

# + Blessed Sacrament

March 29, 2018



## School News



Learning to Make a Difference

### A Note to Parents

Dear Parents,

As we observed Holy Week, our seventh graders performed their Living Stations of the Cross for the all of the students yesterday morning and will perform them again for the parish at 3:00 p.m. on Good Friday in the church. They really did a beautiful job and gave a very heartfelt performance! Special thanks to parishioner Mrs. Kate Rossi for directing this annual event and to seventh grade religion teacher Mrs. Stacy Mundstock for her guidance and leadership. We also appreciate fifth grader Harrison Faulkner being the cantor for the stations.

Our large cross in the cafeteria was completed this week! The outline of the cross was filled in with purple slips representing acts of kindness for which our students were recognized. We hope this visual sign of the Lenten season has helped to prepare the students for Holy Week and the upcoming celebration of Easter.

The Skelton/VonDeBur family is most grateful for the prayers, kindness, and generosity extended by everyone in our parish and school community during their time of loss. The extra Spirit Day last Friday raised \$1,925 for Cathy and her four children. Thank you so much for all of your support for this family! Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

Wishing you a blessed Holy Week and Easter and a relaxing break with your children!

Sincerely,  
*Mrs. Kathy Wear*

### Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following students who received individual Golden Awards at our leadership assembly on Monday: William Manfredo for good character, respect, and responsibility, Emily Leefers for kindness and helpfulness in the lunchroom, Paige Smith for leadership in an emergency, and Grace Klenke and Rose Unal for including others and being aware of others' feelings.

Kudos also to the students whose names were drawn for yellow slip winners: Izzy Stewart, Levi Daly, Pano Soler, Jackie Reed, Ali Fleischli, Kaden Smith, Lily Horton, Sully Powers, Gracie Books, Patrick Harvey, Jack Davis, Miriam O'Brien, Jackson Pitz, Ava DeSalle, Amalia Coderko, Alaric Wortman, Lennon Long, Caroline Lambert, Addie Eades and Will DeSalle. Congratulations to all of our students who received yellow slips this past month!

### Holy Week Schedule

With the beginning of the Triduum today, there are no morning Masses and no confessions the rest of the week. Mass of the Lord's Supper tonight on Holy Thursday is at 7:00 p.m. On Good Friday our seventh graders will present the

Living Stations for the parish at 3:00 p.m., and the Good Friday service is at 5:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, and the regular Mass schedule is in place for Easter Sunday. We hope your family will be join in commemorating the most important events in our faith through the celebration of the Triduum services at Blessed Sacrament Church.

### Lifetouch Spring Portraits

Photo packets from our Spring Portrait Day were sent home with all students this week. If you want to purchase any photos, please return the form with payment and any remaining photos to the school office by Friday, April 13. If you are not interested in purchasing any photos, please return the entire packet to school by April 13. We appreciate Lifetouch's donation back to our school for hosting a photo day in the spring, regardless the amount of packets purchased.

### Regional Science Fair

Three of our seventh graders participated in the IJAS Regional Science Fair last weekend at LLCC and were very successful! Amalia Coderko, Agnes Cross, and Hannah Lambert all received superiors and will advance to the state competition in May. Amalia also received a Broadcam Masters Award, recognizing her as among the ten best-of-show participants.

We extend our appreciation to their teachers, Mrs. Laura Reiser and Mrs. Mary Ellen Hollahan, for guiding them throughout this project as well as to their parents for their ongoing assistance. Good luck to them at the State Science Fair!

### Registration for 2018-2019

**Registration forms, along with the registration fees, were due back by March 12.** Please make every effort to return the paperwork in a timely manner, as the numbers gathered at registration are critical in making the appropriate preparations for the upcoming school year. **For any registration forms returned after today, the registration fee per child increases from \$75 to \$100.** We appreciate your help and cooperation!

### Tuition Assistance for 2018-2019

The F.A.C.T.S. tuition assistance applications (along with the required supporting documentation) for the 2018-2019 school year are due March 31. **You may only apply online this year!** Parents may access the link on our website. Families will be notified in mid-May of their assistance. Please contact Laura Horton at 522-7534, ext. 245, with any questions or if you need assistance with the online process.

### Uniform Reminders

Just a reminder that, as of April 1, students may once again wear uniform shorts, and skirts may be worn without opaque tights. However, jumpers and skirts/skorts are not to be more than approximately two inches above the knee. Shorts must be uniform shorts (no cargo shorts) and should not be shorter than approximately two inches above the knee. Please refer to the dress code section of the parent/student handbook (page 25-27) for further information. Thank you for your cooperation!

### Garden Club News

There are two remaining Garden Club meetings this year on April 10 and May 8 (second Tuesdays) after school from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Their "Harvest of the Month" program includes a "vegetable of the month" lesson, and they also sample that vegetable. April's vegetable is lettuces, and May's vegetable is spinach.

A "garden work day" may be scheduled in the coming months to do some weeding and other garden prep work. Of course, that is very dependent upon the weather. Please watch for information throughout the spring.

If anyone would like to help with watering or weeding, including throughout the summer months, please email Julie Roland at [j.roland@comcast.net](mailto:j.roland@comcast.net) or text 899-7800. Parents will receive service hours for assisting with the garden.

