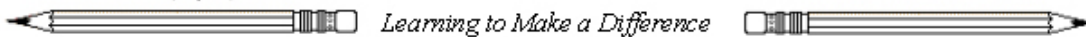


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## School News



Learning to Make a Difference

### A Note to Parents

Dear Parents,

Our students have had a good week of work after finishing the Terra Nova testing and make-up testing. It also has been an exciting week with lots of athletic events.

On Saturday our IESA boys' baseball team won their sectional game to advance to the state tournament being held this weekend. They play their first game tomorrow, Friday, Sept. 30, at 4:30 p.m. at the EastSide Centre in East Peoria. We will have a pep rally for the team tomorrow morning in the gym as soon as the students return from Mass.

Also, several parents have organized a fan bus, which was open to our junior high students interested in attending the game. In order to ride the fan bus, students who are confirmed as riders must have returned their signed permission slips to leave early along with the bus fee. If your child will be attending the game by riding in a car with you or another parent, please remember that we need a note from the child's parent requesting that the child be allowed to leave early.

In addition to the excitement of our baseball team, we held our first basketball games in the new gym last Thursday, and we appreciate all the fans who came out to cheer for our Bruins. The girls' basketball teams are off to a good start, and we will host three home games next week.

Next Tuesday, Oct. 4, our seventh and eighth grade girls play Christ the King at our gym. PSA would like to challenge our students to come out and "pack the gym" for this game. Although PSA is not sending home a newsletter today, look for an email with details about this night and special promotions of school spirit.

Please remember that tomorrow PSA will not be serving nachos or popcorn. Tomorrow the Auction hamburger lunch will be served. The lunch will be served on a pre-ordered basis only, so if you did not order this lunch for your child, please send a sack lunch tomorrow. No other food items will be for sale.

Tomorrow the Children's Raffle kicks off as the part of our Annual Auction. Order forms for raffle tickets are being sent home today, and items of the Children's Raffle will be on display during the lunch hours, beginning tomorrow. (See the order form for more details.) **Please note that next Thursday, Oct. 6, is the deadline to purchase Children's Raffle tickets.** An assembly for the raffle drawing will be held next Friday morning, so no tickets will be sold on Friday.

Next Thursday our students will be photographed for our yearbook by Lifetouch Studio. Order forms are being sent home today. The students may be out of uniform for that day, but non-uniform guidelines do apply, as stated in the school handbook.

Have a good weekend! Go, Bruins!!!

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Kathy Wear*

### Bruins Spirit Day

Tomorrow, Friday, Sept. 30, we will have a free Bruins Spirit Day as many of our junior high students will be leaving from school to attend the state baseball tournament game. For tomorrow, students may wear **any BSS shirt with jeans or uniform shorts**. If a sleeveless jersey is worn, please have your child wear a plain white or navy shirt under the jersey. No other types of shorts are acceptable. Another option is to wear the uniform polo shirt untucked along with uniform shorts or jeans. All other non-uniform guidelines apply. Students who do not comply with the guidelines will be asked to call home for a change of clothes and/or lose the privilege of participating in the next Spirit Day.



### AUCTION NEWS!

#### BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH AUCTION

**Auction Reservations:** The 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Blessed Sacrament Auction is just around the corner! Thank you to all the parents who have purchased their dinner tickets and are planning to attend. You may still purchase dinner tickets . . . deadline has been extended to Saturday, Oct. 1. Auction only tickets may be purchased at the door for \$15 a ticket.

**Auction Night Childcare:** Spots are still available for 8<sup>th</sup> grade-provided childcare! Why worry about finding a babysitter? Use this 8<sup>th</sup> grade fundraiser to your advantage on Auction night! (See the form for Auction Night Childcare for specific details.)

**Auction Website:** Interested in finding out what packages will be up for bid at the auction? Want to make a donation or purchase raffle tickets? Interested in seeing who are our generous sponsors? You will find all this and more at our auction website, which you can view by visiting [www.bssbruins.org](http://www.bssbruins.org) and choosing the Auction logo. Check the website often for the latest news!

**Vintage Chairs for Sale:** Own a piece of Blessed Sacrament history! Wooden folding chairs used for generations in the "old gym" are available for purchase. The auction committee is selling these chairs for \$10 each. These are good for keeping on hand as additional seating and have held many a Blessed Sacrament parishioner! If you are interested in purchasing one or many of these well-loved and well-patinaed chairs, please send Dana Kinion, Auction Chair, an email to [bssauction2011@comcast.net](mailto:bssauction2011@comcast.net) with your contact information and the number you would like to purchase.

