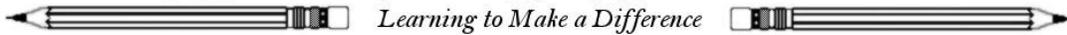


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School News



Learning to Make a Difference

A Note to Parents

Dear Parents,

This Tuesday we welcomed back the Class of 2014 for our annual alumni breakfast with the B.S.S. Class of 2018. We enjoyed visiting with the seniors and hearing of their plans for the future. We are very proud of their accomplishments and wish them the very best in the years ahead, whether they have chosen college, the armed services, or the workforce. We are grateful that they shared the morning with us and hope they enjoyed their return to B.S.S. as much as we did!

Tuesday evening our kindergartners hosted their mothers at a Mothers' Day Tea. As always, both moms and kindergartners had a wonderful time, and the children's songs were a perfect ending to the evening. Special thanks to Mrs. Debbie Adams and Mrs. Kathy Harth, their teachers, and Mrs. Mary Jo Sheehan and Mrs. Jody Winterbauer, their teaching assistants, for making this evening a special memory for all!

This week our eighth graders were out in the community on their annual Days of Discovery field trips, and today they are on their class trip to Chicago. We extend our thanks to all of the agencies that welcomed our eighth graders and provided them with informative experiences this week. Special thanks to the parent volunteers who made these trips possible by planning, driving, and/or chaperoning.

The eighth grade awards ceremony will be held this Sunday, May 13, beginning at 5:00 p.m. in church, followed by a dinner and dance for the eighth graders and their parents in the cafeteria. Graduation Mass for the Class of 2018 will be celebrated next Monday evening, May 14, at 6:00 p.m. We will miss their presence in our school but look forward to following their activities and accomplishments in high school.

Our faculty appreciates all who have made Teacher Appreciation Week a special one for them and are looking forward to the lunch being provided tomorrow. We extend special thanks to Anna Sinnott and all of the parent volunteers who provided lunch for our teachers on a monthly basis throughout the school year. It was always a special treat that was most appreciated!

Please continue to keep our eighth graders in your prayers as they finish their days at our school. We wish all of our graduates many blessings and much happiness in the future! Happy Mother's Day on Sunday! Enjoy the weekend!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kathy Wear

We'll Miss Them!

We wish the best of luck to any students who are not returning next year. We know some students are moving out of the area, and they are most welcome to come back and visit their B.S.S. friends any time.

We also sadly say good-bye to Mrs. Debbie Carter, our first grade teacher. Mrs. Carter is retiring after 45 years in education. She has touched so many lives with her gentle and nurturing teaching style. She will truly be missed, but we feel so blessed to have had her as part of our faculty for the past 28 years! Best wishes to Mrs. Carter in her retirement!

We will also miss Mrs. Kelsey Taylor next year. She and her husband Cam and their new son Colin are moving to St. Louis this summer as Cam begins a fellowship there. Mrs. Taylor has been so dedicated to our school throughout her husband's medical schooling and residency for the past seven years. We appreciate the sacrifices both of them made to allow her to continue to teach our students. She has certainly made a difference at our school through her teaching expertise and her genuine love of our students. We wish them the best in their new adventure in St. Louis and hope they will visit us often!

Also, Mrs. Cindy Klenke, our junior high resource teacher, has accepted a position as the AP psychology teacher at Sacred Heart-Griffin. Although we will miss the many ways Mrs. Klenke supported and guided our students over the past three years in resource and during her total of eleven years at our school, we also know that she will be a true asset to SHG and are happy that she will remain a part of our school community as a parent.

In addition, Mrs. Margie Homeier, our half-day preschool aide, will not be returning next year to be able to spend time with her family and her grandchildren, including those out of state. Her enthusiasm, energy, hard work, and kindness will be deeply missed, but we appreciate her own family sharing her with us these past four years.

We hope you will join us in sharing our appreciation for their care and concern for our students and for Blessed Sacrament School. We wish them the best in the future! We will keep you posted on our hiring decisions for their replacements and for the fourth grade teaching position to replace Mrs. Klinner. Congratulations to Mrs. Klinner on being named our next principal! We know she will be an exceptional leader to help our school continue to flourish!

State Track Qualifiers

Congratulations to our entire track team on a successful regular season and good times at the sectional meet last weekend! Tomorrow we will honor our state qualifiers at a pep rally at 9:45 a.m. in the gym. Those athletes who qualified for state include Gryphon Kirchgessner, an eighth grader, in the hurdles, Maggie Fleischli in the 800m run, and Olivia Redpath in both the 100m and 200m runs. Good luck to these students as they represent our school at the state track meet in East Peoria this Friday and Saturday! Special thanks to their coaches and helpers, Michael Hady, Ryan

McKennedy, David Wortman, Anna Pittman, Mike Murphy, Deena Bell, and Tom Kirchgessner.