### Builders Club 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance

The Builders Club has rescheduled the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance for Friday, April 13, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in our school cafeteria. A permission slip will be sent home the week we return from Easter break. All students attending are asked to bring a donation to Ronald McDonald House for their admission. A list of items needed by RMH will accompany the permission slip. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity!

### Service Hours Waiver Request

Please refer to the Family Service Hours flyer in your registration packet regarding the process to apply for a waiver for inability to complete the service hours. Please note that a request for a waiver must be submitted in writing by April 15. No late submissions are accepted! Thank you!

### 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!

### SHG Zero Hour Math Class

SHG will continue to offer its zero hour algebra program for qualifying eighth grade students in the 2018-2019 school year. Copies of the application, which is due April 9, were sent home with all of the 7<sup>th</sup> grade students last week. The application is also posted on our school website. New as of May 2017, all students applying for the zero hour classes must take an entrance exam. The entrance exam will be offered on Saturday, April 14, at 9:00 a.m. and on

Saturday, April 21, at 9:00 a.m. See the application cover letter for more details regarding the testing dates.

### 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.

### Illinois Proud Penny Drive

Our school will be 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. We will be collecting pennies (and other donations) the weeks of April 16 – April 27. A flyer with more details will be sent home after Easter break, but start saving your pennies now!

### St. Joseph's Home Easter Egg Hunt & Coloring Contest

St. Joseph's Home will host an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 31, at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to come and visit with the Easter Bunny and pick up a coloring sheet to enter into the coloring contest. Prizes will be awarded in various age groups, up through 12 years of age. Please call 529-5596 for more information.

### Looking Ahead

Thursday, Mar. 29 –

Holy Thursday

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

7:00 p.m. – Holy Thursday Mass

Friday, Mar. 30 – Friday, April 6 –

No school - Easter break

Friday, Mar. 30 –

Good Friday

3:00 p.m. – 7<sup>th</sup> grade performance of Living Stations of the Cross for the parish

5:30 p.m. – Good Friday Service

Saturday, Mar. 31 –

Holy Saturday

8:00 p.m. – Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 1 –

7:00, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. – Easter Sunday Masses

Monday, April 9 –

Classes resume

8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation retreat at St. Joseph's in Chatham

Tuesday, April 10 –

3:00 p.m. – Garden Club meeting

Wednesday, April 11 –

1:30 p.m. – Early dismissal for faculty meeting; after-school care at B.A.S.E. is available  
7:00 p.m. – Confirmation Mass

Friday, April 13 –

PSA Spirit Day (covered by prepaid days)  
8:20 a.m. – All-school Mass  
7:00-9:00 p.m. – Builders Club dance for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades in the cafeteria

Saturday, April 14 –

9:00 a.m. – SHG 0-hour exam for current 7<sup>th</sup> graders

Sunday, April 15 –

1:00 p.m. – First Communion for Ms. Yoho's class and PSR students

Monday, April 16 – Friday, April 27 –

Illinois Proud Penny Drive

Monday, April 16 –

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

Friday, April 20 –

7<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to St. Louis Old Courthouse & History Museum

All-day PreK field trip to UIS/Sangamon Auditorium

Saturday, April 21 –

9:00 a.m. – SHG 0-hour exam for current 7<sup>th</sup> graders

Sunday, April 22 –

1:00 p.m. - First Communion for Mrs. Townsend's class

Monday, April 23 –

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

Tuesday, April 24 –

Kindergarten field trip to Decatur Zoo & Children's Museum

Wednesday, April 25 –

Mid-quarter progress reports will be sent home

Thursday, April 26 –

5<sup>th</sup> grade vocations field trip to St. Louis

Friday, April 27 & Saturday, April 28 –

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

Monday, April 30 –

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

### **Please Remember!**

#### **Before School Patrols for the Week of April 9-13:**

Madi Sweeney    Riley VanZuiden    Taylor Verry  
Blake White    Elizabeth Allen    Cameron Booker  
Connor Brown

#### **After School Patrols for the Week of April 9-13:**

Madelyn Hughes    Joe Humphrey    Kaelin Kelley

**\*Please see the separate schedule sent to servers for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil on Saturday, and Easter Sunday**

#### **Daily Servers for April 2-6:**

8:00 a.m. M & W &    Jocelyn Nation  
8:20 a.m. Tu.    & Eihan Short  
8:00 a.m. Th. &    Luca Bonansinga  
8:20 a.m. Fri.    & Jackson Pitz

#### **Mass Servers for April 7-8**

4:30 p.m. Saturday    Cole Beger  
7:00 a.m. Sunday    no current BSS students  
8:30 a.m. Sunday    Carter Etheridge, Matt Riedell, & Liam Egizii  
10:30 a.m. Sunday    Max Stanley, Agnes Cross & Jack Fleischli

#### **Daily Servers for April 9-13:**

8:00 a.m. M & W &    Brady Maloy  
8:20 a.m. Tu.    & Eleanor Maloy  
8:00 a.m. Th. &    Mike Hollahan  
8:20 a.m. Fri.    & Augustine Hyde