirts with jeans. All other regular uniform guidelines apply. Show your school spirit and support the Illinois Proud Penny Drive at the same time!

Congratulations to our Scholastic Bowl team on a great season! Although their season ended at the regional meet last night, both A and B teams were very competitive this year. We appreciate the leadership of our 8<sup>th</sup> graders and look forward to another great season next year with our returning team members. Special thanks to the team's moderators, Mrs. Sarah Allen and Mrs. Mary Ellen Hollahan, for their dedication and guidance of the students!

We also congratulate our band students who performed in the spring band concert last night at SHG! Their selections of music provided an entertaining evening for all in attendance. Special thanks to their band director, Mrs. Theresa O'Hare, and the other band instructors for guiding our band students this year!

Good luck to our seventh graders who will be competing at the IJAS State Science Fair on Saturday at Bradley University. Special thanks to their teachers, Mrs. Laura Reiser and Mrs. Mary Ellen Hollahan, for their guidance of these students. We know they will be excellent representatives of our school!

Good luck to all of our students in the school musical, *The Little Mermaid, Jr.*, this Friday and Saturday at 7:00 p.m. each evening. (See the related article for ticket information.) We hope you will join us for this fantastic show! Enjoy the last weekend in April with your family!

Sincerely,  
*Mrs. Kathy Wear*

### Thank You Note

We recently received a thank you note from the family of Adam Skelton in gratitude for our school families' generosity during their time of loss. The note read, "During a time like this we learn how much our family and friends really mean to us. Your expression of sympathy will always be treasured. Thank you all so much for all the love, support, and prayers sent to our family during this difficult time. It is greatly appreciated. Love, The Skeltons" Please continue to keep their family in your prayers.

### Thank You!

We extend our sincere thanks to Engrained Brewery for designating Blessed Sacrament School as the recipient of funds from their Spring Fever last Saturday. This week Brent & Melissa Schwoerer presented our school with a \$1,000 check from the proceeds of the event. We are most grateful for their generosity!

### Celebrate Cinco de Mayo at Blessed Sacrament!

The parish is hosting a food truck meet-up in our parking lot on Saturday, May 5, immediately after the 4:30 Mass and ending at 9:00 p.m. There will be a variety of food and drink vendors that will satisfy everyone's taste buds. Kids' activities will be provided by Lincoln Memorial Garden and the Springfield Art Association from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. The all-Blessed Sacrament parishioner band, 4<sup>th</sup> and Monroe (Trina Madonia, Chad DeFrain, Brent Boesdorfer, John Fluckiger, and Mike Christie), will be live for their debut public performance at 7:00 p.m. We hope to see you at church and then at this fun celebration!

### Morning Arrival Reminders

It was recently brought to our attention that some students are being dropped off in the designated "no parking" areas in front of the school building on Laurel Street. The yellow painted areas on the curbs are an indication of the no

parking zones, and those who choose to park in those areas may receive a ticket from the police department as they enforce the rule. The no parking zones at the corners of intersections are for everyone's safety, as cars pulling into traffic from Glenwood or Walnut onto Laurel are often unable to see around vehicles parked in those areas. Similarly, drivers are not able to see students who may be in those areas as well. We have returned to putting orange cones in those areas, even in the morning, as a more visible reminder not to park there to either drop off or pick up your children. Thank you for your cooperation and working with us to ensure everyone's safety.

### **Spring Musical ~ *The Little Mermaid, Jr.***

Our sixth through eighth graders are presenting this year's musical, *The Little Mermaid, Jr.*, on Friday, April 27, and Saturday, April 28. Performances both evenings will begin at 7:00 p.m. An order form for tickets was sent home previously and is posted on the school website. Tickets are \$5 per person, and there is a family rate of \$20 for more than four people in an immediate family. Tickets are also available at the door. The students have really been working hard at rehearsals. We appreciate the dedication and enthusiasm of our music teacher, Mrs. Lisa Hartman, and Mrs. Taryn Grant in bringing this show to life. We hope you join us this weekend!

### **Barnes & Noble Book Fair Next Monday, April 30!!**

We will host a book fair at the Barnes and Noble store on Monday, April 30 to kick off summer reading. Lots of fun activities are planned, including an encore performance of some of the numbers from our junior high musical *The Little Mermaid, Jr.* cast, raffles, prizes, and a scavenger hunt! **Visit [bn.com/bookfairs](http://bn.com/bookfairs) to support us online from 5/01/18 to 5/05/18 by entering Bookfair ID 12361838 at checkout.** Please see the flyer accompanying today's newsletter, and be sure to mention that you are with Blessed Sacrament School's Book Fair when you make any in-store purchases next Monday. Remember, this is a great opportunity to shop for Mother's Day and graduation gifts, and all purchases benefit the BSS library! Thank you for your support!