Talent Show Auditions

Be a part of the Blessed Sacrament Talent Show to be held on Fun Day, Thursday, May 24! Auditions will be held after school at 3:15 p.m. on Tuesday, May 15. The deadline for turning in the audition form is Monday, May 14. See the flyer posted on the school website and being sent home today for more details. Don't miss your chance to be part of the fun!

Kindergarten Screening Dates Moved!!

Our kindergarten teachers will be screening students who will be entering our school for the first time as kindergartners. Due to the many activities this time of year, **the screening date has been moved to one day, Friday, May 25.** Parents of incoming kindergarten are being called to scheduled specific screening times. **Our current preschool/preK students who will be entering kindergarten next school year will not be screened unless requested by their current teacher.**

Ursuline Foundation Tuition Award

Congratulations to Ethan Short, a seventh grader, who was chosen by the Ursuline Foundation Board to receive a \$600 tuition award for the 2018-2019 school year! Ethan is very deserving of the award, and we appreciate the Ursuline Foundation's generosity to help make Catholic education affordable to our families.

Library Books Due! Summer Reading Challenge!

All library books are due by next Wednesday, May 16! Please see Mrs. Criscione or Mrs. Allen if you need to pay for lost books or books needing repairs. End of the year privileges (i.e. Fun Day participation, etc.) may be withheld from students who are not in good standing with their library books. **As a special incentive, students in the grade with all books returned first will receive a FREE DISCOVERY magazine.**

Also, our librarians are challenging our students to keep reading over the summer! Students entering kindergarten-4th grade for the next school year should complete the bingo challenge sheet, and students entering grades 5-8 can participate in the Caudill winners summer challenge. See the challenge sheets being sent home today for more details! The grades with the highest percentage of participation in each challenge each win a breakout box activity. Keep up your reading skills this summer and have fun with the challenges!

Hoops Mania Winners

Thanks to all who participated to in our Hoops Mania fundraiser, and congratulations to the winners! Jeff Hayes won \$1,000, and Sarah Antonacci was the winner of \$100. Kevin Burke won \$40, and the Romano, Keating, Reyhan, and Sheehan families of our school each won \$20. All proceeds from the fundraiser will be used by PSA to support our teachers and students.

Let Scrip Entertain You

Scrip gift cards work JUST LIKE CASH and are convenient for your personal use AND as a gift. But whether you use it for your family or give it away, each purchase earns money for Catholic education and Blessed Sacrament School!

Seeing a blockbuster? **AMC** theater \$25 cards (also good for concessions!) . . . Rather read a book? **Barnes & Noble** \$10 cards or **Amazon** \$25 certificates . . . Listening to a podcast? **iTunes** \$15 cards . . . Hooked on video games? **GameStop** \$25 cards!

School Supply Kit

We are waiting on flyers and order forms to arrive for the opportunity for our parents to purchase school supply kits, as offered in previous years. Look for the forms with more details to be sent home next week!

Dental Exam Reminder

Please remember that all students in kindergarten, second grade, and sixth grade are required to present proof of having been examined by a dentist before May 15 of the school year. (Dentist offices have the official form that needs to be submitted.) If a child in grade K, 2 or 6 fails to present proof by May 15, then the school may hold the child's report card until one of the following occurs: 1. The child presents proof of a completed dental examination within 18 months prior to the deadline; 2. The child presents proof that a dental examination will take place within 60 days after May 15; or 3. The parents obtain a waiver from the Department of Public Health or provide objection to the exam on religious grounds.

Box Tops Thank You!

Thanks to all of you who have collected box tops this year! We recently received a check from Box Tops for Education for \$418.90. Keep collecting box tops, especially over the summer!

Fun Day Raffle

Fun Day will be celebrated on our last day of school, Thursday, May 24. PSA has 32 baskets of sweet treats (candy, Gatorade, etc.) that will part of a raffle that day. Tickets are 25 cents each, and an order form was sent home last week. The baskets will be on display the next week, and tickets must be purchased by Monday, May 21. Join the fun!!

94th Annual Garden Party

Add another date to your calendar! Our Garden Party will be held on Wednesday, June 13, and the co-chairs, Jennifer Furkin and Katie McCarthy, are looking for adults and teens to help during the Garden Party and for set-up and clean-up shifts. Family services hours as well as 8th grade and high school service hours will be given to those helping. See the flyer posted on the school website for the specific volunteer opportunities. Raffle tickets are also being sent home today. Be a part of this fun tradition at Blessed Sacrament!

Service Hours Reminder

Service hours for this school year may be earned through May 31, 2018. Several opportunities are available as

listed in this newsletter or on our school website. Please call the school office if you need assistance in finding service opportunities. Statements will be mailed in early June, and families will be billed for any hours not completed. All accounts must be current by July 31, 2018, in order for families to be allowed to complete registration for the 2018-2019 school year.

