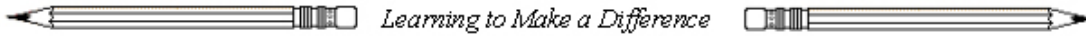


January 19, 2012

# + Blessed Sacrament



## School News



Learning to Make a Difference

### A Note to Parents

Dear Parents,

Yesterday our students received their report cards for the second quarter from Father Jeff. On the whole, our students had an exceptionally successful second quarter. Please continue to encourage them to keep working hard for their teachers. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Tomorrow morning we will celebrate our respect for life with an all-school Mass, and the winners of our Gospel of Life Essay Contest will deliver roses and letters and drawings to the offices of our United States legislators. We extend a special thanks to Calvin and Deena Bell and the Gospel of Life Committee for their continued help in our efforts to support life.

At the end of the day tomorrow, the eighth graders will receive a special blessing from Father Jeff before their departure in the evening for Washington, D.C., to attend the March for Life on Jan. 23. Forty-one of our eighth graders and twelve parents will be attending the March for Life this year. We appreciate the generosity of the donors, including the Gospel of Life Committee, an anonymous donor, and the eighth grade class, who made this trip possible for many of our eighth graders, and, once again, we are proud of the students for representing our school and parish at the march.

Next Friday, Jan. 27, our third graders will be joined by other third graders from the Springfield Catholic grade schools at our school for TGIF (Third Graders in Faith), a day of learning together as an early kick-off for Catholic Schools Week. Throughout the day the students will rotate through different learning activities guided by a third grade teacher from one of the Catholic grade schools.

A lot of planning is also taking place this week in anticipation of Catholic Schools Week from Jan. 29 through Feb. 3. A basic calendar for that week is listed in the *Looking Ahead* in this newsletter, and you can check the PSA news this week, too. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the school office. **(Please note that dismissal on Friday, Feb. 4, is at 11:30 a.m., and B.A.S.E. will NOT be provided.)**

Please keep our eighth graders in your prayers this weekend for a spiritually rewarding time in Washington, D.C., and for a safe trip home.

Sincerely,  
*Mrs. Kathy Wear*

### Congratulations!

Congratulations to Jack Gaffney, a second grader, on the birth of his baby brother, Tyler William. He was born on Thursday, Jan. 12. He weighed 4 lbs., 15 oz., and was 17 ¾ inches long. Congratulations to their parents, Kevin and Amy, too!

### Book Fair Coming!

The library will be hosting a Blue Ribbon Book Fair after the Masses on Jan. 28 & 29 and during the school day from Monday, Jan. 30, through Thursday, Feb. 2. The book company being used only offers books, and taxes are already included in the book prices. Mark your calendar!

### Service Hour Opportunities

Catholic Schools Week offers many opportunities for parents to earn family service offers. Contact any coordinators for each day about set-up needs before an event or help needed during an event. Also, parents can earn service hours for making food for the teachers' luncheon that week. (Contact the chairperson regarding needs.) These are especially good opportunities for parents who are not available during the regular school day.

### Call for Girls on the Run Volunteers!

Please join the Girls on the Run program this spring for a fun, inspiring time! If you are interested in helping girls realize their potential, come out and join them for some exercise and fun. They meet every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 3:00 to 4:15 p.m., starting March 6 and ending May 17. Please call GerriAnne Graham at 891-3538 to volunteer or for more information.

### Cold/Snow Days Reminder

Please remember that in case of **snow or extreme cold**, listen to WTAX (1240 AM) for an announcement of school closings. **Do not call the school or rectory** concerning the closing of school as the determination is not made on the level of the individual schools but is made for all Catholic schools in the city. Any decision to close will be announced on the radio and then publicized on Channel 20 television station as well as their website. Also, please remember that if school is cancelled, all athletic practices are also cancelled for that day. Cancellations of scheduled athletic events are usually made by the host schools.

### Parent Appreciation Day Pizza Orders Due!

Parents are invited to join their students for lunch on Parent Appreciation Day on Wednesday, Feb. 1. The eighth grade class sent home order forms last week for any families interested in ordering pizza for that lunch. The orders with payment are due **next Wednesday, Jan. 25**. Avoid the long drive-through lines at nearby restaurants and support the eighth grade class with your order!