### **Box Tops in Bloom!**

We appreciate everyone continuing to collect box tops for our school! A collection sheet for a new contest, Box Tops in Bloom, was sent home last week. Students should return the sheet with box tops by next Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Those students who return a sheet will receive a treat bag, and the classroom that returns the most box tops will receive a classroom prize.

### **Illinois Proud Penny Drive**

Our school is joining other schools across Sangamon County in April to collect pennies to purchase a Lincoln document as a gift from our students as part of our state's bicentennial celebration. Our students have already brought in many pennies, and we hope to collect many more to help the schools reach their goal. **We will continue collecting pennies (and other coin donations) through tomorrow, Friday, April 27.** A flyer with more details is posted on our school website. Add your pennies to this drive!

### **Yearbook Group Photos**

Next Wednesday, May 2, group pictures will be taken for use in the school yearbook. These groups include any clubs, fine arts groups, after-school enrichment groups, Scholastic Bowl team, Builders Club, and Scout groups as well as winners of our science and history fairs, essay contests, and geography bee. Scouts are encouraged to wear their uniforms on this picture day, and students may bring any awards associated with their group for the photos. No sports teams are included as their photos for the yearbook will be taken by Lifetouch next Tuesday after school.

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Scholarship Packets**

A packet of scholarship application forms were sent home with the eighth graders last week. Some applications require teacher and/or principal recommendations. **Any requests for teacher recommendations must be given to a teacher no later than Friday, April 27.** The applications for all of the scholarships are due back to the school office by Wednesday, May 2. Specific details for each scholarship are included in the packets.

We did receive confirmation of an additional scholarship to be awarded to two students. Hard copies of the scholarship forms were given to our 8<sup>th</sup> graders today, and the scholarship forms are also being emailed to 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents. Due to the late reception of the forms for this scholarship, please note that the students have until **Monday, April 30, to request a teacher recommendation for this scholarship only. The completed application form from the student is still due to the office on Wednesday, May 2.**

### **Mentor Families Needed**

We are very appreciative of our families who served as mentors for new families this year. Once again, we are looking for volunteers to serve as mentors for families entering our school community in the fall. We would like to match up families with children in the same grade levels as much as possible, as these pairings seem to be the most beneficial to the new families.

We'll have several new families in the preschool and kindergarten classes, as well as some in other grades. **Therefore, we are making a special plea to those families who will have children in preschool/preK and particularly the kindergarten classes to assist us with this endeavor.** Please call or email Mrs. Burke at [burke@bssbruins.org](mailto:burke@bssbruins.org) by Friday, May 4, if you would be interested in helping in this way or if you have any questions. You earn service hours for each family mentored! Thank you for your consideration of this important service!

### **Registration for 2018-2019**

Registration forms, along with the registration fees, were due back by March 12. **For any registration forms returned now, the registration fee per child increases from \$75 to \$100.** We appreciate your help and cooperation!

### **Academic Placement for 2018-2019 School Year**

Please be assured that great care is taken when developing class lists each year. Due to the complexity of this process, the school does not accept requests to be in a class with a specific teacher. However, if you feel it would be

helpful to provide any insights regarding your child and his/her specific academic needs, please submit a letter to Mrs. Wear by **Friday, May 4.**

### **All-School Mass & May Crowning**

On Tuesday, May 1, we will celebrate an all-school Mass at 8:20 a.m., and the May crowning will take place as part of the Mass processional. Homeroom representatives will carry flowers, and our kindergarten and eighth grade representatives will crown Mary. The winners of the Marita Child Gospel of Life essay contest will be announced after Mass. Please join us!

### **Rescheduled Date for Alumni Breakfast**

Due to a conflict with the SHG calendar for several of our graduating seniors that we learned about last week, we have moved the date of the Alumni Breakfast honoring the Classes of 2014 and 2018. **The new date is Tuesday, May 8.** The breakfast will begin at 7:30 a.m. and will be held in the school cafeteria. Our eighth graders and our graduates who are seniors will be receiving individual invitations this week. We look forward to celebrating with both classes!

### **Coaching Applications for 2018-2019**

Applications for coaching a Blessed Sacrament athletic team for the 2018-2019 school year are now available online through our school website. **The applications will be available through tomorrow, Friday, April 27, and are due back to Mrs. Davis by that day.** The application process is open to all interested individuals who have the necessary background and skills; it is not necessary to be a parent of a student involved in our athletic programs. Also, please remember that completing an application does not guarantee a coaching position as there may be more individuals interested in coaching than positions available.

Anyone who is chosen to coach must have attended the Protecting God's Children training and completed a background check and an online coaches' certification course April 12, 2018 and an online concussion certification course, as required by SCAA and IESA, before team practices begin.

