



September 8, 2011

# + Blessed Sacrament



## School News

 Learning to Make a Difference 

### A Note to Parents

Dear Parents,

I hope all of you enjoyed the long weekend with your children. We have had a good week with much cooler weather, and we hope it continues!

Last Friday at our first all-school Mass, Father Jeff talked to the students about being the image of Christ to others. We hope to continue to focus on that theme in conjunction with our emphasis on the monthly character traits. During the month of September we are focusing on respect for others.

Tomorrow morning our students will show their respect for those affected by the tragedy of September 11<sup>th</sup> as well as for those who serve in our armed forces to protect our country and its freedoms. We will have a short prayer service around our flag after the 8:20 a.m. Mass. Also, to show our support for our country, we will have a patriotic dress day tomorrow. **The students will be allowed to wear red, white, and/or blue shirts as a sign of their patriotism. Regular uniform bottoms (shorts, skirts, jumpers, pants) should be worn. There will be no charge or donation for this privilege.** We do ask that students wear true patriotic colors (not burgundy, turquoise, etc.) and wear shirts that are predominantly red, white, or blue or predominantly a combination of those colors. We hope this will be a visual reminder to them of the sacrifices so many have made to keep our country free and safe.

Next week will be full of different schedules with our students in second through eighth grades completing standardized testing all week. Please make sure the students have had plenty of rest, have a good breakfast, and are not missing school for appointments. Although we will complete make-up testing the following week, it is easier if the students do not have to miss their regular classes the next week to finish the tests. Thanks for your cooperation in helping your children do their best!

Next Thursday, Sept. 15, we have scheduled a Back-to-School Night for both parents and students to attend. Students and parents will have the opportunity to visit the classrooms and meet the teachers, and different organizations will have booths in the gym. If any additional organization is interested in having a booth that night, please call the school office to reserve a table. The evening is scheduled from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. only to allow students to have plenty of rest for any remaining Terra Nova testing the next day. We hope you will be able to join us!

Have a good weekend! I hope you will be able as a family to take a moment on Sunday to remember and pray for all those who died or lost loved ones ten years ago that day.

Sincerely,  
*Mrs. Kathy Wear*

### Fifth Grade Mission Project

Thanks to all of you who ordered mums from our fifth graders! They will be available for pick up next Friday, Sept. 16, from 3:15 to 6:15 p.m. outside the art room door between the church and the school.

### Security

Thank you for your cooperation in allowing our security system to work by using the correct doors, waiting to be "buzzed" into the building, and not opening the doors for other people. Although we feel we have very tight security during the day and even during B.A.S.E. hours, we do want to remind you to apply those same security guidelines if you are in the building in the evening for athletic practices, upcoming athletic events, Girl or Boy Scouts meetings, or other school or parish-related meetings. It is even more important during those hours to be aware if someone who does not seem to belong at any scheduled activity is in the building. If a school representative is present at an event, please inform that person of your concern or locate one of our maintenance staff and share your information. We appreciate your help in working together to keep our building and our students safe!

### Yellow Slip Winners

Congratulations to our yellow slip winners for August and this week. They include Maria Fulgenzi, Adrianna Thiele, Megan Wernsing, Zach Lee, Haley Londrigan, and A.J. Lust. Congratulations to all of our students for a great start in the new school year!

### Wrapping Paper Order Forms Due!

Don't forget Parent/School Association's largest fundraiser! Wrapping paper order forms are due back to school by **Tuesday, Sept. 13, with payment and the sales voucher. You must previously have submitted your order online. Place your order early as PSA is holding daily prize drawings for any students who have already submitted orders!**

### Band Meeting

There will be an informational meeting for all parents and students interested in participating in band this year on Wednesday, September 14, in the Sister Rachel Conway Auditorium (band room) at SHG. Parents and students who have already participated in band will meet from 6:30 - 7:00 p.m., and new students and parents will meet from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

### AUCTION NEWS!!

The 2011 Blessed Sacrament Auction preparations are underway! Parents, if you need service hours, we have plenty of opportunities for you to meet those requirements.

