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School News

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A Note to Parents

Dear Parents,

The past week has been filled with many activities as we ended the second quarter and began the third quarter. We have hosted two evenings of boys' basketball games and will have our first home games for our 7th & 8th grade girls' IESA volleyball teams this afternoon, beginning at 4:00 p.m. We have also begun hosting the SCAA junior high volleyball league on Saturdays. Thanks to all of the fans who have been supporting our teams! We hope you will come and out and enjoy our volleyball teams, too.

On Monday we held our annual Geography Bee with the classroom winners in the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades competing to be the school champion. Congratulations to all of the classroom winners: Anna Benoit and Erin Monroe, eighth graders; Olivia Doll and John Stegeman, seventh graders; and Ali Hallman and Joey Kolis, sixth graders. Also, special congratulations to John Stegeman, who won the school Geography Bee, and to Olivia Doll and Joey Kolis, who placed second and third, respectively. Special thanks to Mrs. Alan for organizing the Geography Bee at our school!

Report cards will be distributed to the students next Wednesday, Jan. 18. Again, if you have any concerns, please contact the individual teachers. We want all students to be successful in their endeavors, and we are definitely partners with you in supporting them.

A lot of planning has been taking place this week in anticipation of Catholic Schools Week to be held from Sunday, Jan. 29, through Friday, Feb. 3. A flyer about the opportunity to order pizza lunch for Parent Appreciation Day is being sent home today. (Please see the related article for more details.)

We will not be in session on Monday in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. I hope you enjoy the extra day this weekend with your children!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Kathy Wear

Junior High Dance

Our school is sponsoring a dance tomorrow, Friday, Jan. 13, for seventh and eighth graders in the Springfield Catholic grade schools. The dance starts at 7:00 p.m. and ends at 9:00 p.m. We are in need of additional chaperones for the dance. We do know that many junior high students would rather their own parents not chaperone the dance, but in order for us to have a safe environment for all in attendance, we do need parental help. Please consider volunteering for this event. You do not need to be a junior high parent to chaperone. It's another way to earn service hours outside the normal school day! If you are able to help, please call the school office and leave your name for Mrs. Senger or just join us at school tomorrow at 6:45 p.m.

Parent Appreciation Day Lunch

Parents are invited to join their students for lunch on Parent Appreciation Day during Catholic Schools Week. This year that day will be celebrated on Wednesday, Feb. 1. To make it easier for parents to enjoy the time with their children, the eighth grade class is sending home an order form today for any families interested in ordering pizza for that lunch. The price is \$3 per slice of pizza. PSA will provide soda and dessert **only for those who order the pizza lunch.** (See the order form for specific choices for pizza and drinks.) Pizza lunches for that day must be pre-ordered separately from the regular Wednesday pizza lunch orders, and the orders with payment are due by **Wednesday, Jan. 25.** Avoid the long drive-through lines at nearby restaurants and support the eighth grade class with your order!

Masterpiece of the Month

Congratulations to Maggie Allen whose artwork was chosen by Mrs. Ficke as the Masterpiece of the Month! Mrs. Ficke noted, "The third graders have been studying the jewelry art form of cameos (low-relief carved portraits, usually taking the form of a pendant or ring). Maggie created a very 'regal' and elegant self-portrait, providing excellent shading and a decorated gold border for a 'jewelry look'. She, as well as her classmates, showed excellent work and fun attention to detail. Congratulations, Maggie!"

Belated Congratulations!

We extend belated congratulations to the winners of contests held before Christmas break. Congratulations to the following winners of the Christmas Coloring Contest: Briana Huelsman, Isabel Gardner, and Elyse Morehead. Also, congratulations to the following winners of the Winter Drawing Contest: Drew Herman, Gryphon Kirchgessner, Reilly Mohn, Jonah Parkes, Louie Yockey, and Luke Owsley.

Thank You from St. Martin De Porres Volunteers!

Thank you to the Blessed Sacrament families for the generous donations of sheets, blankets, towels, etc. to the St. Martin De Porres Center. (Special thanks to one of your families who organized a collection in their Sherwood subdivision to add to the donations!) Your kindness has made a difference in many people's lives.

Additional Flyers

Additional flyers being sent home today (through email for most parents) include one about the Springfield Youth Football League and one about the Springfield Southwest Baseball Association. Please also look for the lunch order form for Parent Appreciation Day during Catholic Schools Week.

