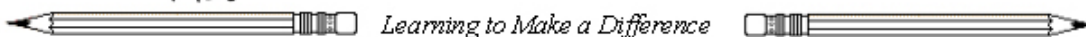


February 9, 2012

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School News



A Note to Parents

Dear Parents,

Although we enjoyed a fun Catholic Schools Week, it's also been nice to return to a more normal week of school. Today is the midpoint of the third quarter, so progress reports will be mailed home for any students whose grades are below average. Please feel free to contact the teachers if you have any questions about your child's progress, whether or not you receive a report.

This afternoon we had our February character education assembly and also honored our seventh grade boys' IESA basketball team with a pep rally as they prepare for their state championship game tonight! They meet Decatur Robertson in the title game at 7:30 p.m. at Clinton High School. Go, Bruins!

Tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 10, will be our monthly PSA Spirit Day. Students may wear BSS shirts with jeans for a \$1 donation, and all usual Spirit Day guidelines apply. It will be a great way, also, to celebrate a great state tournament for our seventh grade boys!

Tomorrow our seventh and eighth graders will be setting up their science and history fair projects in the cafeteria. **Nachos, walking tacos, and popcorn will be sold tomorrow even though students will be eating lunch in their classrooms.** Our students' science and history fair projects will be on display after the Masses this weekend. Make plans to stop by and see them!

On Monday, Feb. 13, we begin our call-in at 9:00 a.m. for preschool and kindergarten registration for the 2012-2013 school year. We anticipate having a lot of calls early, so we do ask that you do not leave a message but call until you speak to someone to assure that we have your child on our list for the correct class.

Registration materials for current students will be sent home on Monday, February 13, and registration materials for preschool and kindergarten students will be sent home later next week. All registration materials are due back by Monday, February 27. A letter from Father Jeff about tuition for next year is being sent home today. A separate sheet with preschool tuition and preschool class offerings for next school year is also being sent home today. If you have any questions about any information, please feel free to call the school office.

On Tuesday our students will be celebrating Valentine's Day with classroom parties in the afternoon. Students should be in regular uniform on Tuesday, but they may add red or pink accessories to their uniform as long as the additions do not distract from the learning environment.

Hope to see our fans at the basketball game tonight!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Kathy Wear

BSS Newspaper

Special thanks to Mrs. Reiser and the sixth grade class for their production of our school newspaper! They have been doing an excellent job on interviewing students and teachers and writing and editing their articles. One student's name was inadvertently left off his article in the last edition. We apologize to Jim Hollahan for the error and recognize him and his classmates for their effort and excellence!

Mardi Gras Carnival

The eighth graders are hosting a Mardi Gras Carnival for our students on Tuesday, Feb. 21, during the school day. The proceeds from this carnival will benefit the Holy Childhood Association. Order forms for tickets are being sent home today and should be returned by **Monday, Feb. 13**, so that the eighth graders will be able to tally the orders and distribute the tickets before the students go to the carnival. They are also in need of parent volunteers to help during the day. Sign up to volunteer on the bottom of the ticket order form!

Science/History Fair Reminders

The seventh and eighth graders' science and history fair projects will be set up tomorrow and will be on display after the Masses this weekend. **Students should pick up their projects between 12:00 and 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 12.** Thank you!

Young Authors

Although many of our classes have already begun writing for our annual Young Authors program, a student letter is being sent home today for all students. Participation is optional in kindergarten through second grade, and teachers will direct students in grades three through eight with their specific expectations. "Bare Books" for use in creating the finished manuscripts are for sale in the school office for \$3.25 each. Once again, all the manuscripts will be on display at CultureFest, which is scheduled for Sunday, March 11.

Spring Musical

Mrs. Hartman will be leading our eighth graders in performances of *Dear Edwina, Jr.* for a spring musical. Performances will be at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 27, and Saturday, April 28. Auditions will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 23, and Monday, Feb. 27. Mrs. Hartman will be sharing more information about auditions with the eighth graders in their music classes.

Girls on the Run Volunteers Needed!!!

We are in need of coaches for the Girls on the Run program to be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from March 6 through May 24. They meet from 2:45 to 4:15 p.m. If we do

not find two volunteer coaches, we will have to cancel the program for this spring. Please help us keep this worthwhile program for our girls! If you have any questions, please contact GerriAnne Graham at 891-3538.