**Share the Word Volunteers Needed!
Service Hours Available!**

Share the Word is a children's liturgy for kids in 1st through 4th grade; it's held every week throughout the school year during the Sunday 10:30am Mass. Share the Word provides an opportunity for kids to hear and discuss the weekly scripture readings at a level appropriate for their understanding. We are in need of more volunteers to keep this important program going and growing! It is a great opportunity to provide a valuable service to the parish (and earn service hours!) while deepening your own understanding of scripture in a fun and interactive way! There are only a few sessions left this spring, but we'd love to get more volunteers lined up for next year. You can still earn service hours for this year if you'd like to come observe Share the Word on May 13th or 20th to see if it's something you'd be interested in! If you'd like more information or you want to volunteer, please contact Patti Naylor at 618-292-0678 or pnaylor@thelittlegym.com or Cheryl Bertaina at 217-206-0863 or cherylbertaina@gmail.com!

SHG 2018 Hurdle Camp

As the 2018 track season wraps up, it's time to plan for 2019. Get your athlete ready to hurdle with this well-established program this summer at SHG. This hurdle camp has been around for 10 years now and has yielded some very promising hurdlers. See the flyer posted on the school website and being emailed home today for more details. Enrollment is limited so sign up early!

Looking Ahead

Friday, May 11-

7:50 a.m.-3:30 p.m. - 4th grade class trip to St. Louis
8th grade graduation practice after Mass; dismissal of students for the day after lunch
9:45 a.m. - Pep rally for state track qualifiers

Sunday, May 13 -

Happy Mother's Day!

5:00 p.m. - Awards ceremony for 8th graders in church followed by dinner and dance with parents in the cafeteria

Monday, May 14 -

8th graders not in attendance
8:20 a.m. - Leadership assembly (wear t-shirt)
6:00 p.m. (corrected time)-8th grade graduation Mass

Tuesday, May 15 -

**Dental exams for required grades due!
3:15 p.m. - Tryouts for talent show!**

Wednesday, May 16 -

All library books due!

8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. - 7th & 8th grade IMSA FUSION field trip to Abraham Lincoln Capital City Airport
10:00 a.m. - MWF Pre-K walk to Baskin Robbins

Thursday, May 17 -

10:00 a.m. - Tu/Th Pre-K walk to Baskin Robbins
10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. - 3rd grade walk to Washington Park & Baskin Robbins
1:00 p.m. - 6th grade walk to Baskin Robbins

Friday, May 18 -

7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. - 1st grade field trip to St. Louis Zoo
9:15 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - 7th Grade Leadership Day - Walk to Washington Park & lunch at Pie's the Limit
12:00 p.m. - All-day Pre-K walk to Baskin Robbins
12:30 p.m. - 4th grade walk to Baskin Robbins

Monday, May 21 -

8:20 a.m. - Leadership assembly (wear t-shirt)

Tuesday, May 22 -

Last day of school for Tu/Th preschool class
9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. - 1st grade walk to Washington Park & Baskin Robbins

Wednesday, May 23 -

Last day of school for MWF Pre-K. all-day Pre-K & Kindergarten
9:30 a.m. - All-day Pre-K breakfast with parents in the cafeteria followed by dismissal for the day
10:20 a.m. - MWF program in the classroom
11:00 a.m. - Kindergarten lunch with parents in the cafeteria followed by dismissal for the day

Thursday, May 24 -

8:20 a.m. - All-school Mass
Fun Day with Talent Show! (lunch provided for all students by PSA)

**1:30 p.m. - Early dismissal for summer vacation;
NO after-school care at B.A.S.E.**

Friday, May 25 -

8:30-11:30 a.m. - Screening of incoming kindergarten students not currently enrolled in our PreK program

Happy Summer Vacation!!!

Please Remember!

Before School Patrols for the Week of May 14 - 18:

Elizabeth Allen	Cameron Booker	Connor Brown
Joseph Cloyd	Chloe Coffey	Andrew Dailey

After School Patrols for the Week of May 14 - 18:

Carter Anderson	Dylan Anderson	Portia Apostol
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Mass Servers for May 12 & 13:

4:30 p.m. Saturday	Sophia Njapa, Jaynanne Roate & Joey Scott
7:00 a.m. Sunday	Andrew Reimers
8:30 a.m. Sunday	no current BSS students
10:30 a.m. Sunday	Frank Sluga & Teddy Thornberry

Daily Servers for May 14 - 18:

8:00 a.m. M & W &	Addison Eades
8:20 a.m. Tu.	& Tyler Furkin
8:00 a.m. Th. &	Alio Giacomini
8:20 a.m. Fri.	& Luke Harvey