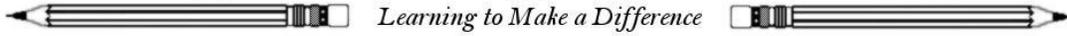


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School News



Learning to Make a Difference

April 4, 2019

A Note to Parents

Dear Parents,

Last week we welcomed Lucy Wallner back to second grade, and her sister Elle returned to kindergarten. Lucy and Elle are excited to be here, and their classmates are thrilled to have them back at school. We are happy that Lucy is doing well with her treatments for leukemia. Please continue to keep Lucy and her family in your prayers.

Also last week, the students in grades K-8 all received their report cards. If you have any questions regarding your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher. We appreciate your continued help and support in making this final quarter a successful one for your child.

The Men's Club will host their final fish fry of the Lenten season tomorrow evening, April 5, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. As always, in order to have the gym available for the children to use from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., we are in need of adults to chaperone. Thanks to all of the parents who have given so generously of their time in past weeks to provide this safe place for the children to play. We hope to be able to do the same this week with your help.

As we move further into April, you will see many related articles about preparations for next school year. One additional change relates to our staffing. This week, Mrs. Mary Ellen Hollahan announced that she is leaving her position at the end of this school year in order to more readily assist family members. We thank her for all the tremendous support she has given our students! Her junior high teaching position will soon be posted on our website.

Enjoy your weekend!

Yours in faith,
Mrs. Dawn Kliner

Judges Needed! Service Hours!

Ms. Alan, our eighth-grade history teacher, is in need of parent volunteers to help judge projects at the State History Fair on Friday, May 2, 2019. The fair will be held in Springfield. This is a great way to earn family service hours and would be a wonderful opportunity for parents of current and future eighth graders to see the quality of projects throughout the state. It is also a way for our school to support the organizers of this worthwhile learning experience for our students. If you are interested in helping or would like more information, please contact Ms. Alan at alan@bssbruins.org.

Thank You for Your Support!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Scholastic Book Fair last week as well as the PSA's pizza fundraiser. Both were very successful events! Proceeds from the book fair support our library and the accelerated reader program. Proceeds from pizza sales assist the PSA with sponsoring activities for all students, including Fun Day at the end of the school year. We couldn't do it all without you!

As promised, our top fifteen pizza sellers won a limo ride to Turbo Fire Pizza for a lunch-time field trip (date TBD). Congratulations to Ivan Johnson, Mason Meado, Nick Frevvert, Caroline Sheehan, Morgan Tintori, Macie Petropoulos, Mia Rosenthal, Aayla Horton, Olivia Loftus, Corinne Colbert, Stella Boggs, Lucas Pacheco, Benjamin Pacheco, Dominic Kniery and Sophia Crawford!

Come and See the Spring Musical *Aladdin, Jr.*

Be sure to join us next Friday or Saturday, April 12 and 13, for performances of *Aladdin, Jr.* We are so proud of our sixth through eighth-grade students who have worked so hard for many long hours, and it promises to be a great show! Special thanks to our directors, Mrs. Hartman and Mrs. Taryn Grant, for all of their time, energy, and dedication! Tickets are \$5 each or \$20 for an immediate family. A ticket order form is coming home today with the youngest in each family and is also available online.

Join the Blessed Sacrament Team!

If you or someone you know is interested in a teaching opportunity at our school, please visit our website at www.bssbruins.org for the list of 2019-2020 job openings and how to apply!

Lunchroom Reminders

Please be sure to refer to your student's hot lunch order calendar regularly to determine if your child has a hot lunch. We are not able to provide a hot lunch to those who have not pre-ordered. Likewise, please know the students on the last lunch shift should not count the availability of "leftovers and seconds". When available, reduced-portion seconds are distributed on a first-come-first-served basis only to those who pre-ordered a hot lunch that day. Thank you!

Spring Into a Box Tops Collection for April

A Box Tops collection sheet was sent home last Thursday and is available online. All students who return a completed sheet by April 12 will receive an Easter treat!

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, skirts/skorts are not to be more than 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 25-28) for further information. Thank you for your cooperation!

Don't Forget Scrip This Easter!

See our Easter Flyer that accompanies today's newsletter for great ideas for the upcoming holiday. Remember - all of your scrip purchases will go toward reducing your tuition next year (or you can use your credit for free scrip!)

Volunteer Opportunity for Next Year

We are looking for a volunteer to schedule the Tuesday and Thursday hot lunch volunteers for the 2019-2020 school year. Please contact Dawn Reyhan at 899-1999 if you are interested in learning more about this opportunity.

