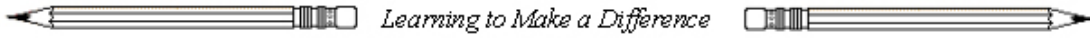


December 15, 2011

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School News



A Note to Parents

Dear Parents,

Our final days before Christmas break have been filled with many preparations for Christmas as well as several celebrations of this holy season. We continue to observe Advent by lighting the candles of the Advent wreath and by hanging the symbols on the Jesse tree. Earlier in the Advent season our students received the sacrament of Reconciliation. If your children or any other family members would like to receive this sacrament before Christmas, a penance service is being held this evening at Blessed Sacrament at 7:00 p.m., in addition to our parish's regular Reconciliation times. We appreciate your help in continuing to keep Christ as the focus during this Advent season.

In addition to these preparations, our preschoolers, kindergartners, and first and third graders have been busy preparing and presenting programs for their parents. Our first graders presented memorable songs and plays at their programs on Sunday, and our third graders are presenting their Christmas musical to their parents today and tomorrow. Next Monday our kindergartners will have their performance at 9:30 a.m., and the MWF preschool class has a program planned in their classroom at 10:15 a.m. that same day. On Tuesday our all-day preschool will perform for their parents in their classroom at 8:30 a.m., and the Tuesday/Thursday preschool class will celebrate Christmas with their program at 10:00 a.m. Thanks to all of you who have been able to attend these programs and special thanks to all the teachers and aides who worked with the children to create such wonderful memories for both our students and their parents.

Yesterday our eighth graders and Builders Club facilitated the stuffing of stockings with the candies donated by our student body. Each student had the chance to fill a stocking, and our school was able to donate 900 stockings to Holy Family Food Pantry to distribute to the needy this Christmas season. Today we are delivering gifts and food baskets to Catholic Charities to share with a needy family. Thanks to all of you for your generosity in the donations of candy and in your monetary donations to help buy presents from our school for those in need.

Tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 16, is another PSA Spirit Day. For a \$1 donation, students may wear BSS t-shirts, sweatshirts, or jerseys with jeans. As always, students may also wear uniform shirts untucked with jeans.

In addition, next Tuesday, Dec. 20, will be a Christmas Spirit Day for all students. Students may wear BSS shirts, Christmas shirts, or red or green shirts with jeans as a special treat from the faculty and PSA. There will be no charge for this Christmas Spirit Day.

Please remember that next Tuesday, Dec. 20, is an early dismissal day with students being dismissed at 1:30 p.m. B.A.S.E. will be provided until 5:30 p.m. that day.

On behalf of the faculty and staff, I thank you for all your warm greetings of the season and for your thoughtfulness and generosity to all of us all year long. I hope you and your children are able to share family time to celebrate the birth of Christ and also enjoy a relaxing Christmas vacation!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kathy Wear

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Sami DeJanovich, an eighth grader, on the birth of her baby brother! Benjamin Isaac was born on Monday, Nov. 21. He weighed 6 lbs., 9 oz, and was 21 inches long. Congratulations, too, to the parents, Michael and Tara DeJanovich, on this newest addition to our BSS community!

Scrip Reminders

The school office will sell scrip until 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 20, and the rectory office will sell scrip from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 21, and Thursday, Dec. 22. The deadline to place special orders for Christmas has passed, but scrip cards in stock will be available for purchase. Some quantities may be limited, so shop early!

Catholic School Appeal

We extend our thanks to all who donated to the Catholic School Appeal. The funds from the appeal were disbursed to the local Catholic grade schools and high school. We are most appreciative for the check in the amount of \$12,916 that Blessed Sacrament received. Thank you for your continued generosity to our school!

Cub Scout Pancake Breakfast

Blessed Sacrament's Cub Scout Pack 31 is sponsoring a pancake breakfast next Sunday, Dec. 18, from 7:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children (ages 5-12). Tickets will be available at the door. Join them for a good breakfast and support the pack in all they provide for our students in the Scouting program!

Tuesday/Thursday Hot Lunch Orders

A new hot lunch order form for the Tuesday/Thursday hot lunch program is being sent home today. The new lunches start on Thursday, Jan. 5, the day after we return from Christmas break, so the order forms are due with payment by **next Tuesday, Dec. 20**. Please make sure your forms are returned on time. Also, please remember as you complete the order form that any eighth graders attending the March for Life in January will not be at school on Tuesday, Jan. 24.

Additional Latin Class

An additional Latin enrichment class will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 20. The sixth through eighth graders will meet from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., and the third through fifth graders will meet from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Junior High Dance

St. Aloysius School is sponsoring a dance for seventh and eighth graders tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 16, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in their church basement. Admission fee is \$5 per person, and all students must also bring their school ID cards and the permission slips being sent home today.