### Preschool for 2012-2013

Thank you to all of the families who responded to our survey about our preschool and our class offerings. Our school board recently reviewed the survey results, and a committee of

school board members is in the process of making a recommendation for class offerings for next year. We do intend to continue both the half-day programs and the all-day four-year-old program. A listing of specific class days and times should be available for publication in next week's newsletter.

### Registration for 2012-2013

Registration forms will be sent home on Monday, February 13, with our current students and 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.

We do anticipate having enough space in kindergarten for all interested families, but we do suggest that you call in to verify registration in kindergarten on Monday, Feb. 13. Our preschool spaces are more limited, so please call early to reserve a space for your child. Current preschool families will receive a pre-registration preference form on Monday, Feb. 6, and should return the form by Friday, Feb. 10.

### Looking Ahead

Thursday, Jan. 19 –

7:00 p.m. – Brownie Bash for Busy Moms in cafeteria

Friday, Jan. 20 –

8:20 a.m. all-school Mass for respect for life

2:00 p.m. – Blessing for eighth graders attending the March for Life in Washington, D.C.

7:30 p.m. – 8<sup>th</sup> grade March for Life participants meet at BSS to leave for Washington, D.C.

Monday, Jan. 23 –

6:15 p.m. – Home games for 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade IESA volleyball teams vs. Springfield Christian

Wednesday, Jan. 25 –

**Pizza lunch orders due for Parent Appreciation Day!**

Latin enrichment classes after school

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

Saturday, Jan. 28 –

8<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball regional tourney at BSS

Sunday, Jan. 29 – Friday, Feb. 3 –

Catholic Schools Week

Sunday, Jan. 29 –

Parish Appreciation Day

Monday, Jan. 30 –

Faith Appreciation Day

8<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball regional tourney at BSS

Tuesday, Jan. 31 –

Student Appreciation Day – Non-uniform day

8<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball regional tourney at BSS

Wednesday, Feb. 1 –

Parent Appreciation Day

Lunch for parents with students according to the following schedule based on the families' last names:

**11:00-11:25 – A-F**

**11:30-11:55 – G-L**

**12:00-12:25 – M-R**

**12:30-12:55 – S-Z**

Latin enrichment classes after school

6:00 - 7:30 p.m. - Parent Appreciation Evening sponsored by PSA and the faculty and staff in the gym

Thursday, Feb. 2 –

Community Awareness Day

8:20 a.m. all-school Mass

5:15 p.m. – Home games for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade IESA volleyball teams vs. Calvary Academy

Friday, Feb. 3 –

Teacher Appreciation Day

No 8:20 a.m. Mass for grades 6-8

11:30 a.m. dismissal; **no B.A.S.E!**

Saturday, Feb. 4 –

Boy Scouts' Blue & Gold banquet in the cafeteria

Sunday, Feb. 5 –

Boy Scout Sunday – Mass & reception

Monday, Feb. 6 –

Pre-registration preference forms for 2012-2012 preschool & kindergarten to be sent home with current preschool students

6:15 p.m. – Home games for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball teams vs. St. Aloysius

Tuesday, Feb. 7 –

Latin enrichment classes after school

Wednesday, Feb. 8 –

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

Thursday, Feb. 9 –

Midquarter; progress reports mailed home

Friday, Feb. 10 –

Pre-registration forms from current preschool families due back!

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 & History Fair in the cafeteria after Masses

Monday, Feb. 13 –

9:00 a.m. – Preschool & kindergarten call-in for registration for next school year begins  
2012-2013 registration materials sent home

### Please Remember!

**Before School Patrols for the Week of Jan. 23 - 27:**

Elsie Andres

Jack Boll

Lilly Coady

Isabella Giacomini

**After School Patrols for the Week of Jan. 23 - 27:**

Maddie Andres

Meredith Beger

Charlie Costa

Olivia Doll

**Mass Servers for Jan. 21 & 22:**

(only BSS students listed)

**4:30 p.m. Saturday**

Patrick Belz & Ben Scheufele

**7:00 a.m. Sunday**

Riley Hinds & Alex Mauntel

**8:30 a.m. Sunday**

Mary Delano

Tim Delano

**10:30 a.m. Sunday**

Louis Criscione

Jack O'Connor

**Daily Servers for Jan. 23 - 27:**

**8:00 a.m. M & W**

Noah Kren &

**8:20 a.m. Tu**

Brady Malone

**8:00 a.m. Th, &**

Tynan Madonia &

**8:20 a.m. Fri.**

Grace McDonald