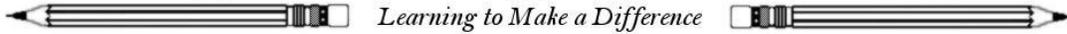


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## School News



*Learning to Make a Difference*

May 23, 2019

### A Note to Parents

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to our Class of 2019 on their graduation Monday! We are so proud of their accomplishments and good character, and we wish all of them the very best in their high school years! (See the related article about the many scholarships awarded to them.)

We are almost at the end of another school year for the rest of our classes! This week we already had the final day of school for all our preschool, Pre-K and kindergarten students. Our first through seventh grade students will have their final day of the school year and their Fun Day tomorrow, May 24. Students will attend an all-school Mass and then will return to school for Fun Day activities. A hamburger, cheeseburger or hot dog lunch will be provided by PSA for all students that day. Also, the students will have a free Spirit Day on Fun Day. They may wear Spirit Day shirts with jeans or uniform shorts. We will also allow athletic pants, capris, athletic shorts, and other shorts that are the same length as uniform shorts. **No sweatpants or short shorts are allowed. If a student does not wear appropriate clothing, he/she will have to call for a change of clothes and will not be able to participate in the activities until appropriate clothing is available. If in doubt about shorts, please send jeans or uniform shorts to be safe.**

Students will receive their report cards at the end of Fun Day with **dismissal at 1:30 p.m.** Please remember that **B.A.S.E. is not available the last day of school, May 24.**

This will be the last official newsletter of the school year, but any additional reminders or information will be emailed to parents. I do want to share with you that I will be a little more unavailable this summer than planned. The rights of the unborn have been in the news a lot this year, but I have also seen many other ways we respect life: caring for the aging, supporting the homeless, assisting foster children, donating blood, teaching children to respect all differences, etc. I have been given the unique opportunity to improve a life this summer. I have been deemed a match for a friend and former colleague who has battled kidney failure for years. I will donate a kidney to her in June, and I ask for your prayers of its success. My recovery will take all summer, but I hope to return in August with the health and energy that I have now.

Thank you so much for your continued support of our school! We are truly blessed to be partners with you in the education of your children. Personally, I am especially grateful for all the support given to me in my first year in this

position. I am so humbled by this community and what I witness in our school every day. I hope all of you have a happy and safe summer vacation!

Yours in faith,  
**Mrs. Dawn Kliner**

### School Staffing Update

I am excited to announce the hire of our PreK teachers and our part-time junior high teacher. Ms. Amanda Malawy will become our part-time preschool/PreK teacher as she returns to Springfield after teaching preschool in St. Louis. Mrs. Becky Phillips will transfer here after teaching kindergarten at Our Saviour School in Jacksonville for many years, and Mrs. Angie Christie (current BSS parent) joins the staff and will teach 7th-grade religion. Welcome, Amanda, Becky, and Angie!

We will be posting a new position due to an announcement made yesterday, though. Mrs. Lisa Hartman, our music teacher, will be leaving her position in order to travel and see her children and to visit/help take care of aging relatives. We wish her the best!

**Join the Blessed Sacrament Team!** If you or someone you know is interested in the music teacher position or a teaching assistant opportunity at our school, please visit our website at [www.bssbruins.org](http://www.bssbruins.org) for the list of 2019-2020 job openings and how to apply!

### SchoolKidz School Supply Kits Orders

Once again we will offer the convenience of purchasing complete school supply kits for pre-k through 8th grade students from SchoolKidz. There is also home delivery! Kits will be shipped right to your front door by August 9! Simply go online to [www.shopttkits.com](http://www.shopttkits.com) and enter our school account number which is 10950. That will take you right to Blessed Sacrament's page where you may select the kits you need along with optional items such as backpacks, water bottles, and lunch bags. Please note that for grades 7 and 8, the TI30XA calculator is still required for math class but is NOT included in the kits this year. It is now an optional purchase available through SchoolKidz since many students simply keep their required calculator from 6th grade and do not need to purchase a new one every year. The calculator is required for and remains included in the 6th grade supply kit.

**Supply kits are only available by ordering online from May 20 until June 14,** so do not delay in placing your order! Again, simply go online to [www.shopttkits.com](http://www.shopttkits.com) and enter our school account number which is 10950.

### **We're Proud of the Class of 2019!**

The Blessed Sacrament School Class of 2019 graduated on May 13. This is the 93rd graduating class of BSS! We are so proud of the 57 young men and women in this class and grateful for all they contributed to BSS during their years at our school. Many of the students who are continuing on to Sacred Heart-Griffin High School received an impressive total of \$30,000 in scholarships!

