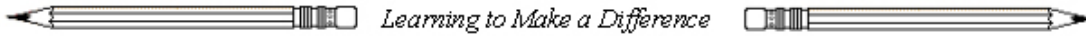


September 15, 2011

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School News



A Note to Parents

Dear Parents,

The students have been working hard all week on their Terra Nova and In View testing. Next week we will complete any make-up tests, and the scores are usually returned to us the first part of November.

Next Monday is midterm for the first quarter. Progress reports will be mailed home that day for any students receiving below C- in any subject at this point. (Parents may also receive progress reports for higher grades if there is a concern or just to make you aware of how your child is doing so far this quarter.) If you have any concerns or questions regarding your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Don't forget our Back-to-School Night this evening from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. We look forward to parents and students enjoying the evening together as they tour the classrooms and the new addition. Bring in your box tops for a chance to win a prize for your class! Look for lots of opportunities to promote our Bruin spirit! Check the flyer being sent home today for more details. Hope to see many of you this evening!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Kathy Wear

PSA Wrapping Paper Deadline Extended

PSA has extended the deadline to submit orders online and then return the payment and sales vouchers to school until **tomorrow, Friday, Sept. 16**. See the PSA newsletter for more details

Cheer for the Bruins!

Our Blessed Sacrament School baseball team plays the first game of their regional tournament this Saturday, Sept. 17, at 11:00 a.m. at Springfield Christian School. If they win, they will play for the championship at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 19. Come out and support our team! Go, Bruins!!!

More Cheers for the Bruins!

We invite all of our school and parish families to join us at the first home game to be played in our new school gym! Our seventh and eighth grade girls' basketball teams will host Lincoln Carroll Catholic on Thursday, Sept. 22, at Blessed Sacrament School Gym. The seventh grade game will begin at 6:00 p.m., and the eighth grade game will follow. We hope our fans will fill our gym as we cheer for our Bruins! Look for the Bruin mascot, Bruno, at the game, too! Thanks to all of you who made this historic moment for our school possible through your generous donations to the Building on Tradition campaign and your continued support of our school. Again, go, Bruins!

Yellow Slip Winners

Congratulations to our yellow slip winners for this week! Evan Good and Catie Eck were drawn as the winners and received Baskin Robbins gift certificates.

8th Grade Mission Project

The eighth graders will be selling caramel apples again this year as their mission project for the month of October. Look for order forms being sent home next week.



BLESSED SACRAMENT
PARISH AUCTION

AUCTION NEWS!

Invitations: The Blessed Sacrament Auction will be here before you know it! Invitations were sent home this week to each school family. You may make your reservations by returning the enclosed response card with your payment, or you may pay on-line by visiting www.bssbruins.org and going to the Auction link on the site. If you have a table preference, you may send Dana Kinion your group at bssauction2011@comcast.net by Friday, Sept. 30. Tables are in groups of eight, and all persons in the designated table group must have a paid dinner ticket. Table groups will not be reserved for Auction only ticket holders.

Sewing Skills Needed: Do you have basic sewing skills and access to a sewing machine? Do you need service hours? The Auction Decorating Committee is in need of simple seamstress help in preparing for the Auction. Please contact Robin Patton at zipzap2catz@yahoo.com or Lee Hallman at dlhallman1@comcast.net to help.

Babysitting Available: Great news! The eighth grade class is partnering with the Auction committee this year to provide, for a fee, on-site babysitting services the night of the Auction. Space will be limited. Details will be coming soon about signing up for this wonderful service.

Hamburger Lunch: More great news! To help kick off the start of the Children's Raffle this year, a grilled hamburger lunch will be served on Friday, Sept. 30. Meals will include freshly grilled hamburgers, chips, and a cookie. Please see the flyer being sent home today for more details. Children's Raffle items will also be displayed that day, and raffle ticket sheets will be available for the first time during all lunch periods on Sept. 30.

Volunteers Needed: Volunteers are needed after Masses on October 1 and 2 to help set up the Children's Raffle items for display and to sell tickets. If you would like to help and earn service hours, please contact the Auction committee by email at bssauction2011@comcast.net to sign up.

Life Chain Sunday

National Life Chain is a movement through all churches of all denominations in America to bind together to end abortion through prayer and truthful witness. Bishop Paprocki has invited all parishioners to pray for those who cannot defend themselves for one hour on **Sunday, October 2, 2011, any time from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.** along MacArthur Boulevard. Participating Blessed Sacrament Parish children will receive Baskin-Robbins gift certificates, sponsored by the Gospel of Life Committee.

