



October 13, 2011

# + Blessed Sacrament



## School News

 *Learning to Make a Difference* 

### A Note to Parents

Dear Parents,

Although it has been a shorter school week, our students have been busy with academics and extracurricular activities. This morning we held a pep rally for our cooperative cross country teams with St. Agnes. Congratulations to both the boys' and girls' teams for advancing to the state meet to be held this Saturday at Maxwell Park in Normal! Congratulations to our BSS students who will be representing our schools on Saturday and to our entire cross country teams for their great seasons. Special thanks to their coaches and parent volunteers for their dedication and positive leadership of our students. Good luck at state!

We also had many students who attended the Mission Mass this morning at the Cathedral. Bishop Paprocki was the main celebrant, and Father Jeff also concelebrated the Mass. In addition to the student representatives from second through eighth grades in attendance, many of our students were there to provide the music for the liturgy as members of our parish's Jubilate Choir or Orchestra. They were impressive, and all of our students were excellent representatives of our school!

Looking ahead, the end of the first quarter is next Thursday, Oct. 20. Report cards will be sent home on Friday, Oct. 28, and parent-teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, Nov. 3, and Friday, Nov. 4. Forms to schedule conference times are being sent home today. Please note that there are separate forms for preschool through fourth grade, for fifth grade, and for sixth through eighth grade. These forms are due back in the school office by **Friday, Oct. 21**, to allow time for the completion of schedules. Your scheduled times will be sent home with report cards. If you have any questions about the conference forms, please do not hesitate to call the school office. Enjoy your weekend!

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Kathy Wear*

### Another Great Auction!

Thanks to all who attended and supported this annual event in so many ways! We extend special thanks to the following chairs for the 2011 Annual Auction:

**Auction Chair:** Dana Kinion

**Auction Assistant Chair:** Michelle Calucchia

**Accounting:** Tom Bayer

**Ads:** Stacey & Dave Herman, Lori Reardon, Gail Wilson, Sarah Antonacci & Lynette Shaw

**Auction Catalog:** Lynell Loftus

**Raffles:** Kim Hoffmann & Laura Rogers

**Children's Art Projects:** Annette McDermott

**Children's Raffle:** Michelle Calucchia & Melanie Verry

**Eighth Grade Volunteers & Childcare:** Vicki Compton & Michele Hinds-Greenwood

**Decorations:** Lee Hallman & Robin Patton

**Food & Beverages:** Melanie Verry & Ellen Giacomini

**Hamburger Lunch:** Stacey Boll & Michelle Calucchia

**Publicity:** Corynn Good, Julie Roland & Suzanne Baase Miller

**Silent Auction:** Michelle Icaza, Carrie Davis & Jennifer Lee

**Special Solicitors:** Michelle Calucchia, Michelle Icaza, Janelle Megginson, Melanie Verry, Taryn Grant & Donet George

**Sponsorships:** Dana & Steve Kinion

**Volunteer Coordinator:** Jessica Butler

**Website:** Tim & Melanie Verry

**Wall of Wine:** Kelly DeSalle & Ruth Hanken

Thanks, also, to all the volunteers who helped the individual chairpersons. You all made a difference to BSS!

### Congratulations!

Congratulations to Emily Scheufele, an eighth grade band member, who was selected from among 2,000 to participate in the IMEA District Festival at Western Illinois University in Macomb on Saturday, Nov. 5. This is a tremendous honor and recognition of her talent and hard work. Great job, Emily!!

### Snack Table Volunteers Needed!

The Tuesday/Thursday hot lunch program is in need of a volunteer or a team of volunteers to organize and oversee the snack table on those hot lunch days. If you are interested or would like more information, please call the school office. Even if you are not able to help during lunch hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays, you could help with purchasing the items needed for the snack table. It's another way for parents who are not free to volunteer during the school day to earn service hours.

### Room Parent Meeting

There will be an organizational meeting for those parents who have been contacted to be room parents for this school year. The meeting will be on Monday, Oct. 17, at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. You should enter through the side entrance between the school and the church, which is usually used for B.A.S.E. (There is a buzzer by the door that will ring in the cafeteria if someone is not there to open the door.) Guidelines will be given for classroom parties for the year.

### Service Hours Reminder

A report of recorded service hours will be included in the report cards at the end of the month. The report will include all hours turned in by Monday, Oct. 17. It is very helpful to turn in the hours as you complete them instead of waiting until the end of the year. It is all recommended that you turn in your own individual hours instead of waiting for

the event coordinators to turn them in for you. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Londrigan at 341-5080.

