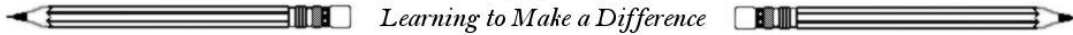


March 8, 2018

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## School News



Learning to Make a Difference

### A Note to Parents

Dear Parents,

This week our students in grades 1-8 worked hard completing Iowa Assessments (standardized testing). Any necessary make-up testing will take place the week of March 12-16. Thanks for your cooperation in helping your children to do their best!

The end of the third quarter is next Wednesday, March 14, so please support your children in completing their regular school work in these final days of the third quarter. Third quarter report cards will go home with students on Wednesday, March 21.

PSA will be selling Lenten lunch items tomorrow. The following items will be for sale: popcorn (.50), pretzel with cheese (\$3.00) and nachos with cheese (\$2.00 or \$2.50 with extra cheese). We will not offer walking tacos with meat throughout Lent.

Congratulations to all of the Girl Scouts who will be recognized and will receive awards at the 8:30 a.m. Mass this Sunday! They will also host donuts and coffee in the cafeteria after the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Masses.

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead an hour on Sunday! We hope spring is on the way!! Enjoy your weekend!

Sincerely,  
*Mrs. Kathy Wear*

### Congratulations!

Congratulations to two of our eighth graders, Daniel Katalinich and Andrew Reimers, who are members of the Springfield Kings Bantam hockey team. Their team won the State Championship Blue Note Cup last weekend. Way to go!

### Last Chance for Hoops Mania!!

March Madness begins next week! Hoops Mania, a fundraiser centered around the NCAA's March Madness basketball tournament, is in full swing! **Tickets are \$10 each, and every family is asked to sell two tickets.** Of course, we'll happily provide more! **Extra tickets are available in the school office, and all ticket stubs and money are due in the school office by next Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>.**

Please invite family and friends to take part in Hoops Mania this year, which will directly benefit the children of Blessed Sacrament School. **The school keeps \$7 out of every \$10 ticket.** That's a 70% profit margin, which is almost unheard of in fundraising sales. **Our school is guaranteed winners out of our pool of tickets!** Please don't wait until the last minute to get in on the action! We're really counting on all of our families to make this a success!

### Thank You for a Successful Scholastic Book Fair!

Thank you so much to everyone who supported our Scholastic Book Fair last week. It was a huge success! We appreciate all of the volunteers who staffed the book fair throughout the week. Extra special thanks to our book fair coordinator, Laura Dietrich. As Laura is an eighth grade parent, we will need a new book fair coordinator for both the fall and spring book fairs next year. Ideally, we would like to have one coordinator (or co-coordinators) oversee both book fairs. However, we may have different coordinators for the two book fairs. If you are interested, please contact our librarians Lori Criscione at [criscione@bssbruins.org](mailto:criscione@bssbruins.org) or Sarah Allen at [allen@bssbruins.org](mailto:allen@bssbruins.org). Thank you for your support!

### Spring Photo Day

Next Thursday, March 15, is our Spring Photo Day. Students may be out of uniform for the photos that day but **must follow the non-uniform guidelines in the student handbook. If in doubt about a particular clothing item, please send an alternate option with your child so that it will not be necessary to call home for a change of clothing.** Photos do not have to be pre-ordered for this day, but a flyer is being sent home today with information about the backgrounds. If you have a preference of backgrounds, return the Selection Form with your child on Spring Photo Day. Later, Lifetouch will send home a packet of the photos to all parents; you may return all photos or purchase what you want and return the rest. Lifetouch generously makes a donation to the school for our participation in Spring Photo Day, whether or not the parents buy any photos.

### Registration for 2018-2019

The registration period for the 2018-2019 school year for our current students began Monday, February 26, with registration packets being sent home with current students. **Registration forms and fees are due back next Monday, March 12.** Thank you for your 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.

### Cub Scout Sky Zone Fundraiser

This Sunday, March 11, the Cub Scouts will host a fundraiser at Sky Zone from 7-8 p.m. This will be a private event at Sky Zone. Tickets are \$13 and include a pair of sky socks! To reserve your tickets, you may contact Megan Greco

at [wooster75@comcast.net](mailto:wooster75@comcast.net) to reserve your tickets. Come fly with us!

### **Garden Club**

**The next Garden Club meeting will be Tuesday, March 13, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the art room.** The additional meeting dates for the rest of the year include April 10 and May 8. Students in grades 2-8 are still welcome to join by attending an upcoming meeting!

