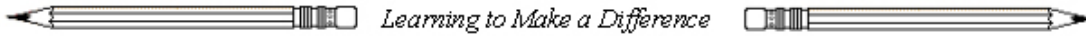


January 5, 2012

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School News



A Note to Parents

Dear Parents,

I hope all of you enjoyed a relaxing Christmas break with your children. The students are back in the routine of school as they finish the final days of the second quarter. The quarter ends next Monday, January 9, and report cards will be distributed the following week on Wednesday, January 18. Although we do not have scheduled parent-teacher conferences after this grading period, please do not hesitate to contact any of the teachers with any questions or concerns you may have.

Tomorrow, Friday, January 6, is a Spirit Day. For a \$1 donation, students may wear any BSS jerseys (with a plain white or navy shirt underneath), t-shirts, or sweatshirts with jeans. Students may also wear uniform shirts untucked with jeans. Proceeds will benefit PSA and the many ways that they support our students and school. PSA will also be selling walking tacos, super nachos, regular nachos, and popcorn tomorrow. (See the PSA newsletter for additional news.)

On behalf of the entire faculty and staff, I thank you, again, for your generosity to all of us at Christmas. We truly appreciated your cards and gifts, and we extend our special thanks for the monetary gift from PSA, Men's Club, parents, and the Teacher Support Fund. Once again, the teachers and staff were overwhelmed by your generosity. We feel very blessed to be partners with you in the Catholic education of your children, and we wish all of you many blessings in the new year.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Kathy Wear

Welcome!

We extend a special welcome to four new students who joined our school this week. We welcome Michael Martin to Mrs. Healy's seventh grade homeroom, Emma Biswell to Mrs. Bloome's fourth grade homeroom, Siena Biswell to Mrs. Klenke's all-day preschool class, and Manogna Duggirala in Mrs. Kienzler's three-year-old preschool class. I know you will join me in providing a warm welcome to these students and their parents. We are happy to have them as part of our Blessed Sacrament community!

Family Service Hours Reminder

Please remember that all families are required to volunteer for 20 hours of service as part of our school community. If your hours are turned in to the office by **Monday, Jan. 9**, your total number of hours earned to date will be sent home with your child's report card on Jan. 18. If you have already earned your 20 hours, you do not have to submit any additional service record sheets. Also, you do not need to sign in on any group record sheets, like lunchroom

help, if you have already earned your hours for this year. If you need to earn additional hours, PSA is planning Catholic Schools Week, and there are many opportunities for service both during the school day and in the evenings or on the weekend. Start the new year off right and take advantage of service opportunities now!

Please remember that you can access individual and group volunteer forms for recording service hours on the school website. Click on *Forms* on the far left column of the home page of our school website, and the Family Service Hours forms are at the bottom of that link. We especially ask that these forms be used for any events for which a group coordinator is providing a sign-in sheet. These forms include all the information needed for our coordinator to be able to correctly record the hours earned. Thanks for your help!

BSS Open House – Jan. 10th

Blessed Sacrament School will be hosting an open house on **Tuesday, January 10, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.** We invite all families who are interested in enrolling their child (preschool through eighth grade) in our school next year to attend. Besides having the teachers available to answer questions, current students and parents will be in attendance to share what makes Blessed Sacrament School a special place to grow in faith and knowledge. Tours of the school will also be offered. If you know of any families who might be interested in attending our school, please invite them to join us on January 10th. (If any interested families are unable to attend on that date, they should call the school office to schedule another time to visit and tour the school.)

Scholastic Bowl

On Monday, Jan. 9, there will be a short informational meeting (15 to 30 minutes) after school in room 16 for any sixth, seventh, and eighth graders interested in being a member of our Scholastic Bowl team this year. If anyone is interested in participating but unable to attend the meeting, please contact Mrs. Belz or Mrs. Taylor (5th grade) for more information

Box Tops Update

We recently received a check for \$2,950.57 for our box tops submitted in December. We also received 759 box tops from Hanes from the last Spirit Day t-shirt/sweatshirt order. Thanks to all of you who have collected box tops to benefit our school! Keep saving!!

