

# † Blessed Sacrament



## School News



### A Note to Parents

Dear Parents,

Yesterday morning the students in the lower grades were treated to the Windy City Players' version of *Tom Sawyer*. They are regular performers for us in the fall, and the children enjoyed their performance once again. We had five students and one teacher who helped with the performance, so look for some photos of their acting debut on the school website soon!

Progress reports were sent home this week. If you have any concerns, please contact your child's teacher. Our teachers are here each day until 3:15 p.m. if your child has any questions about homework. Also, on Tuesdays and Thursdays we have a Support Study Hall available for sixth through eighth grade students who need extra structure and routine to complete work. Students attend the sessions through teacher or parent request. Although the supervising teachers are able to provide some guidance, it is not a tutoring session. We do have resource support available for students during the school day, but if you feel your child also would benefit from ongoing instruction outside of school hours, some of our teachers are available for tutoring, and their fees are comparable to outside tutors. Please feel free to contact the school office or individual teachers for more information.

Hope to see many of you at the basketball games this evening or at the baseball game this weekend!

Sincerely,  
*Mrs. Kathy Wear*

### Congratulations, Baseball Bruins!

Congratulations to our IESA baseball team on their regional championship! Our team defeated Springfield Christian, 3-2, on Monday and advances to the sectional game this Saturday at 11:00 a.m. in Jacksonville. This is our first regional championship plaque in baseball so we're especially excited about this win. We will have a pep rally for the team tomorrow, Friday, Sept. 23, at 2:00 p.m. in the gym. Good luck on Saturday, Bruins!

### Cheer for Our Basketball Bruins!

Don't forget that our seventh and eighth grade girls' basketball teams will host Lincoln Carroll Catholic tonight, Thursday, Sept. 22, for our first home basketball game in our new Blessed Sacrament School Gym. The seventh grade game will begin at 6:00 p.m., and the eighth grade game will follow. Come out and cheer on our Bruins!

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Mission Project

The eighth graders are selling caramel apples again this year as their mission project for the month of October. The cost per caramel apple is \$2.00, and apples are being sold

on a pre-ordered basis only. Order forms are being sent home today and are **due back with payment on Wednesday, Sept. 28**. Apples will be delivered at the end of the day on each Thursday in October. See the flyer for more details.



BLESSED SACRAMENT  
PARISH AUCTION

### AUCTION NEWS!

**Auction Dinner Reservations:** If you are planning to attend the Auction Dinner on Oct. 8, the deadline for paid reservations has been extended to **Wednesday, Sept. 28**. You may also make reservations on-line at [www.bssbruins.org](http://www.bssbruins.org). Remember that all dinner tickets must be purchased in advance. If you do not purchase a dinner ticket in advance, you may still buy auction only tickets for \$15 a person at the door.

**Children's Raffle:** You may now view the Children's Raffle packages on-line! Go to [www.bssbruins.org](http://www.bssbruins.org) for the link to the auction website and peruse all the fabulous items. Tickets are still only \$1.00. Raffle ticket order forms will be available beginning Friday, September 30. All winners will be announced at a school assembly on Friday, October 7.

**Auction Night Childcare Services:** The eighth grade class will be providing on-site childcare services for children of adults attending the Auction on Oct. 8! Please read the flyer and reservation form sent home today for more information. Space is limited so make your reservations early! Registration forms and deposits may be returned to the school office.

**Donations:** Donations of bottles of wine are still being accepted for our Wall of Wine. You may drop your donations off at the school or contact Kelly DeSalle at [kdesalle4@comcast.net](mailto:kdesalle4@comcast.net) for pick up.

**Volunteers:** Need service hours? Volunteers are still needed for a variety of auction activities, including the following:

- After Masses on Sept. 24 & 25 and Oct. 1 & 2 to assist with selling raffle tickets for the Children's Art Projects and the Children's Raffle
- Lunch hours on Friday, Sept. 30, Monday, Oct. 3, Tuesday, Oct. 4, and Thursday, Oct. 6, to assist with the Children's Raffle sales
- Friday, Sept. 30, at 12:00 p.m. to assist with auction decorations.

If you are available to assist, please email Jessica Butler at [jramebutler@comcast.net](mailto:jramebutler@comcast.net) or call 414-9263. Thank you!