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Scholarships**

In addition to the SHG Alumni Scholarship being offered through the high school, Blessed Sacrament also offers thousands of dollars of scholarships funded by families and individuals as well as the parish for eighth graders going to Sacred Heart-Griffin. The packets with applications for all of these scholarships will be sent home with eighth graders the week after Easter break. Applications will be due back to the school office by Tuesday, May 1. Some applications do require teacher recommendations, so those must be submitted to teachers earlier to allow ample time for completion by the deadline.

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class T-Shirts**

Last Friday our eighth graders received their class t-shirts, and they are allowed to wear them every Friday with uniform bottoms. They may also wear them on any Spirit Days but must pay the fee to wear them with jeans on those days.

### **Golf Team Informational Meeting**

Students currently in 4<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> grade who are interested in participating in our school's golf team are invited to attend an informational meeting with their parents on Wednesday, March 21, at 5:45 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The golf program and the summer events will be discussed.

### **Hot Lunch Credits**

The original March hot lunch order form included next Wednesday, March 14, which is an early dismissal day at 11:30 a.m. Although a revised form was sent home by email, several families still ordered and paid for lunch that day. Those who paid will have a credit for the April hot lunch order form, and a credit slip to attach to the April form will be sent home with students when the April hot lunch order form goes home. If you have any questions about the credit, please contact Mrs. Laura Horton, our accounts manager, at 522-7534, ext. 245.

### **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 in advance for supporting this program!

### **Save the Date: Vacation Bible School**

Vacation Bible School will be Monday, June 18 – Friday, June 22 for students entering kindergarten through fifth grades. It will be from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon each

day that week. Students entering 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades are also needed to volunteer as leaders. This is also an excellent time for parents who would like to earn all 20 of their service hours at once! Child care is available for the little ones of parent volunteers. This is an amazing week spent with friends praising God and having a blast. For more information or to sign up as a volunteer, contact Morgan Ambrose at 741-3831 or [morganfaithambrose@yahoo.com](mailto:morganfaithambrose@yahoo.com).

### **Men's Club Fish Fry**

The next Men's Club Fish Fry is tomorrow, Friday, March 9, from **5:00 to 7:00 p.m.** in the school cafeteria. Adult dinners are \$9 and children's dinners are \$4. Cheese pizza is also available. (See the flyer posted online for specific food and prices.) **The gym will be open at 5:30 p.m. as an area for children to play if enough adult chaperones are available.** If your child/children used the gym in past weeks and will be using the gym tomorrow evening, please consider taking your turn and helping out in this way. You will earn family service hours, too! If you would be available to cover a shift (5:30-6:15 p.m. or 6:15-7:00 p.m.) tomorrow, please call the school office and indicate your availability. **If we do not have enough chaperones, the gym will not be open.** The parking lot and field will remain off limits for children.

### **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. Coloring sheets are also available on our school website and are being emailed with the newsletter. Prizes will be awarded in various age groups, up through 12 years of age, and the coloring sheets should be returned to our school by Friday, March 23. We will deliver any coloring sheets entries that day to St. Joseph's Home. Please call 529-5596 for more information.

### **Springfield Youth Team Tennis**

Students in kindergarten through eighth grade are invited to participate in a beginner tennis program. The program is being held at two locations. The program hosted at Christ the King School will be held on Mondays from March 19 through May 14, 2018, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. The program at St. Aloysius School will be held from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesdays from March 21 through May 9, 2018. The cost is \$35 per player. Online registration is available and closes on the day of the first session of each program location. See the flyers being emailed home today and posted on our school website for more details and contact information for any questions.

### **Women's Club Movin' in March**

Our Blessed Sacrament Women's Club invites all women of the parish to join them on Tuesday nights in March in the school gym from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. for a variety of free exercise programs led by our own B.S.S. physical education teacher, Janice Davis. Each night a 30-minute workout will be followed by a fun physical activity. Please see the flyer posted online for additional information.

### Spotlight on Ice 2018: It's a Classic

The Springfield Figure Skating Club presents their annual Spotlight on Ice show on March 24 and March 25 at the Nelson Center. This year's show, entitled *It's a Classic*, features performances to music from a variety of classic shows. Best wishes to B.S.S. students performing in the show: Lexi Kotner, Lucy and Phoebe DeFrain, and Anna West. Please see the flyer posted on the school website for details.

### SHG Student Support Services Informational Meeting

Eighth graders who currently receive academic support through our resource teachers are invited to attend an informational meeting at SHG with their parents to learn about the various support services offered at SHG. The meeting will be held on Thursday, March 15, in the SHG library. A flyer with more information is being sent home with our eighth grade resource students, and extra copies are available in the school office.