The scholarship winners this year are as follows:

#### **SHG Alumni Scholarship**

Joe Humphrey

Ethan Short

#### **Joseph A. Cadigan Memorial Scholarship**

Jeffrey Wernsing

#### **Eva Kress Cadigan Memorial Scholarship**

Lucy Ratcliffe

#### **Patrick J. Cadigan Memorial Scholarship**

Joe Humphrey

#### **Eleanor Maher Weber Memorial Scholarship**

Addison Schneller

#### **C. Joseph & Sandy Cavanagh Scholarship**

Emma Faulkner

#### **Jack & Peg Coleman Memorial Scholarship**

Lindsay Madonia

#### **Arlette M. Donath Memorial Scholarship**

Agnes Cross

#### **Don & Claire Forsyth Scholarships**

Jack Fleischli

Kaelin Kelley

#### **Scholarship Honoring Patricia Kienzler**

Addison Schneller

#### **Alma and Robert Mandeville Scholarship**

Lindsay Madonia

#### **Lloyd Mosley Server Recognition Scholarship**

Jackson Pitz

#### **Scholarships Honoring Lloyd & Marty Mosley**

Brady Maloy

Adam Wentz

#### **Ann Pohlman Memorial Scholarships**

Tyler Furkin

Guiliana Giacomini

#### **Virginia M. Valdez Memorial Scholarship**

Ethan Short

#### **Monsignor Tarrent Scholarships**

Addison Eades

Adam Wentz

#### **Hugh P. Cassidy Memorial Scholarship**

Hannah Lambert

#### **Father Chester Scholarship**

Jackson Pitz

#### **Scholarship Honoring Ursuline Sisters**

Carter Etheridge

We know these students will continue their successes in high school, and we look forward to following their future accomplishments and having them return to visit us! Thank you, too, to their parents for their support over the years.

### **School Supply Lists and Calendars for 2019-2020**

A basic school calendar and school supply lists for the 2019-2020 school year will be sent home in students' report cards and posted online as well. Registration packets will be available after all Masses the weekend of August 3 and 4. Fee Night is Tuesday, August 13. We will also have a welcoming reception for new school families and their mentors that evening, just prior to the start of Fee Night. The first day of classes will be Monday, August 19.

### **Mentor Families Needed for 2019-2020 School Year!**

We are in need of volunteers to serve as mentor families for new school families next school year. We primarily need families enrolled in our preschool through kindergarten classes. We are so grateful to all those families who volunteered as mentors this year, and hope to have many more volunteers for the coming year. This service simply involves reaching out to the new school family(s) you are assigned to introduce yourself and offer assistance as needed. We ask that you continue to reach out at least on a quarterly basis throughout the school year. You earn service hours for each family mentored. All those who volunteer will be contacted with further information in the coming weeks. Please call or email Mrs. Burke at [burke@bssbruins.org](mailto:burke@bssbruins.org) if you would be interested in helping in this way or if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration of this important service to welcome our new BSS families!

### **IMSA Fusion Program for 2019-2020**

As we conclude another school year, we would like to extend our appreciation to the leaders of our IMSA Fusion programs for another successful year of this engaging STEM program. Thank you to Kim Eck for leading the 5th and 6th grade program and Tracy Kelley for leading the 7th and 8th grade program! We truly appreciate Tracy Kelley's years of service leading this program, as she will be moving on along with her children graduating from the 8th grade.

If there is anyone with a background in these areas who may be interested in leading/co-leading the IMSA Fusion programs for next school year, please contact Mrs. Burke at your earliest convenience. We certainly hope to continue to offer this wonderful enrichment opportunity to our students in the coming year! Thank you for your consideration!

### **Vacation Bible School Planning is Underway!**

Please join us Monday, June 17, 2019, through June 21, 2019, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at Blessed Sacrament School. This year's theme is "Life is Wild, God is Good." Students in grades K-5 may be registered at <https://vbspro.events/p/80f720>. We are looking for adult and student volunteers entering 6th grade and up.

There will be an informational meeting on May 29th from 5pm to 6pm in the BSS Cafeteria for all 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and above grade students interested in being a Crew Leader at VBS.

Questions? Please email Danielle Davis Landgrebe at [Grebes13@gmail.com](mailto:Grebes13@gmail.com) or call/text 217-899-1278. Thank you!