### Yellow Slip Winners

Congratulations to our yellow slip winners for this week! Will Reiser and Nora Ficke were drawn as the winners and received Baskin Robbins gift certificates.

### **Band Program Beginning**

Lessons for those students participating in the Catholic Schools Band will begin at our school next week. Students playing brass instruments will have lessons on Mondays, and lessons for students playing woodwind instruments will be scheduled for Thursdays. Although we will try to schedule the lessons so that students are not missing major classes, the band students will be responsible for making up any work that is missed during band lessons. Please contact the school office if you have any questions.

### **BSS Sketchbook Society**

Mrs. Ficke is organizing a "Sketchbook Society" for those students who appreciate art work and like to doodle and draw. The group is open to students in fourth through eighth grade. Students participating would need a sketchbook and drawing materials and would commit to sketching at least once a week. Mrs. Ficke will meet with the students at the start of each month to collect and display the students' favorite drawings. Otherwise, students will complete all artwork on their own time. For more details and information about a special prize for students who participate every month, see the flyer being sent home today.

### **Book Fair!**

Our Scholastic Book Fair will be open after the Masses this weekend, Sept. 24 & 25. This weekend will provide an opportunity for the students to review the selection of books and for parents to make purchases themselves. Also, teachers will have a wish list of books for their classroom library, and parents are welcome to purchase books as a donation to their children's classrooms. Next week, Monday through Thursday, Sept. 26-29, the book fair will be open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Students who bring money to school to purchase books will visit the book fair on that day. (There will not be a specific day that an entire class will visit the book fair.) If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Criscione or Mrs. Shevlin in the school library.

### **M.A.G.I.C. Match**

We are almost fully funded for M.A.G.I.C. Match! We are missing donors for a sixth grade class, a seventh grade class, an eighth grade class, the computer lab, and the resource department. M.A.G.I.C. Match stands for "Making a Generous Incentive Commitment" and enables donors to sponsor a particular Blessed Sacrament classroom or program area for the entire school year with a donation of \$500. Teachers have used M.A.G.I.C. Match dollars to provide such educational items as science laboratory equipment, books, maps, art supplies, and computer software. Enhancements for the classroom, including rugs, new chairs, book shelves, and media carts, have also been purchased. Please contact Kim Hoffmann at 522-7534, ext. 206, for further information on how to become a M.A.G.I.C. Match donor.

### **Eighth Grade Parent Meeting**

Information about the March for Life is being sent home with eighth graders whose parents were not able to attend the parent meeting this week. Also, if any parents are interested in signing up for eighth grade committees this year, please call the school office at 522-7534.

### **Additional Flyers**

Please check your email or in the school office for additional flyers available this week. One flyer is an order form for tickets for the SHG Mega Raffle. Early Bird Drawing is Oct. 7, and the Grand Prize Drawing is Oct. 31. An additional flyer announces the Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show being held the weekend of Oct. 1 & 2 in the Illinois Building at the State Fairgrounds. See the flyers for details.

### **Looking Ahead**

Saturday, Sept. 24 & Sunday, Sept. 25 –  
Book Fair open after Masses  
Brownie Troop Bake Sale after Masses  
Monday, Sept. 26 – Thursday, Sept. 29 –  
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 –  
4<sup>th</sup> 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. 26 - 20:**

Elise Andres                      Jack Boll  
Lilly Coady                        Isabella Giacomini

#### **After School Patrols for the Week of Sept. 26 - 30:**

Maddie Andres                    Meredith Beger  
Charlie Costa                      Olivia Doll

#### **Mass Servers for Sept. 24 & 25:**

(only BSS students listed)

**4:30 p.m. Saturday**              Ben Scheufele  
   Alyssa Swenney  
   Daniel Gardner  
**7:00 a.m. Sunday**                Cole Taylor  
   Alex Mauntel  
**8:30 a.m. Sunday**                Brady Malone  
**10:30 a.m. Sunday**                Haley Londrigan  
   Ben & Grace Portz

#### **Daily Servers for Sept. 26 - 30:**

**8:00 a.m. M – W &**                Aanise Sajna &  
**8:20 a.m. Tu.**                      Taylor Loftus  
**8:00 a.m. Th, &**                    Kendra Ward &  
**8:20 a.m. Fri.**                      Reanna Ward