### SHG Alumni Scholarship Applications for 8<sup>th</sup> Graders

Extra copies of the applications for Sacred Heart-Griffin's alumni scholarship are available in our school office upon request. The completed application is due to Mrs. Wear by Wednesday, March 21, as the school portion has to be completed and submitted to SHG by March 28. No late applications are accepted!

### Kids in the Kitchen

Please see the flyer being emailed home today and posted on the school website for the 2018 Kids in the Kitchen event hosted by the Junior League of Springfield. The event is this Saturday, March 10, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Downtown YMCA and is open to grades K-5 for no charge.

### Looking Ahead

Friday, Mar. 9 –  
5:00-7:00 p.m. – Men's Club Fish Fry

Sunday, Mar. 11 –  
Daylight Savings Time begins!!  
Girl Scout Sunday – refreshments in the school cafeteria after Masses

Monday, Mar. 12 –  
**Registration forms & fees due!**  
8:20 a.m. – Leadership assembly (wear t-shirts)

Tuesday, March 13 –  
3:00-4:00p.m. – Garden Club meeting in the art room  
7:00 p.m. – Women's Group Movin' in March in the gym

Wednesday, Mar. 14 –  
**Hoops Mania ticket stubs & money due!**  
End of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter!  
11:30 a.m. dismissal – faculty in-service; **no B.A.S.E. available!**

Thursday, Mar. 15 –  
Lifetouch Spring Photo Day (non-uniform day)

Friday, Mar. 16 –  
Extra Modified Spirit Day/Jeans & Green – no charge!  
NO Men's Club Fish Fry!!!

Sunday, Mar. 18 –  
9:00 a.m. – noon – CultureFest

9:30 a.m. – 6<sup>th</sup> grade Living Wax Museum in the gym  
10:00 a.m. – 4<sup>th</sup> grade recorder concert in the cafeteria  
6:00 p.m. – Fine Arts Evening in the cafeteria

Monday, Mar. 19 –  
8:20 a.m. – All-school Mass for Feast of St. Joseph

Tuesday, Mar. 20 –  
7:00 p.m. – Women's Group Movin' in March in the gym

Wednesday, Mar. 21 –  
Report Card Day!  
**SHG Alumni Scholarship applications due to Mrs. Wear for completion of school information!**  
5:45 p.m. – Golf team informational meeting in the cafeteria

Friday, Mar. 23 –  
1:15 p.m. – Fine Arts Evening Encore performance (select acts due to time constraints) for the students  
5:00-7:00 p.m. - Men's Club Fish Fry  
5:30-6:30 p.m. – Jubilate Choir will sing the Stations of the Cross in church  
7:00 p.m. – Dance for 8<sup>th</sup> graders at SHG

Saturday, Mar. 24 –  
Regional Science Fair at LLCC

Monday, Mar. 26 –  
8:20 a.m. – Leadership assembly (wear t-shirts)

Tuesday, Mar. 27 –  
7:00 p.m. – Women's Group Movin' in March in the gym

Wednesday, Mar. 28 –  
9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. - Living Stations of the Cross performed for students

Thursday, Mar. 29 –  
Holy Thursday  
1:30 p.m. – Early dismissal for Easter vacation; after-school care at B.A.S.E. is available

Friday, Mar. 30 –  
Good Friday  
3:00 p.m. – 7<sup>th</sup> grade performance of Living Stations of the Cross for the parish

Friday, Mar. 30 – Friday, April 6 –  
No school - Easter break

### Please Remember!

#### Before School Patrols for the Week of Mar. 12-16:

Sam DeSalle Will DeSalle Emma Faulkner  
Jack Fleischli Gigi Giacomini Rori Hanken

#### After School Patrols for the Week of Mar. 12-16:

Nick Calucchia Amalia Coderko Agnes Cross

#### Mass Servers for Mar. 10-11

4:30 p.m. Saturday Maddie McKay, Ava Moore & Teddy Thornberry  
7:00 a.m. Sunday no current BSS students  
8:30 a.m. Sunday Ellen & Miriam O'Brien  
10:30 a.m. Sunday Grace Minder & Annie Mizeur

#### Daily Servers for Mar. 12-16:

8:00 a.m. M & W & Leo Havey  
8:20 a.m. Tu. & Addison Eades  
8:00 a.m. Th. & Max Stanley  
8:20 a.m. Fri. & Andrew Dailey