City Tournament Food Drive

Next week the City Tournament for high school boys' basketball begins. Each year the schools involved sponsor a collection of food for the needy. This year we have been asked to participate and help fill the cupboards of the St. Martin De Porres Center. To help in this effort, we will host a Spirit Day next **Thursday, Jan. 19. Instead of a dollar donation, students will be asked to bring two canned goods.** Our donations will be picked up by SHG students for this worthy cause. We hope you will help us support those in need!

"How to" Lunches

Tomorrow, Friday, Jan. 13, we will have the second in our series of "how to" lunches for different grades during their lunch and recess times. Tomorrow our sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students have been invited to attend a lunch session on cake decorating. Special thanks to Mrs. Sharon Schraeder for sharing her time and expertise with our students!

Registration for 2012-2013

Registration packets for the 2012-2013 school year will be sent home on Monday, February 13, with our current students, and registration forms are due back on Monday, February 27. Call-in registration for preschool and kindergarten students as well as for families interested in enrolling students in other grades will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, February 13. Registration materials will be sent to those families after the call-in date. (Places will be held for registration for current students in grades K-8 through Monday, February 27.) We will not be having an earlier call-in registration for preschool and kindergarten students, but parents of current preschool students will have the opportunity to indicate their preferences for kindergarten or preschool the week before registration begins.

SHG Make-up Placement Test

Sacred Heart-Griffin is hosting one more make-up date for their placement test. The make-up testing date is Wednesday, Jan. 25, and the test will begin at 8:15 a.m. Interested students should contact Sacred Heart-Griffin at 787-1595 to be included in the testing group.

Save Progresso Soup!

Looking ahead, we will be holding a Progresso "Souper" Bowl! Students will be asked to bring in cans of Progresso soup with box tops on the labels. Our school will keep the box tops, and all of the soup will be donated to the St. Martin De Porres Center at the end of Catholic Schools Week. We will be holding a contest to see which classroom can collect the most cans, so start saving your cans of soup now. Look for more details in next week's newsletter!

Brownie Bash for Busy Moms

You are invited to attend a nutritional information night in our school cafeteria on Wednesday, January 18, or on Thursday, January 19, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Come to eat delicious brownies, to chat with other moms, and to learn new ideas to provide on-the-go nutrition solutions for your children! Volunteer moms from our school and parish will share their ideas and suggestions. Come for the food and the fun as well as the information!

Looking Ahead

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

Saturday, Jan. 14 –
11:00 a.m. – Home game for 7th & 8th SCAA volleyball team vs. CTK White

Sunday, Jan. 15 –
Scouts Pinewood Derby in the cafeteria

Monday, Jan. 16 –
No school for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
5:15 p.m. – Home games for 6th, 7th & 8th IESA girls' volleyball teams vs. Pleasant Plains

Tuesday, Jan. 17 –
6:00 p.m. - Home games for 7th & 8th IESA girls' volleyball teams vs. Christ the King

Wednesday, Jan. 18 –
Report Card Day
Latin enrichment classes after school
7:00 p.m. – Brownie Bash for Busy Moms in cafeteria

Thursday, Jan. 19 –
Spirit Day – donation of 2 canned goods
7:00 p.m. – Brownie Bash for Busy Moms in cafeteria

Friday, Jan. 20 –
8:20 a.m. all-school Mass
7:30 p.m. – 8th grade March for Life participants meet at BSS to leave for Washington, D.C.

Wednesday, Jan. 25 –
Pizza lunch orders due for Parent Appreciation Day!

Friday, Jan. 27 –
9:00 a.m. – T.G.I.F. (Third Graders in Faith) – Joint activity day for all Catholic grade school third graders at Blessed Sacrament

Please Remember!

Before School Patrols for the Week of Jan. 17 - 20:
Sam Thiele Dominic Valenti Mya Williams

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Connor Rutherford Emma Smith
Emily Thornberry Annie Wheeler

Mass Servers for Jan. 14 & 15:

(only BSS students listed)

4:30 p.m. Saturday Sophia Meier
Clara Munyer
Tyree Redpath

7:00 a.m. Sunday Isabella Sgro

8:30 a.m. Sunday Jack Jennings
Erin Monroe
Aanise Sajna

10:30 a.m. Sunday Tristan Cano Nelson
Ace Keeley
Cole Taylor

Daily Servers for Jan. 16 - 20:

8:00 a.m. M & W Michael Dailey &
8:20 a.m. Tu Tim Delano

8:00 a.m. Th, & Catie Eck &
8:20 a.m. Fri. Olivia Hibbert