Homework Website

Please remember that students in second through eighth grade are able to access their homework through the "Homework & Classroom News" link on our school website. After accessing the site, click on the student or parent tab and type in the teacher's name and our school zip code (62704). Students should still be responsible for recording any homework in their agenda as computer problems occasionally can result in delays in teacher postings, but, in general, the homework site will allow students and parents to verify homework assignments, as needed.

Additional Flyers

Flyers about auditions for the children's show choir, *Showstoppers*, are being sent home today for students in grades 2 through 5. Auditions will be held at Wilcox Elementary School on Thursday, Sept. 22, or Thursday, Sept. 29. See the flyer for more details.

Also, flyers about SHG Football Junior Cheer Camp are being sent home today. The camp is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 23, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at St. Joseph School Gym. Registration deadline is Wednesday, Sept. 21.

A flyer about the *Skate for Danielle* event being held Sept. 23-25 at the Nelson Center is being sent home today. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Caring Bridge organization. Please continue to keep Danielle Loftus and her family in your prayers!

SHG Activity Passes

Our seventh and eighth graders received SHG activity passes today that will allow them free entrance to specific athletic and fine arts events. SHG invites the students to experience these events in anticipation of the Preview Night to be held on Thursday, Nov. 17, at 6:30 p.m.

Looking Ahead

Thursday, Sept. 15 –
6:00-7:00 p.m. – Back-to-School Night for parents and students

Friday, Sept. 16 –
PSA wrapping paper orders due!
PSA tacos, nachos & popcorn sold at lunch
2:15 p.m. – Character ed assembly
Pick up ordered mums – 3:15-6:15 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 17 –
11:00 a.m. – BSS baseball regional game at Springfield Christian

Monday, Sept. 19 – Friday, Sept. 23 –
Make-up testing for Terra Nova & InView

Monday, Sept. 19 –

Midquarter – progress reports mailed home
4:00 p.m. – Tentative BSS baseball regional championship game at Springfield Christian

Tuesday, Sept. 20 –

7:00 p.m. – Mandatory 8th grade parent meeting in the rectory basement

Wednesday, Sept. 21 –

Auction Hamburger Lunch order forms due!
8:30 a.m. – Windy City Players' performance of *Tom Sawyer* for grades PreK – 4

Thursday, Sept. 22 –

6:00 p.m. - First home girls' basketball game

Saturday, Sept. 14 & Sunday, Sept. 25 –

Book Fair open after Masses
Brownie Troop Bake Sale after Masses

Monday, Sept. 26 – Friday, Sept. 30 –

Book Fair open during the school day

Tuesday, Sept. 27 –

Tu/Th preschool class trip to the Apple Barn

Wednesday, Sept. 28 –

MWF preschool class trip to the Apple Barn

Thursday, Sept. 29 –

11:30 a.m. dismissal for teachers' regional workshop;
no B.A.S.E.

Friday, Sept. 30 –

Auction Hamburger Lunch – pre-ordered only

Sunday, Oct. 2 –

Life Chain Sunday

Wednesday, Oct. 5 –

4th grade disability awareness workshop, *Welcome to My World*

Thursday, Oct. 6 –

Lifetouch yearbook photo day – non-uniform guidelines apply

Friday, Oct. 7 –

8:20 a.m. all-school Mass
Spirit Day for Auction Fund-a-Project
11:30 a.m. dismissal; **no B.A.S.E.**

Saturday, Oct. 8 –

Blessed Sacrament Oktoberfest Auction

Please Remember!

Before School Patrols for the Week of Sept. 19 - 23:

Sam Thiele Dominic Valenti Mya Williams

After School Patrols for the Week of Sept. 19 - 23:

Connor Rutherford Emma Smith
Emily Thornberry Annie Wheeler

Mass Servers for Sept. 17 & 18:

(only BSS students listed)

4:30 p.m. Saturday Garrett Mohn
Sam Bonansinga
Jeremy French
7:00 a.m. Sunday Connor Rutherford
8:30 a.m. Sunday Michael Dailey
10:30 a.m. Sunday Joey Kolis
Meredith Beger

Daily Servers for Sept. 19 - 23:

8:00 a.m. M – W & Haley Londrigan &
8:20 a.m. Tu. Gabrielle Wood
8:00 a.m. Th, & Will Moran &
8:20 a.m. Fri. Calyn Reardon