If you have previously submitted an application and would like to be considered for next year, please email Mrs. Davis at [davis@bssbruins.org](mailto:davis@bssbruins.org) and ask that your application be resubmitted. In the email, please specify the grade level and sport requested and any contact information that may have changed from the previous application. Please contact Mrs. Davis at 522-7534, ext. 205, if you have specific questions regarding this process.

### **Annual Running Contest**

The 12th Annual Running Contest is underway! Students in Pre-K-8th may participate in this year's running contest. Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Senger organized and secretly received approval for this year's theme as a surprise for Mrs. Wear. To complete the contest, students and staff will run or walk 16 miles in honor of Mrs. Wear for her 16 years serving as a phenomenal principal. (Pre-K and kindergarten students are only required to run 10 miles.) Students may run during P.E. or recess time. Students may see recess supervisors for a running card. **The contest ends May 1st, and race finishers**

**win a t-shirt.** Please encourage race runners to bring a water bottle during the contest to stay hydrated.

### **Schnuck's Bags for a Cause to Benefit B.S.S. in April**

We are grateful to be selected as the beneficiary of Schnuck's "Bags 4 My Cause" program for the month of April. The reusable grocery bags may be purchased for a \$1 donation at Schnuck's Montvale store throughout the month of April. Thank you for supporting this program!

### **Dental Exam Reminder**

Please remember that all students in kindergarten, second grade, and sixth grade are required to present proof of having been examined by a dentist before May 15 of the school year. (Dentist offices have the official form that needs to be submitted.) If a child in grade K, 2 or 6 fails to present proof by May 15, then the school may hold the child's report card until one of the following occurs: 1. The child presents proof of a completed dental examination within 18 months prior to the deadline; 2. The child presents proof that a dental examination will take place within 60 days after May 15; or 3. The parents obtain a waiver from the Department of Public Health or provide objection to the dental examination on religious grounds.

### **Lifetouch Spring Portraits**

Just a reminder...please submit payment of spring photos or return the packets by May 1. Thank you!

### **Judges Needed for the State History Fair**

Volunteers are needed to serve as judges for the Illinois State History Fair on Thursday, May 3, 2018. Volunteers will need to arrive at 9:15 a.m. for check-in and orientation, and judging will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided for the volunteers. No prior experience or expertise is required! Several of our 8<sup>th</sup> graders are participating in this history fair, which will be held at the Prairie Capital Convention Center. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Ms. Angela Alan at [alan@bssbruins.org](mailto:alan@bssbruins.org). You would earn service hours for helping in this way. Thank you!

### **Handbook Calendar Addition**

We recently noticed that the handbook calendar omitted the dismissal time for the last day of school on Thursday, May 24. Students will be dismissed early that day at 1:30 p.m. Please note that after-school care at B.A.S.E. is not available that day. We appreciate you marking your calendars with this addition.

### **Saddle Up and Save the Date!**

The 49th Annual Blessed Sacrament Auction, "Boots and Bow Ties," will be held Saturday, October 20, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. in the B.S.S. Gym. Corral your friends for the biggest adults-only event of the year! Auction co-chairs are Kristen Luttrell and Jennifer Madiar. Any ideas or questions? Email Kristen and Jen at [bssauction2018@gmail.com](mailto:bssauction2018@gmail.com) or contact Kim Hoffmann, B.S.S. Development Director, at 522-7534, ext. 206. 'LIKE' Blessed Sacrament School on Facebook to see all the latest updates!

### Youth Basketball Camp at Blessed Sacrament

One of our parents, Scott Eades, who has been involved in coaching at our school, is running a youth basketball camp from 1:00-3:30 p.m. the week of June 4-7 at Blessed Sacrament School. Boys and girls going into grades 5-8 in the fall of 2018 are eligible to attend. The cost is \$65 per camper with a \$10 discount for additional members of the same immediate family. For further information, please contact Scott Eades at 217-414-3518 or at [seades2@comcast.net](mailto:seades2@comcast.net).

### SHG Volleyball Meeting

A parent meeting for any 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls who want to try out for SHG volleyball this fall will be held on Friday, April 27, at 5:30 p.m. in the East Cafeteria of SHG. The meeting should last approximately 45 minutes. Please enter through the front doors of the school. Players are welcome to attend but are not required to do so. This meeting is for all incoming freshmen as well as for soon-to-be sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

### SHG Cheer Tryouts

SHG Cheerleading will be holding tryouts for the 2018-2019 school year from April 30th- May 4th, 4:30- 6:30 each day in the East Campus Gym. There will be a mandatory parent/cheerleader tryout meeting on Sunday, April 29th at 2:00 in the East Campus Commons. Please email [shgcheerleading@gmail.com](mailto:shgcheerleading@gmail.com) with any questions you may have. Go Cyclones!

