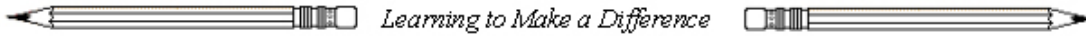


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School News



A Note to Parents

Dear Parents,

We've had lots of activities and excitement at our school this past week. First, congratulations to our BSS seventh grade boys' IESA basketball team on their successful season, which culminated in a second-place finish in the state tournament! The team finished with a record of 23-4 and a state trophy. Congratulations to the team members, including Jack Boll, Charlie Costa, Sam Huston, Konnor Ingram, Alex Mauntel, Sean McGinty, Jack O'Connor, Michael Oh, Jacob Pohlman, and Nolan Reid. Congratulations and special thanks to their coaches, Todd Boll and Chris Reid. Thank you to all of the fans who supported them throughout the season and especially through the state tournament. Great job, Bruins!

Our seventh and eighth graders' science fair and history fair projects, respectively, were on display in the gym this past weekend. Special thanks to Mrs. Cornelius, Mrs. Healy, Mrs. Reiser, Mrs. Gregory, and Mrs. Alan for all their help with the students' projects and research papers. Also, we extend our thanks to the parent volunteers who listened to the seventh graders' presentations after school last Friday. We're very proud of our students' impressive work and look forward to following the projects and papers at the regional fairs!

Thanks, also, to all of our room parents and parent volunteers who helped with the Valentine's Day parties on Tuesday. The students had a lot of fun celebrating the day, and the teachers and staff extend their thanks to the students for the cards and sweet treats that they delivered to all of us. We definitely felt appreciated and loved!

We do ask for your prayers for a couple of members of our school community. This past Sunday we learned of the death of Sheri Stauffer's mother, Monica Borgognoni. (Mrs. Stauffer has been on extended leave as one of our first grade teachers to spend time with her mother during her illness.) We know you will join us in praying for the Stauffer family.

Also, please keep Margaret Antenan in your prayers as her home was damaged by fire this past Monday. Margaret is Father Jeff's administrative assistant, and she is a big help to us at school by supervising several lunch shifts every day. Although her house was not destroyed, she will be displaced from her home for approximately six months. Please pray for her during this time. As she learns more about her needs as a result of the fire, we will pass on that information to you. To help her with immediate needs, we will be sponsoring an additional Spirit Day next Friday, Feb. 24. As we begin the first week of Lent next week, it is an opportunity for our students to give to others in need.

School will not be in session on Monday, Feb. 20, in observance of Presidents' Day. Enjoy the three-day weekend with your children!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Kathy Wear

New Lunch Orders

The last Tuesday/Thursday hot lunch order form is being sent home today. Order forms with payments are due next **Friday, Feb. 24.**

The last hot dog and pizza lunch order forms for the year also are being sent home today. Order forms with payment are due by **Friday, March 2.**

Mardi Gras Carnival

It's not too late to turn in your order form for Mardi Gras Carnival tickets. Although you may purchase tickets the day of the carnival, please return the form with payment by tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 17, to avoid waiting in line during the carnival. (Order forms are available on the school website.) We are looking forward to a fun day and extend special thanks to our eighth graders for organizing the carnival this year!

Annual Fund Mardi Gras Party

Don't forget that adults also have a chance to celebrate Mardi Gras. The excellent local band, The Groove Daddies, will be at Blessed Sacrament on February 18, 2012, for the 2nd Annual Mardi Gras Party. The cost is \$20 per person (adults only) and includes Cajun fare and beverages. Tickets are available in the school office or at the door.

Track & Field Meeting

All sixth through eighth grade students interested in participating in track this spring should attend a meeting in the St. Agnes cafeteria on Thursday, Feb. 23, at 6:30 p.m. At least one parent per child should also attend the meeting.

Free Throw Competition

Informational flyers as well as entry forms for the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest were sent home last week. The contest is open to all boys and girls, ages 10-14. The first level of competition is being held Saturday, Feb. 18, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at St. Agnes. Flyers are available from Mrs. Davis or on the school website.

Past Due Athletic Fees

If your child is currently playing a sport and you have not paid the athletic fee, those fees are past due. The fees need to be paid by the end of the third quarter, which is Tuesday, March 13, or a student's third quarter report card will be held until the fees are paid. Mrs. Davis will be sending home reminders for families with outstanding fees. Please call Mrs. Davis at 522-7534, ext. 205, if you have any questions.

Fine Arts Evening Forms Due!

Please remember that any students interested in performing in this year's Fine Arts Evening on Monday, March 12, should return an interest form to Mrs. Ficke by