Garden Club Leader Needed for 2019-2020!

The Garden Club is looking for a parent leader for the 2019-20 school year. The Garden Club meets once a month for one hour. The club uses the courtyard as its classroom. It is a fun way to volunteer to share your appreciation of plants and agriculture. The club has provided the courtyard space with beautiful color, as well as delicious harvests for our students. Please contact this year's parent leader, Mrs. Julie Roland at j.roland@comcast.net or Mrs. Michelle Townsend, the Garden Club teacher representative, at townsend@bssbruins.org for details.

Vacation Bible School

This amazing program for the children of our parish is in jeopardy! Blessed Sacrament is looking for a new coordinator for Vacation Bible School this summer. Our parish VBS is held for one week each June. This is such a wonderful faith and fun-filled activity for the children of our parish and school, but it cannot occur without a leader. If you are interested in learning more about this volunteer opportunity (which would fulfill the 20 service-hour requirement) please contact Morgan Ambrose at ambrose@bssbruins.org. Thank you for your consideration of this opportunity!!

Drop-off and Dismissal Reminders

Please remember the guideline, "Pull all the way forward." During morning drop-off, please pull forward as far as possible to allow other vehicles to drop off behind you. Continue to watch for the safety of students as they exit vehicles and get to a safe walking zone. During dismissal in the parking lot, please pull forward in the spots to allow for a vehicle to park behind you. This will cut back on the number of vehicles having to back into a parking spot. Thank you!

Coaches' Applications

Applications for coaching a Blessed Sacrament athletic team for the 2019-2020 school year are now available online through our school website. The applications will be available through May 3rd. 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 as well as an online coaches' certification course 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 and ask that your application be resubmitted. In the email, please specify the grade level, sport, 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. Thank you!

Class Placement for 2019-2020

Please note that Blessed Sacrament School does not accept requests for class placement with specific teachers. There is a detailed process in place for placing students in classes. However, if there is specific information that you would like considered in the placement process, please put it in writing and send it to Mrs. Klinner's attention by May 1.

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 an objection to the dental examination on religious grounds.

Service Hours Requirements & Waiver Request Due!

Statements with the number of family service hours earned to date will be included with the students' third-quarter report cards. If parents have completed the required number of service hours (20) for the year, they will not receive a statement. Please contact Michele Greenwood at 522-7534, ext. 201, if you have any questions. 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!

Men's Club Fish Fry

The final Men's Club Fish Fry is tomorrow, Friday, April 5, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Adult dinners and children's dinners are available. Cheese pizza is also available. The gym may be open at 5:30 p.m. as an area for children to play if enough adult chaperones are available. We need a volunteer or group of volunteers to coordinate this service each fish fry. If your child/children use the gym, 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 email/call the school office and indicate your availability. All chaperones must have taken Protecting God's Children! If we do not have enough chaperones, the gym will not be open. The parking lot and field are off-limits for children.

Join us for Mass!

The Winterbauer family invites you to attend Mass at Blessed Sacrament: Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. and Sundays at 7:00, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.



Mrs. Winterbauer--Kindergarten Teacher's Aide

Looking Ahead

Friday, April 5 -
PSA spirit day (included in prepaid days)
2:15 - First Friday Benediction
Men's Club Fish Fry
8th grade dance at SHG
Monday, April 8 - Leadership assembly (wear t-shirts)
Wednesday, April 10 -
1:30 p.m. - dismissal for faculty meeting
Thursday, April 11 -
5th grade vocations trip
Musical dress rehearsal for students
Friday, April 12 -
All-school Mass
7th grade trip to St. Louis
Friday, April 12 & Saturday, April 13 -
7:00 p.m. - *Aladdin, Jr.* musical performance
Sunday, April 14 - Palm Sunday
Monday, April 15 - Leadership assembly (wear t-shirts)

Tuesday, April 16 - Mid-quarter progress reports

Wednesday, April 17 -

Living Stations of the Cross performance for all students

Thursday, April 18 - Holy Thursday

1:30 p.m. - dismissal for Easter vacation

Sunday, April 21 - Happy Easter!

Monday, April 29 - Classes resume

Thursday, May 2 - Kindergarten trip to Decatur

Monday, May 6- Wednesday, May 8

8th grade Days of Discovery

Thursday, May 9 - 8th grade trip to Chicago

Friday, May 10 - 1st grade spring programs

Thursday, May 16 - 1st grade trip to St. Louis