### **Pink & Jeans Day**

Next Wednesday, Oct. 19, our girls' home basketball game will be a benefit for Coaches vs. Cancer. (See the flyer being sent home today.) In conjunction with that event, we will be sponsoring a Pink & Jeans Day to benefit the American Lung Association and the American Cancer Society's Patient Resource Center. Students may wear jeans (or uniform pants or shorts) and a pink shirt for a minimum \$1 donation. Although we encourage everyone to wear pink, we will allow BSS Spirit Day shirts if your child does not own something pink. Students are also allowed to wear pink accessories, such as ties and socks. If at all possible, help us fill our halls with pink and lots of prayers for those in our community battling cancer, especially Mrs. Valdez!

### **Junior High Dance**

The first Catholic schools' junior high dance of the year will be held next Friday, Oct. 21, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in Cathedral's Atrium. Seventh and eighth graders in the Catholic schools are invited to attend. The cost for admission is \$5 and one canned food item for Holy Family Food Pantry. Permission slips are being sent home today, and students must have the permission slip, admission fee and canned good, and student ID for admission to the dance. If we do not receive photos from Lifetouch by next week, we will create temporary student ID cards for our seventh and eighth graders to use.

### **Physicals Due!!**

Please remember that physicals for students in preschool, kindergarten, and sixth grade and for students new to the school who do not have a current physical on file in the school office are due **no later than tomorrow, Friday, Oct. 14**. If physicals are not received by Oct. 14, we are required not to allow students to attend school until the physicals are completed.

### **Eye Exams Due!!**

Please remember that eye exams for kindergarten students are also due **no later than tomorrow, Friday, Oct. 14**. We are required to meet this state requirement for all of our kindergarten students.

### **Student Handbooks & Directories**

The student handbooks/calendars will be distributed to the youngest in each family tomorrow. The school directory is at the printer, and we anticipate that the directories will be sent home next Thursday.

### **Looking Ahead**

Friday, Oct. 14 –

**Required school physicals (grades PreK, K and 6) and eye exams (kindergarten) due!**

7<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to the Corn Maze

4<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to New Salem

Saturday, Oct. 15 –

State cross country meet in Bloomington

Monday, Oct. 17 –

Service hours submission due for report cards

Wednesday, Oct. 19 –

Pink & Jeans Day (minimum \$1 donation)

MWF preschool field trip to the fire station

Girls' home basketball game – Coaches vs. Cancer

6:30 p.m. – First Reconciliation meeting for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade parents in the church

Thursday, Oct. 20 –

End of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter

Tu/Th preschool field trip to the fire station

Friday, Oct. 21 –

**Parent-teacher conference forms due!**

Non-uniform day for students submitting 10 box tops

7:00-9:00 p.m. – Junior high dance at Cathedral

Monday, Oct. 24 –

Girls' home basketball game

Tuesday, Oct. 25 –

6<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to Challenger Learning Center

Wednesday, Oct. 26 –

Girls' home basketball game

Friday, Oct. 28 –

Report Card Day

5<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to Funks Prairie Rock Museum

Sunday, Oct. 30 –

6:00-8:00 p.m. – Halloween Carnival in the cafeteria

Monday, Oct. 31 –

1:30 p.m. – Halloween parade with classroom parties to follow

Tuesday, Nov. 1 –

8:20 a.m. all-school Mass for All Saints' Day

Wednesday, Nov. 2 –

Boys' home basketball game

Thursday, Nov. 3 –

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

1:00 – 8:00 p.m. – Parent-teacher conferences

Friday, Nov. 4 –

1:30 p.m. dismissal; **NO B.A.S.E.**

3:00 – 6:00 p.m. – Parent-teacher conferences

### **Please Remember!**

**Before School Patrols for the Week of Oct. 17 - 21:**

Nick Patton

Abby Pohlman

Jacob Pohlman

John Stegeman

**After School Patrols for the Week of Oct. 17 - 21:**

Calyn Reardon

Nolan Reid

Ryley Roesch

Sara Rotherham

**Mass Servers for Oct. 15 & 16:**

**(only BSS students listed)**

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

Braeden Frey

Jack Jennings

Noah Kren

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

Elise Antonacci

Kaitlyn Johnson

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

A.J. Lust

Ben Scheufele

Lilly Coady

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

Josh Moore

**Daily Servers for Oct. 17 - 21:**

**8:00 a.m. M – W &**

Brady Malone &

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

Grace McDonald

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

Alex Mauntel &

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

Sophia Meier