Reminders About Animals

Please remember to keep your pets in your car during arrival and dismissal times. We do have some students who are not comfortable around animals, and we also do not want family pets startled by the movement and amount of students during these busy times. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping all of our students safe.

February Mission Projects

The preschool classes are collecting disposable diapers (or monetary donations to purchase diapers) throughout the month of February. Donations will be given to The Parent Place. Also, throughout this month we will continue to collect books as well as monetary donations to help ship the books for the library in Africa. A table for donations of books or diapers is located in the main hallway.

Free Throw Competition

Informational flyers as well as entry forms for the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest are being sent home today. The contest is open to all boys and girls, ages 10-14. The first level of competition is being held Saturday, Feb. 18, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Agnes. See the flyers for more details.

7th & 8th Grade Trivia Night

Flyers and permission slips are also being sent home today for a 7th & 8th Grade Trivia Night to be held at St. Agnes School on Friday, Feb. 24, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. Cost is \$5 per player. See the flyer for more details.

More Flyers!

See the flyer being sent home today regarding a sale on pants and shorts from Dennis Uniform Company from February 13-21. Registration and informational flyers for Fairview baseball and softball leagues and for Kids First baseball league are also being sent home today as well as information and registration forms for the SHG Junior Cheer Camp to be held Feb. 20. Also, an informational flyer about Expanding Your Horizons (a math, science & technology career conference for 6th, 7th, & 8th grade girls) is being sent home today.

Looking Ahead

Friday, Feb. 10 –

Pre-registration forms from current preschool students due back

PSA Spirit Day - \$1 donation

Science Fair judging after school

7:00-9:00 p.m. – Junior high dance at Christ the King

Saturday, Feb. 11 & Sunday, Feb. 12 –

Science and History Fair in the cafeteria after Masses---current families, prospective families, and parishioners are invited to attend

(No open house for prospective families from 12:00 until 2:00 p.m., as stated in the handbook calendar; open house was held in January)

Monday, Feb. 13 –

Order forms for Mardi Gras Carnival tickets due! 9:00 a.m. – Call-in for 2012-2013 preschool & kindergarten classes begins

Registration forms sent home with current students

Tuesday, Feb. 14 –

1:45 p.m. – Valentine's Day parties

4:30 p.m. – Home games for 7th & 8th grade IESA volleyball teams vs. Lincoln Magnet/Ball Charter

Wednesday, Feb. 15 –

Spirit Day for Mrs. Mundstock's homeroom only (Progresso Pyramid Contest winners)

Latin enrichment classes after school

5:00 p.m. – Home game for 6th grade SCAA boys' basketball

Friday, Feb. 17 -

8th grade field trip to *Color of Justice* at UIS

Saturday, Feb. 18 –

7:00-10:00 p.m. – Annual Fund Mardi Gras Party in the cafeteria (adults only; \$20 per person)

Monday, Feb. 20 –

No school in observance of Presidents' Day

5:15 p.m. – Home games for 6th, 7th & 8th IESA volleyball teams vs. Little Flower

Tuesday, Feb. 21 –

Mardi Gras Carnival for students during the day

5:15 p.m. – Home games for 6th, 7th & 8th grade IESA volleyball teams vs. Chester East Lincoln

Wednesday, Feb. 22 –

8:20 a.m. all-school Mass – Ash Wednesday

Latin enrichment classes after school

Thursday, Feb. 23 –

3:00 p.m. – Auditions for 8th graders for spring musical

Friday, Feb. 24 –

No Mass for grades 6-8

Men's Club Fish Fry

Monday, Feb. 27 –

Registration materials due back to school office

3:00 p.m. – Auditions for 8th graders for spring musical

Please Remember!

Before School Patrols for the Week of Feb. 13 - 17:

Nick Patton

Abby Pohlman

Jacob Pohlman

John Stegeman

After School Patrols for the Week of Feb. 13 - 17:

Calyn Reardon

Nolan Reid

Ryley Roesch

Sara Rotherham

Mass Servers for Feb. 11 & 12:

(only BSS students listed)

4:30 p.m. Saturday

Sydney Compton

7:00 a.m. Sunday

Tynan Madonia

8:30 a.m. Sunday

Sam Bonansinga

Tristan Cano-Nelson

10:30 a.m. Sunday

Meredith Beger

Daily Servers for Feb. 13 - 17:

8:00 a.m. M & W

Grace Portz &

8:20 a.m. Tu

Calyn Reardon

8:00 a.m. Th, &

Sara Rotherham &

8:20 a.m. Fri.

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