### **Happy New Scrip Year!**

Scrip Year End is June 30, 2019. You've got until Sunday, June 30 to reduce your '19/'20 tuition. The scrip committee keeps track of all purchases through that date and in mid-July, you'll receive your scrip rebate. You can apply your rebate to next year's tuition or redeem it over the summer for more scrip. Questions? Email [scrip@bssbruins.org](mailto:scrip@bssbruins.org).

SHG Families: there will be a special Luers scrip sale for SHG only from June 12 through June 15. All items will be 20% off! Please purchase Luers scrip before you shop - Blessed Sacrament earns 5% on every purchase.

### **Math Workbooks for Summer Review & Enrichment**

Overall, our students are doing an amazing in math. We encourage them to continue practicing math during the summer to retain the concepts that they have learned this year. As a possible resource for review, you may want to look into the Summer Skills Books. There are copies available for all grade levels. A copy of the order form is posted on the school website and can also be accessed at their website, [www.summerskills.com](http://www.summerskills.com).

If you would like to order a review book, you need to mail, call, fax, or order the book online. Do not send any order or payment to school. You need to order your own book as the book will be delivered to your home. Because this book is a review, you should order the math book that corresponds with your child's current grade level. Answer keys and solution keys are provided in the books. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Healy.

### **BSS Summer Reading Program**

Studies have shown that summer reading boosts reading skills. This is a great opportunity for students to read for enjoyment. So we are once again having a Summer Reading Challenge. We are using the Illinois Children's Choice Award lists. There are twenty books on these lists, and we request that students read at least three books. That is only one per month with no accelerated test required! To celebrate, the library will have a popsicle party next fall for those students who meet the challenge. Please see the letter and book lists attached with today's newsletter.

### **Summer Appointments**

Please schedule appointments now for required examinations for the 2019-2020 school year. Students entering preschool, kindergarten, or sixth grade and any students playing sports next year are required to have a physical exam. A dental exam is required for students entering kindergarten, second, or sixth grade, and a vision exam (not just a screening) is required for all students entering kindergarten or for any students new to the school next year.

### **Engrade Replacement**

Effective June 30, 2019 the Engrade system will cease to exist. We will replace our grading management system with Rediker, a full student information system. More information will come regarding this new program!

### **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](mailto:j.roland@comcast.net) or Mrs. Michelle Townsend, the Garden Club teacher representative, at [townsend@bssbruins.org](mailto:townsend@bssbruins.org) for details.

### **Garden Beautification**

Please help keep the garden looking nice by weeding, watering and caring for the school garden once a month on Saturday mornings this spring and summer. We will be there from 9:30-11:00 on June 22, and July 20. Students, parents, and parishioners welcome, and you may come for part or all of the time frames indicated. Volunteers may enter through the BASE door (if the door is closed, text or call 217-899-7800). Be sure to wear sunscreen and hats, and refreshments will be provided. There will be a sign-in for service hours. Email questions to Julie at [j.roland@comcast.net](mailto:j.roland@comcast.net).

### **Annual Garden Party**

Our annual parish Garden Party is coming up on Wednesday, June 12! There are many fun activities planned again this year. A volunteer sheet was sent home to each family and is also available on the school website. Please return the volunteer form by May 26. Family services hours as well as 8<sup>th</sup> grade and high school service hours will be given to those helping. Raffle tickets were sent home previously. Be a part of this fun tradition at Blessed Sacrament!

### **Service Hours Reminder**

Service hours for this school year may be earned through May 31, 2019. Several opportunities are available as listed in this newsletter or on our school website. Please call the school office if you need assistance in finding service opportunities. Statements will be mailed in early June, and families will be billed for any hours not completed. All accounts must be current by July 31, 2019, in order for families to be allowed to complete registration for the 2019-2020 school year.

### Join us for Mass this summer!

The Ambrose family and the Ketchum family invite 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. Ambrose--2nd Grade Teacher



Mrs. Ketchum--5th Grade Teacher

### Looking Ahead

Friday, May 24 - Last day of school!!

Report Cards

All school Mass

Fun Day activities

PSA provides lunch for everyone

**1:30 - Dismissal!! Happy Summer!! No BASE!**

Saturday, May 25 - All-Class Reunion at BSS

Wednesday, June 12 –

Blessed Sacrament Garden Party

Monday, June 17 – Friday, June 21 –

Blessed Sacrament Vacation Bible School

Monday, July 8 –

Family Fun Night at Illini Country Club

Saturday, July 27 & Sunday, July 28 -

Used uniform donations dropped off in school

vestibule after all Masses

Saturday, August 3 & Sunday, August 4 -

School packet pick-up & free used uniforms at school  
after all Masses

August 13 - Orientation Night & Fee Night

August 19 - First day of school