### Cathedral School Farewell Reception

You are invited to join the Cathedral School family on Sunday, May 6, following the 10:00 a.m. Mass for a farewell reception to Cathedral School. The school will be open for all to walk through as they prepare to close the doors. Old photographs will be on display, and refreshments will be provided. All are welcome to attend! Please RSVP by emailing Jordan Thomas, the Cathedral's development director, at [jthomas@cathedral.dio.org](mailto:jthomas@cathedral.dio.org) or call the parish office at 522-3342.

### Additional Flyers

With summer approaching, we have received several flyers that we have been asked to share with our families. UIS is hosting a volleyball camp in June, and 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade girls are invited to attend a summer basketball camp at SHG. Also, Ahh Yoga is offering a kids' summer camp in July, and the Fleming Academy of Performing Arts offers violin, viola, and piano instruction. Flyers with more details about these opportunities are posted on our school website for your convenience.

### Looking Ahead

Friday, April 27 –

**Extra Spirit Day to benefit penny drive!**  
**Last day for Illinois Proud Penny Drive!**  
**Coaching applications for 2018-2019 due!**  
**Requests for teacher recommendations for 8<sup>th</sup> grade scholarships due!**  
1:45 p.m. – Musical preview for student body

Friday, April 27 & Saturday, April 28 –

7:00 p.m. – Junior high spring musical, *The Little Mermaid, Jr.*, in the cafeteria

Saturday, April 28

IJAS State Science Fair at Bradley University

Monday, April 30 –

8:20 a.m. – Leadership assembly (wear t-shirts)  
6:00 p.m. – Barnes and Noble Book Fair to kick off summer reading

Tuesday, May 1 –

**Lifetouch spring photo packets or payments due!**

8:20 a.m. – All-school Mass & May crowning processional; winners of the Marita Child Gospel of Life Essay Contest will be announced after Mass  
2:30-6:30 p.m. – Lifetouch sports photos in our school gym

Wednesday, May 2 –

**All 8<sup>th</sup> grade scholarship applications due!**  
Lifetouch yearbook club/group photos during the school day

Thursday, May 3 –

Illinois State History Fair at PCCC  
9:00 a.m. – 1<sup>st</sup> grade (Mrs. Carter) spring program in the cafeteria  
1:45 p.m. – 1<sup>st</sup> grade (Mrs. Kuhlman) spring program in the cafeteria

Friday, May 4 –

**Box tops collection sheets due!**  
Regular PSA Spirit Day (covered by pre-paid fee)  
2:15 p.m. – First Friday adoration for grades 2-8

Saturday, May 5 –

After 4:30 Mass – 9:00 p.m. – Cinco de Mayo Food Truck Meet-up on school parking lot

Monday, May 7 – Wednesday, May 9 –

8<sup>th</sup> grade Days of Discovery field trips in the community

Tuesday, May 8 –

7:30 a.m. – Alumni Breakfast honoring the B.S.S. Classes of 2014 & 2018  
3:00 p.m. – Garden Club meeting  
7:00 p.m. – Kindergarten Mothers' Tea in the cafeteria

Wednesday, May 9 –

1:30 p.m. – Early dismissal for faculty meeting; after-school care at B.A.S.E. available

Thursday, May 10 –

8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip to Chicago

Friday, May 11-

4<sup>th</sup> grade class trip to St. Louis  
8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation practice; dismissal of students for the day after lunch

Sunday, May 13 –

Happy Mother's Day!  
5:00 p.m. – Awards Ceremony for 8<sup>th</sup> graders in church followed by dinner and dance with parents in the cafeteria

Monday, May 14 –

8<sup>th</sup> graders not in attendance  
**6:00 p.m. (corrected time)**–8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation Mass

**Please Remember!**

**Before School Patrols for the Week of April 30-May4:**

Hannah Lambert Peyton Leahy Brady Maloy  
Ellen O'Brien Jackson Pitz Aria Rogers

**After School Patrols for the Week of April 30 – May 4:**

Maddie McKay Lucy Ratcliffe Jacob Ridder

**Mass Servers for April 28-29**

4:30 p.m. Saturday Quinn Butler & Mitch Dye  
7:00 a.m. Sunday Finn Loken  
8:30 a.m. Sunday Ethan Keller, Henry Kinion &  
Grace Klenke  
10:30 a.m. Sunday Tyler Furkin, Anthony Keldermans  
& Elliott Kren

**Daily Servers for April 30-May 4:**

8:00 a.m. M & W & Bill Hollahan  
8:20 a.m. Tu. & Ellen O'Brien  
8:00 a.m. Th. & Andrew Dailey  
8:20 a.m. Fri. & Liam Egizii