**Children's Art Projects:** Children's Art Projects, to be raffled off the night of the Auction, will be on display after Masses this weekend. Raffle tickets are available for purchase for \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Each class or grade has created

beautiful artwork to be treasured and enjoyed by the lucky raffle winners!

**Children's Raffle:** Children's Raffle items will be on display for the first time tomorrow during all lunch periods! These are toys, games, baskets, and other goodies for which raffle tickets may be purchased in your child's name. Tickets are still only \$1.00 each. Winners will be announced Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> at a special assembly for the BSS students.

### Early Dismissal

Please note that we have an early dismissal next Friday, Oct. 7. at 11:30 a.m. After-care services at B.A.S.E. will not be available that day. Many preparations for the auction will be taking place that afternoon. Don't forget that there are many opportunities to earn service hours by volunteering to help with the auction!

### Life Chain

All Blessed Sacrament students and their families are invited to participate in the Springfield Right to Life's Annual Life Chain to be held on Sunday, Oct. 2, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. along MacArthur Boulevard. Our Gospel of Life Committee is again offering free ice cream coupons from Baskin and Robbins to all students who attend the event.

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Caramel Apple Sale

The eighth grade has extended their deadline for orders for the caramel apple sale until tomorrow, Friday, Sept. 30. The caramel apples are pre-ordered and then delivered each Thursday in October. The proceeds from this sale benefit the Holy Childhood Association and their missionary work. Thanks for your support!

### Student Handbook/Calendar

The 2011-2012 student handbook/calendar will be available on the website on Monday, Oct. 3. We anticipate that hard copies for each family will be available for distribution by the following Monday at the latest. There have been very few changes to the handbook so the current version on the website may be used until the new one is posted. The *Looking Ahead* section of the newsletter includes the major events for the first weeks of October, but a copy of the October calendar page will be sent home tomorrow for your convenience.

### Notice of Nondiscriminatory Policy

Blessed Sacrament School admits students of any race, color, sex, or national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, or national and ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarships and loan programs, and athletic and school administered programs.

### Looking Ahead

Friday, Sept. 30 –  
Bruins Spirit Day – no charge  
9:00 a.m. – Pep rally in the gym  
Auction Hamburger Lunch – pre-ordered only  
No PSA sale of nachos or popcorn

### Caramel apple orders due!

4:30 p.m. – Boys' baseball state tourney game  
Sunday, Oct. 2 –  
Life Chain Sunday  
Monday, Oct. 3 –  
6:15 p.m. - Girls' home basketball game vs. Chester East Lincoln  
Tuesday, Oct. 4 –  
6:15 p.m. – Girls' home basketball game vs. CTK;  
Pack the Gym Night!  
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  
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  
**11:30 a.m. dismissal; no B.A.S.E.**  
Saturday, Oct. 8 –  
Cross Country Sectionals at Lincoln Park  
Blessed Sacrament Oktoberfest Auction  
Monday, Oct. 10 –  
No school in observance of Columbus Day  
Tuesday, Oct. 11 –  
7:00 p.m. – 7<sup>th</sup> grade parent meeting for Science Fair in the art room  
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  
Wednesday, Oct. 19 –  
6:30 p.m. – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade parent First Reconciliation meeting in the church  
Thursday, Oct. 20 –  
End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

### Please Remember!

#### Before School Patrols for the Week of Oct. 3 - 7:

Olivia Hibbert                      Jack Jennings  
Taylor Loftus                        Anna Lewis

#### After School Patrols for the Week of Oct. 3 - 7:

Nate Hamende                        Sam Huston  
Konnor Ingram                        Matthew Keane

#### Mass Servers for Oct. 1 & 2:

(only BSS students listed)

**4:30 p.m. Saturday**                      (no current BSS students)  
**7:00 a.m. Sunday**                        (no current BSS students)  
**8:30 a.m. Sunday**                        (no current BSS students)  
**10:30 a.m. Sunday**                        Mary Helen Healy  
Ace Keeley

#### Daily Servers for Oct. 3 - 7:

**8:00 a.m. M – W &**                        Meredith Beger &  
**8:20 a.m. Tu.**                                Sam Bonansinga  
**8:00 a.m. Th, &**                                Louis Criscione &  
**8:20 a.m. Fri.**                                Olivia Hibbert