



October 6, 2011

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School News

 *Learning to Make a Difference* 

A Note o Parents

Dear Parents,

Last weekend our IESA boys' baseball team continued to make school history and even set state records on their way to a second place finish in the IESA 1A State Baseball Tournament. Congratulations to the Bruins on their successful season of 17-2 and their runner-up trophy! The Bruins set state records for the longest game in state championship history, for the most total runs (17) scored in the 1A state finals, and for the most runs (8) scored by a runner-up in the 1A state finals. Individually, Frank Hollahan threw only the third no-hitter in IESA state tournament history, and Patrick Belz set a new record for the most hits (7) in the 1A state tournament.

Congratulations to the entire Bruins baseball team, including eighth graders, Patrick Belz, Erik Coe, Jeremy French, Daniel Gardner, Frank Hollahan, Dustin Moles, and Vinny Vespa; seventh graders, Charlie Costa, Konnor Ingram, Matthew Keane, Jack O'Connor, and Connor Rutherford; and sixth graders, Ethan Brockhouse, Sean Dunbar, and Jim Hollahan. Congratulations and special thanks to their coaches, Mike Ketchum, Dave Ficke, Steve French, and Frank Gardner. Also, special thanks to DeeAnn French for organizing and chaperoning the fan bus for our students last Friday, to Kevin Lust for acting as a bus chaperone, and to the Men's Club for their donation towards the cost of the fan bus. Thanks to all of the BSS fans who supported the team, especially during the state tournament!

Tuesday afternoon we had a blessing of pets by Father Jeff on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Thanks to God's W.I.S.H. Committee for organizing the event!

This entire week we have been busy preparing for our Annual Auction. The drawing for the Children's Raffle will be held in a special assembly tomorrow at 10:45 a.m. in the gym. **Please note that today, Thursday, Oct. 6, is the deadline to purchase Children's Raffle tickets.** No tickets will be sold tomorrow.

Tomorrow is a Spirit Day to benefit the Fund-a-Project for the Auction. Students may participate with a \$1 donation, and regular Spirit Day guidelines apply. We also have an all-school Mass at 8:20 a.m. tomorrow in addition to the assembly for the Children's Raffle drawing. Please remember that tomorrow, Friday, Oct. 7, is an 11:30 a.m. dismissal day. No B.A.S.E. is available tomorrow.

Also, school will not be in session on Monday in observance of Columbus Day, and next Wednesday, Oct. 12, will be an early dismissal day at 1:30 p.m. for our monthly faculty meeting. Have a good weekend! Hope to see you at the Blessed Sacrament Oktoberfest Auction!!!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Kathy Wear



BLESSED SACRAMENT
PARISH AUCTION

AUCTION NEWS!

Tickets: The 2011 Blessed Sacrament Auction and Dinner is just two days away. If you did not purchase dinner tickets, you may still attend the auction by purchasing Auction Only tickets at the door for \$15. This entitles you to come for the drinks, lights appetizers, socializing, and, of course, bidding!

Auction Night Childcare: If you have not secured your childcare for the Auction night festivities, there are still spots available at the on-site childcare being provided by the 8th grade class. Enjoy the auction knowing that your child or children are having a great time just steps away in the preschool rooms. Funds raised by this service go towards the 8th grade class trip. Please see the childcare form on the school website for details and to sign up your children.

Children's Art Projects: If you would like to purchase raffle tickets for your child's class art project, you may do so now by filling out the attached form and returning your money to the office in an envelope marked "Children's Art Projects". Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Tickets will be sold on Auction night as well.

Fund-a-Project Spirit Day: In celebration of the Auction and our designated Fund-a-Project (air conditioning in two classrooms), we are offering a Spirit Day this Friday, Oct. 7. Wear your favorite BSS Spirit Day shirt or uniform shirt with jeans for a \$1.00 donation. All other dress code guidelines apply.

Children's Raffle: Today is the last day to purchase Children's Raffle tickets! Please get your tickets in before the close of school today. An all-school assembly will be held tomorrow morning at 10:45 a.m. to draw the winning tickets and announce the winners!

Vintage Chairs for Sale: The retired wooden folding parish chairs from the 1920-1930's era are for sale for \$10 each. We will have a sampling available on Auction night. You may pay for them that night and pick up your chairs on the following Tuesday afternoon at the storage pod across the street on Laurel. If you will not be at the Auction, you may still purchase chairs this week. Please send an email to Dana at bssauction2011@comcast.net to put in your order.

Bruins Update

In addition to our boys' baseball team, many of our other school teams have been busy with schedules and practices. Congratulations to our girls' softball co-operative team with Calvary Academy on a good season! BSS students on the team included Elise Caton, Alyssa Swenney, Mena Williams, and Mya Williams.

