

September 21, 2017

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School News

Learning to Make a Difference

A Note to Parents

Dear Parents,

Mid-quarter reports were sent home on Monday for parents and students to review. Although parent-teacher conferences will be scheduled for the first week of November, please do not hesitate to contact any teachers if you have questions or concerns now.

Congratulations to our golf team members who competed in the state meet last Saturday. Addi Eades placed 20th, Nick Calucchia tied for 25th, Carter Etheridge tied for 29th, and Tyler Furkin tied for 52nd. What a great state meet! We extend special thanks to the golf teams' coaches, Tony Calucchia and Steve Etheridge, for their guidance and dedication!

Also, congratulations to our boys' baseball team on their exciting regional championship win! They defeated Warrensburg-Latham, 5-4, in 8 innings on Tuesday to advance to the sectionals this Saturday. They will face Palmyra Northwestern at 11:00 a.m. at Macon Meridian. Go, Bruins!

Good luck to our cross country team in their meet at Olympia on Saturday beginning at 9:00 a.m. Also, good luck to our 6th grade girls' SCAA team in their first league game this Saturday at 1:00 p.m. at St. Aloysius Gym

The excitement for the Children's Raffle portion of our Annual Auction officially begins today! Order forms for the raffle tickets are being sent home today and are on sale through next Thursday, Sept. 28. The drawing will be held on Friday, Sept. 29, 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.

Don't forget that after school care at B.A.S.E. is not available next Friday, Sept. 29. (Students will be dismissed at 1:30 p.m. on that Friday.) Also, make plans to join us at the Annual Auction next Saturday, September 30!

Also, remember that orders for the PSA fundraiser are due tomorrow as well as the Auction Cozy Dog lunch form. Enjoy your weekend!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Kathy Wear

Extra Spirit Day

The four classes who had the highest percentage of parent attendance at our August Back-to-School Night, Mrs. Kuhlman's first grade, Ms. Yoho's second grade, Mrs. Ketchum's fourth grade, and Mrs. Morehead's fifth grade, will have their **extra free Spirit Day tomorrow, Friday, September 22.** This Spirit Day is only for these four classes and their teachers! The regular Spirit Day guidelines apply.

ALL THINGS AUCTION!

Check out the Volume 5 edition of *All Things Auction* being sent home today! Tickets for the "golden ticket" raffle, the indoor/outdoor bar raffle, and the "Big" Auction Parish Raffle are all available in the school office. Order forms and flyers with details are available online, too. Buy your tickets to attend the auction online by Sept. 29th to avoid a price increase and to help the auction committee plan. The tickets can be purchased online for \$30 per person. To purchase tickets the day of the auction, the price is \$35 per person and my result in standing in line. Register in advance for your tickets and be a part of this fun event!

Presenter on Executive Functioning Skills

We were very pleased to have Lori Benson-Adams with us for three days this week. She focused on the topic of *Executive Functioning Skills in Children: Building Attention, Self-Control and Memory to Propel Learning*. Mrs. Benson-Adams worked with the teachers on grade-level specific expectations and strategies that will greatly benefit all the students as they progress through their academic careers. She also did a short, interactive lesson for the fifth through eighth grade students and had the opportunity to meet with several parents regarding specific skills and strategies. Her parent and student handouts are attached to the newsletter email today and also available on our school website. If you have any questions or follow-up regarding this information, please contact Mrs. Wear or Mrs. Burke.

October Hot Lunches

Order forms to preorder hot lunches for the month of October are being sent home today. **They are due back next Monday, September 25,** with payment. Thank you!

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.

Additional Uniform/Spirit Wear Items

With the colder weather season approaching, we have added two more options to our uniform. Luers will begin offering quarter-zip and full-zip fleece jackets in navy blue with our school logo that will be acceptable for students to wear

during the school day. With these additions, students will have several options of items to wear in the building during colder weather. Students will not be allowed to wear other sweatshirts besides these new options and those already included and listed in our student handbook. Youth sizes will cost \$34.98 per item, and adult sizes will cost \$38.00 apiece. Adult sizes will go up to 3X.

In addition, a navy blue golf-style wind shirt will be available in adult sizes only for students, family members, and supporters of our school to purchase. It will also include our school logo and can be purchased at Luers for \$35.95 in sizes XS-5X. Although these will not be allowed as part of the student uniform, they will be a great option to promote school spirit!

We extend our thanks to Luers for donating one of each style of the fleece jackets to our auction! You can begin ordering the fleece jackets immediately at Luers. Look for news in next week's newsletter of a special promotion time to order the wind shirts in upcoming weeks.

Back to School = Back to Sports

Fall sports season is quickly approaching. Pick up some Dick's Sporting Goods scrip cards (\$25 cards/8% donation), Target cards (\$25 and \$100 cards/2% donation) and Walmart cards (\$25 and \$100 cards/2.5% donation) before you buy those new cleats, shin guards, kneepads and helmets.

Notice of Nondiscriminatory Policy

Blessed Sacrament School admits students of any race, color, sex or national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, or national or ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarships and loan programs, and athletic and school administered programs.

Community Days Booklets

Our student service organization, Builders Club, is selling Community Days booklets to benefit the Missionary Childhood Association. These booklets contain over \$500 in coupons that can be used at Bergner's from Wednesday, Nov. 8, through Saturday, Nov. 11. The booklets cost \$5 each, and Builders Club keeps 100% of each sale as their profit. Stop by the office to purchase one!