Please return to the school your completed YELLOW VOLUNTEER FORM that was sent home last week. Volunteers are needed for all shifts but especially for parish raffle sales after all Masses this weekend, September 10 and 11. Many thanks to all of you who have signed up to help!

Invitations for the Auction will be going home with the youngest child early next week. Dinner reservations **must** be made in advance! The website for the Auction will be coming soon! Watch for more updates!

If you have any questions, would like to donate, or would like to become a sponsor to the auction, please contact Dana Kinion, Auction Chair, at [bssauction2011@comcast.net](mailto:bssauction2011@comcast.net).

### Spirit Day Shirts

The Spirit Day t-shirt sale has ended, and students will be notified as soon as the shirts are delivered. If you missed out on this order, look for an upcoming order form for long-sleeved shirts and sweatshirts!

### Target Donation

We received a check this week in the amount of \$917.50 from Target from their 2011 Take Charge of Education donation program. Every time one of our school supporters uses the REDcard, Target donates up to 1% of the purchase to the school the person designates. You can obtain a REDcard at our local Target store or learn more information about the program at their website, [Target.com/tcoe](http://Target.com/tcoe). Thank you for the many ways you support BSS!

### Make-Up Dates for Parent Athletic Meeting

A copy of the power point presentation from the meeting on August 31 has not been delivered yet. As soon as information on making up this meeting is available, it will be announced in the Thursday newsletter. We hope to make it as easy as possible for parents to fulfill this requirement.

### Looking Ahead

Friday, Sept. 9 –  
Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> Observance after 8:20 Mass  
Patriotic Day (Red, white and/or blue shirt with regular uniform shorts, pants, skirt – no charge)

Monday, Sept. 12 – Friday, Sept. 16 –  
Terra Nova/In View testing for grades 2-8  
2:15 p.m. – Character ed assembly

Tuesday, Sept. 13 –  
**PSA Innisbrook fundraiser order deadline!**

Wednesday, Sept. 14 –  
Band meeting at SHG – 6:30 p.m. for returning parents and students and 7:00 p.m. for new students and parents

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

Friday, Sept. 16 –  
Pick up ordered mums – 3:15-6:15 p.m.

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

Monday, Sept. 19 –  
Midquarter – progress reports mailed home

Tuesday, Sept. 20 -

**7:00 p.m. – Mandatory 8<sup>th</sup> grade parent meeting in the rectory basement (date previously listed incorrectly on the September handbook-style calendar)**

Wednesday, Sept. 21 –  
8:30 a.m. – Windy City Players' performance of *Tom Sawyer* for grades PreK – 4

Thursday, Sept. 22 –  
First home girls' basketball game

Saturday, Sept. 14 & Sunday, Sept. 25 –  
Book Fair open 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.**

Wednesday, Oct. 5 –  
4<sup>th</sup> grade disability awareness workshop, *Welcome to My World*; correct date but incorrect day was listed on a previous flyer.

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 –  
BSS Oktoberfest Auction (Look for updated news from the committee in upcoming newsletters and flyers!)

### Please Remember!

#### Before School Patrols for the Week of Sept. 12 - 16:

Nick Patton                      Abby Pohlman  
Jacob Pohlman                  John Stegeman

#### After School Patrols for the Week of Sept. 12 - 16:

Calyn Reardon                  Nolan Reid  
Ryley Roesch                    Sara Rotherham

#### Mass Servers for Sept. 10 & 11:

(only BSS students listed)

**4:30 p.m. Saturday**              Jack Murphy  
Tyree Redpath

**7:00 a.m. Sunday**                Riley Hinds  
Grace McDonald

**8:30 a.m. Sunday**                Catie Eck  
A.J. Lust

**10:30 a.m. Sunday**                Maria Moore  
Josh Moore

#### Daily Servers for Sept. 12 - 16:

**8:00 a.m. M – W &**                Kaitlyn Johnson &  
**8:20 a.m. Tu.**                      Lilly Coady

**8:00 a.m. Th, &**                    Joey Kolis &  
**8:20 a.m. Fri.**                      Sara Rotherham