March for Life

Reminders about missing items and fees due for March for Life are being sent home with eighth graders today. Please submit all items and fees by **Monday, Dec. 19.**

Looking Ahead

Friday, Dec. 16 –

PSA Spirit Day - \$1 donation

10:00 a.m. - Third grade play (Mrs. Anfield's class) in the classroom

1:30 p.m. - Third grade play (Mrs. Williamson's class) in the classroom

7:00-9:00 p.m. - Junior high dance at St. Aloysius

Saturday, Dec. 17 –

8:30 a.m. – SHG make-up placement test for 8th gr.

Sunday, Dec. 18 –

7:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Cub Scout Pancake Breakfast in the school cafeteria

Monday, Dec. 19 -

Final payment & all forms due for March for Life for eighth graders

9:30 a.m. - Kindergarten Christmas program in the cafeteria

10:15 a.m. - Preschool (MWF class) Christmas program in the classroom

Tuesday, Dec. 20 -

Tuesday/Thursday hot lunch orders due!

Christmas Spirit Day – no charge

8:15 a.m. – Advent wreath ceremony in the cafeteria (date changed due to kindergarten program)

8:30 a.m. – All-day preschool Christmas program in the classroom

10:00 a.m. - Preschool (Tu/Th class) Christmas program in the classroom

afternoon - Classroom Christmas parties

1:30 p.m. dismissal for Christmas break; **B.A.S.E. provided**

1:30 p.m. - Latin enrichment class for gr. 6-8

2:30 p.m. – Latin enrichment class for gr. 3-5

Wednesday, Dec. 21 – Tuesday, Jan. 3 –

Christmas Break

Wednesday, Jan. 4 –

Classes resume

Latin enrichment classes after school

6:15 p.m. – Home game for 7th & 8th grade IESA boys' basketball teams vs. Christ the King

Friday, Jan. 6 –

8:20 a.m. all-school Mass – Feast of the Epiphany

PSA Spirit Day

Monday, Jan. 9 –

End of 2nd quarter

1:00 p.m. – Geography Bee in the cafeteria

5:45 p.m. – Home game for 7th & 8th grade IESA boys' basketball vs. Calvary

Tuesday, Jan. 10 –

2:15 p.m. – Character education assembly in the gym

4:30 p.m. – Last home game for 7th & 8th grade IESA boys' basketball vs. Lincoln Magnet/Ball Charter

6:30-8:00 p.m. – Open house for prospective families for the 2012-2013 school year

Wednesday, Jan. 11 –

1:30 p.m. dismissal for faculty meeting; B.A.S.E. provided

Thursday, Jan. 12 –

4:00 p.m. – Home game for 7th & 8th grade IESA girls' volleyball vs. Washington

Friday, Jan. 13 -

7:00-9:00 p.m. – Junior high dance at BSS

Please Remember!

Before School Patrols for the Week of Dec. 19 & 20 and the Week of Jan. 4 - 6:

Mary Kroner

Clara Munyer

Preston Njapa Njeuha

Jack O'Connor

After School Patrols for the Week of Dec. 19 & 20 and the Week of Jan. 4 - 6:

Alex Mauntel

Sean McGinty

Michael Oh

Marisa Patten

Mass Servers for Dec. 17 & 18:

(only BSS students listed)

4:30 p.m. Saturday

Laura Hanselman & Noah Kren

7:00 a.m. Sunday

Abby Pohlman

8:30 a.m. Sunday

Jeremy French

Daniel Gardner

Olivia Hibbert

10:30 a.m. Sunday

Patrick Belz

Joey Kolis

Jack Murphy

Daily Servers for Dec. 19 - 23:

8:00 a.m. M & W &

Tyree Redpath &

8:20 a.m. Tu.

Jack O'Connor

8:00 a.m. Th. &

Jack Murphy &

8:20 a.m. Fri.

Erin Monroe

*******Please check the server schedule for Christmas Masses!*******

Mass Servers for Dec. 31 & Jan. 1:

(only BSS students listed)

4:30 p.m. Saturday

Kaitlyn Johnson

Matthew Keane

Hannah Ketchum

7:00 a.m. Sunday

Ben & Grace Portz

8:30 a.m. Sunday

Emma Smith

10:30 a.m. Sunday

Connor Rutherford

Frank Hollahan

Daily Servers for Jan. 2 - 6:

8:00 a.m. M & W &

Gabrielle Wood &

8:20 a.m. Tu.

Vinny Vespa

8:00 a.m. Th. &

Billy Wilhite &

8:20 a.m. Fri.

Alex White