Junior High Dance

Blessed Sacrament will be hosting a junior high dance for all seventh and eighth graders in the Springfield Catholic schools next Friday, Jan. 13. Permission slips are being sent home today with our seventh and eighth grade

students. We are in need of parent volunteers to help with the dance, so if any parents are interested in chaperoning, please call Mrs. Senger at 522-7534, ext. 225.

With Gratitude from Girls on the Run

The Girls on the Run of BSS would like to thank all of the families who donated to the Toys for Tots drive in November. Your donations not only provided Christmas gifts for children in the area, but they were also able to work with Allied Waste and obtain two free months of garbage service for Helping Hands of Springfield's two shelter locations. The participants of Girls on the Run extend their sincere gratitude to all of you for your generosity to others!

Girls on the Run Volunteers Needed

The spring session of Girls on the Run at Blessed Sacrament School will start in February and end in May. The girls meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school for ten weeks. Adult volunteers are needed to help with the program. This is a great opportunity to earn all of your family service hours before the end of the year. If you are interested in helping or would like more information, please contact GerriAnne Graham at 891-3538.

March for Life Deadline

All materials for eighth graders attending the March for Life trip to Washington, D.C., are due to the Diocesan Office now! If you have not paid the final amount for the trip or have not returned registration forms or copies of insurance cards, **please submit any missing items to our school office by tomorrow, Friday, Jan. 6.** If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Wear at 522-7534, ext. 200.

"How to" Lunches

Tomorrow, Friday, Jan. 6, we will begin a series of "how to" lunches for different grades during their lunch and recess times. We will kick off our series tomorrow with a maximum of thirty interested fourth and fifth graders attending a paper bead making session. (If more students are interested than the maximum capacity, we will try to schedule another session.) On future Friday sessions, students from fourth through eighth grade will have the opportunity to learn "how to" in areas of interest that were identified through a recent survey. Special thanks to one of our parents, Cathy Hobson, for organizing these sessions! We think our students will enjoy these additional learning experiences!

Registration for 2012-2013

Once again, the Catholic grade schools in Springfield are holding a common registration period for the 2012-2013 school year for preschool through eighth grade students. The registration period begins on Monday, February 13, and registration forms are due back on Monday, February 27. (Some schools will begin their registration over the weekend of Feb. 11 & 12, but the date of Jan. 21 was incorrectly listed in the *State Journal-Register* today.) 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. Closer to the

date, specific details regarding the registration period will be published in this newsletter and the church bulletin.

Looking Ahead

Friday, Jan. 6 –

PSA Spirit Day - \$1 donation

All March for Life materials for 8th graders due!

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

Monday, Jan. 9 –

End of 2nd quarter

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

3:00 p.m. – Informational Scholastic Bowl meeting in room 16

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

Monday, Jan. 16 –

No school for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Wednesday, Jan. 18 –

Report Card Day

Latin enrichment classes after school

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.

Please Remember!

Before School Patrols for the Week of Jan. 9 - 13:

Nick Patton

Abby Pohlman

Jacob Pohlman

John Stegeman

After School Patrols for the Week of Jan. 9 - 13:

Calyn Reardon

Nolan Reid

Ryley Roesch

Sara Rotherham

Mass Servers for Jan. 7 & 8:

(only BSS students listed)

4:30 p.m. Saturday

Calyn Reardon

Alyssa Swenny

Billy Wilhite

7:00 a.m. Sunday

Alex White

8:30 a.m. Sunday

(no current BSS students)

10:30 a.m. Sunday

Grace McDonald

Daily Servers for Jan. 9 - 13:

8:00 a.m. M & W

Elise Antonacci &

8:20 a.m. Tu

Louis Criscione

8:00 a.m. Th, &

Joey Kolis &

8:20 a.m. Fri.

Meredith Beger