Choir Opportunities

There will be a Chorister Church Choir directed by Mrs. Jody Kienzler this semester. The age group for this choir is 3rd-5th grades. The choir will be rehearsing on the Saturday that they sing at Mass, which will generally be the 4th Saturday of the month. The very first rehearsal will be Saturday, Sept. 23, from 3:15-4:15 p.m. in the church music room. At the conclusion of the rehearsal, the choir will sing at the 4:30 p.m. Mass. The faithful from this choir will be chosen to sing in the Jubilate Choir next year. Please call the church office, 528-7521, if you have questions or want to register. Hope you'll be able to join them in September!

SHG Golden Angel Junior Poms Camp

The SHG Poms will host their Junior Poms Camp on Saturday, September 23, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at SHG's East Campus. Children in grades K-8 are invited to participate. Participants will perform during the halftime of the SHG/ football game on Friday, September 29. The fee is \$40 and pre-registration is due by Sept. 16. However, walk-ins are welcome the day of the camp. Registration forms with additional information can be found at www.bssbruins.org or in the SHG school office.

Springfield Music Factory

The Springfield Music factory is offering private vocal and piano lessons as well as beginning harp instruction for all ages. They have teachers with degrees in music and plus years of teaching experience. Please contact Devon Carpenter at 502-4958 with questions or go to www.SpringfieldMusicFactory.com.

Looking Ahead

Thursday, Sept. 21 –

6:00 p.m. – Girls' basketball home games vs. Calvary

Friday, Sept. 22 –

Deadline for PSA fundraiser sale!

Cozy Dog Auction Lunch order forms due!

Extra spirit day for Mrs. Kuhlman's first grade, Ms. Yoho's second grade, Mrs. Ketchum's fourth grade, and Mrs. Morehead's fifth grade classes only for winning the Back-to-School Night parent attendance award.

Vision/hearing screenings for remaining required grades, MWF Pre-K, and re-screenings

Saturday, Sept. 23 & Sunday, Sept. 24 –

Flu shot clinic in the cafeteria after Masses

Monday, Sept. 25 –

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

October hot lunch orders due!

Wednesday, Sept. 27 –

4:30 p.m. – Girls' basketball home games vs. Lincoln Magnet

Thursday, Sept. 28 –

Last day to purchase Children's Raffle tickets

Friday, Sept. 29 –

Last day to purchase auction tickets at \$30 per person

Coleman's Cozy Dog Auction Lunch;

no regular Friday lunch items for sale

12:40 p.m. - Children's Auction Raffle drawings

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

Saturday, Sept. 30 –

5:30 p.m. - Annual Parish/School Auction (tickets available at the door for \$35 per person)

Monday, Oct. 2 –

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

6:00 p.m. – Girls' basketball home games vs. Pawnee

Thursday, Oct. 5 –

6:00 p.m. – Girls' basketball home games vs. South Fork Kincaid

Friday, October 6 –
 Lifetouch school pictures – non-uniform day
 2:15 – First Friday Benediction for grades 2-8

Monday, Oct. 9 –
 No school – Columbus Day!

Wednesday, Oct. 11 –
 1:30 dismissal for faculty meeting
 6:30 p.m. – First Reconciliation meeting for 2nd grade
 parents in church

Friday, Oct. 13 –
 PSA Spirit Day (included in prepaid days)
 8:20 a.m. – All-school Mass

Monday, Oct. 16 –
 8:20 a.m. – Leadership assembly (wear t-shirts)

Friday, Oct. 20 –
 End of First Quarter!

Monday, Oct. 23 –
 8:20 a.m. – Leadership assembly (wear t-shirts)
 4:00 p.m. – Girls’ basketball home games vs.
 Washington Middle School

Tuesday, Oct. 24 –
 11:00 a.m. – Diocesan Mission Mass at Cathedral –
 4th grade attends this Mass

Wednesday, Oct. 25 –
 10:00 a.m. - All-City Catholic Schools’ Mass – fifth
 grade through eighth grade attending (details to
 follow)
 6:00 p.m. – Girls’ basketball home games vs. St.
 Al’s/Cathedral; 8th grade recognized between games

Friday, Oct. 27 –
 Report Card Day!

Monday, Oct. 30 –
 8:20 a.m. – Leadership assembly (wear t-shirts)

Tuesday, Oct. 31 – *Happy Halloween!*
 1:30 p.m. – parade for PreK-4th grade; classroom
 parties to follow for all grades

Please Remember!

Before School Patrols for the Week of Sept. 25-29:

Nick Calucchia	Amalia Coderko	Agnes Cross
Xuan Dinh	Addison Eades	Carter Etheridge

After School Patrols for the Week of Sept. 25-29:

Hannah Lambert	Peyton Leahy	Brady Maloy
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Mass Servers for Sept. 23 & 24: (only BSS students listed)

4:30 p.m. Saturday	Madelein McKay & Abby Shafer
7:00 a.m. Sunday	no current BSS student
8:30 a.m. Sunday	Augustine Hyde & Lennon Long
10:30 a.m. Sunday	Bill & Mike Hollahan

Daily Servers for Sept. 25-29:

8:00 a.m. M & W &	Tyler Furkin
8:20 a.m. Tu.	& Finn Loken
8:00 a.m. Th. &	William Pittman
8:20 a.m. Fri.	& Olivia Redpath