Good luck to our co-operative cross country team with St. Agnes at the sectional cross country meet to be held this Saturday, Oct. 8, at Lincoln Park. Sectional team members from BSS include Dustin Moles, Jack Healy, Michael Oh, Jacob Pohlman, Josh Moore, Braeden Frey, Gabe Bonansinga, Olivia Doll, Zoe Nelson, Grace McDonald, Mary Helen Healy, Hannah Bayer, and Marisa Patten.

Our 7th & 8th grade IESA girls' basketball teams have started their seasons and will play home games against South Fork Kincaid this evening and St. Agnes next Thursday evening. Our 5th & 6th grade SCAA girls' basketball teams have started their league play, too. Good luck to all of our Bruins!

Gym Etiquette

We are grateful to all of our parents and students who have attended recent basketball games to cheer for our Bruins. We are always proud of the good sportsmanship that our students display. We do ask that parents review our expectations for proper behavior in our new facilities with their children. We expect students to be in the bleachers to cheer for our team during a game or in the concession area for snacks. For the safety of all in attendance, students should not be loitering or running in the hallways or going outside. In addition, we ask that students respect school property, especially by remaining off the gym playing floor before, during, and after games. Also, students should not be playing with the mascot costume. It is a gift from last year's graduating class and would be quite expensive to be repaired or replaced by any person responsible for damaging the costume. Thanks for your cooperation in helping our students to be good fans and good representatives of our school!

Masterpiece of the Month

Congratulations to Emily Schuefele, an eighth grader, whose artwork was chosen as our Masterpiece of the Month. In choosing Emily as our masterpiece artist of the month, Mrs. Ficke noted, "Eighth graders have been experimenting and learning about drawing techniques with pen and ink. Using calligraphy pens and multiple cross-hatch techniques with lines, each student created an animal/nature composition. Emily's raccoon drawing is an excellent example of using line and texture to show lights and darks (value) with the black ink. Her work is stunning! Be sure to see and admire it this month in the art room! Great job, Emily!"

Box Tops Contest

The first week of the Box Tops World Series ends this Friday. Keep saving your box tops! In conjunction with this contest, there will be a Box Tops Spirit Day on Friday, Oct. 21. Any student who brings in 10 box tops within the next two weeks will have a Spirit Day. Look for the collection sheet on the school website early next week!

Additional Flyers

Two new additional flyers are available on-line at our school website today. One flyer announces the Indian Summer Festival to be held at Lincoln Memorial Garden on Oct. 8 & 9. The other flyer provides information about opportunities for boys and girls to learn how to play hockey or

to participate in hockey leagues in our community. Please see the flyers for additional information.

Looking Ahead

Thursday, Oct. 6 –

6:15 p.m. – Girls' home basketball game vs. South Fork Kincaid

Friday, Oct. 7 –

8:20 a.m. all-school Mass

Spirit Day for Auction Fund-a-Project - \$1 donation

1st grade walking field trip to the fire station

10:45 a.m. assembly – Children's Raffle Drawing

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

Saturday, Oct. 8 –

Cross Country Sectionals at Lincoln Park

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Monday, Oct. 10 –

No school in observance of Columbus Day

Tuesday, Oct. 11 –

7:00 p.m. – 7th grade parent meeting for Science Fair

in the rectory basement (note change of location for the meeting)

Wednesday, Oct. 12 –

1:30 p.m. dismissal for monthly faculty meeting;

B.A.S.E. provided

Thursday, Oct. 13 –

11:00 a.m. - Mission Mass at the Cathedral

4th & 5th grade Cowboys & Indians Round-Up

6:15 p.m. – Girls' Home Basketball Game vs. St.

Agnes

Friday, Oct. 14 –

4th grade field trip to New Salem

7th grade field trip to the Corn Maze

Wednesday, Oct. 19 –

6:30 p.m. – 2nd grade parent First Reconciliation meeting in the church

Thursday, Oct. 20 –

End of 1st Quarter

Please Remember!

Before School Patrols for the Week of Oct. 11 - 14:

Alex Mauntel

Sean McGinty

Michael Oh

Marisa Patten

After School Patrols for the Week of Oct. 11 - 14:

Mary Kroner

Clara Munyer

Preston Njapa Njeuha

Jack O'Connor

Mass Servers for Oct. 8 & 9:

(only BSS students listed)

4:30 p.m. Saturday

Sydney Compton

Matthew Keane

7:00 a.m. Sunday

Clara Munyer

8:30 a.m. Sunday

(no current BSS students)

10:30 a.m. Sunday

Isabel Cross

Daily Servers for Oct. 10 - 14:

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.

Tynan Madonia