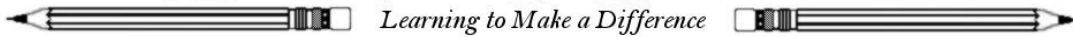


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October 12, 2017



School News



Learning to Make a Difference

A Note to Parents

Dear Parents,

Although this has been a short week, it's certainly been busy as we prepare to wrap up the first quarter of the school year next Friday, October 20.

Today we had our official fire drill with the Springfield Fire Department present, and our students did an excellent job of moving quickly and quietly out of the building. Next Thursday, Oct. 19, our students will participate in the Great Shake Out by holding our own earthquake drill at 10:19a.m., the same time that schools across the country will also be participating in drills.

Our students previously participated in a bus evacuation drill, and in the upcoming weeks they will be practicing and participating in an official "safe place" drill. In early spring we will also conduct a tornado drill. We appreciate the support and guidance of our local first responders in making plans to keep our students safe always.

Tomorrow is our regular PSA-sponsored Spirit Day. Students may wear B.S.S. Spirit Day shirts or sports team shirts with jeans or uniform bottoms for a \$1 donation. All other uniform guidelines still apply. This Spirit Day is covered by the pre-paid fee, so those students whose parents paid the fee at the beginning of the school year do not need to bring money to participate. Although not required, tomorrow would be a great day for our students to remember to bring a food item for our food drive challenge! (See related article.)

Looking ahead, report cards for grades K-8 will go home on Friday, Oct. 27, and parent-teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, Nov. 2, and Friday, Nov. 3. Forms to schedule conference times were sent home last week and are available on our school website. Please note that there are separate forms for preschool through fourth grade, for fifth grade, and for sixth through eighth grade. These forms are due back in the school office by **tomorrow, Friday, Oct. 13**, to allow time for the completion of schedules. Your scheduled times will be sent home with report cards on October 27. If you have any questions about the conference forms, please do not hesitate to call the school office. Enjoy the weekend!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Kathy Wear

Just a Reminder from Father Jeff

Before your children belonged to you, they belonged to God. Bring them to Mass this weekend so they can spend some time with their heavenly Father.

Bruins Update

Congratulations to our boys' and girls' cross country team on winning first place at the sectional meet last Saturday

in East St. Louis. Both teams qualified for the state meet being held at Maxwell Park in Normal on Saturday, Oct. 14. The girls will run at 11:00 a.m. followed by the boys' race at 11:45 a.m. We're very proud of them and wish them good luck at state!

Physical & Eye Examination Reminders

Please remember that all school physicals are due in the office **tomorrow, Oct. 13**. **All children entering preschool/PreK, kindergarten and sixth grade as well as new students must have their school physical forms and updated immunization records on file in the school office.** Also, kindergartners and any students new to Illinois schools need to submit proof of an eye exam by October 13. Please contact Michele at 522-7534, ext. 201, with questions.

Authors and Illustrators

Back by popular demand, our monthly author and illustrator displays have returned this year. Each month our Blessed Sacrament artists will do their own creative interpretations of different literary and artistic genres. For September, 7th graders Madi Sweeney and Dylan Anderson interpreted fantasy and surrealism, and for October, 5th grade creators Timmy Nudo and Connor Boesdorfer were inspired by mystery and architecture. Be sure to see and enjoy their inspiring work in our main hallway. Great work, artists and writers!

Auction Survey

We extend our thanks, again, to all who helped to make our auction such a huge success this year! Final information will be shared in upcoming weeks, but our Auction Committee is already thinking about next year's auction! We invite all parents, even if you did not attend the auction, to complete a short survey to give the committee input for next year's event. You can access the survey at the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HQ8BCL9>. Also, a hard copy of the survey is being sent home with the youngest child in each family today if you would prefer to complete it that way. We encourage all parents to complete the survey. Thanks for your help in making our auction an annual night of fellowship and fun in support of our school!

Daylight Savings Time Doesn't End Until November!!

It's going to be DARK in the morning for weeks - time to load up on caffeine! We are now carrying Custom Cup in \$10 cards (10% back to BSS!!!). We also carry Starbucks in \$10 and \$25 cards and Dunkin' Donuts in \$10 cards. Fill out the online form or shop at www.shopwithscrip.com.

Parent/Teacher Conference Reminders

Parent/teacher conferences will be held Thursday and Friday, November 2 and 3. **Conference forms are due back tomorrow, Friday, Oct. 13.** There is an early dismissal at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 2, with conferences available from 2:30 to 8:00 p.m. There is an early dismissal on Friday, Nov. 3 (following Grandparents' Day at approximately 10:45 a.m.), with conferences available from noon to 5:00 p.m. After-school care through B.A.S.E. is **not available** either day!

Volunteers Needed for Grandparents' Day

Grandparents' Day on Friday, Nov. 3, is less than a month away! If you are available to help with set-up in the late afternoon/evening of Thursday, Nov. 2, or with serving on the morning of Friday, Nov. 3, please contact Lori Dye at 652-3269 or at dypnrc@comcast.net. You will earn service hours, and this is always such a fun morning for our families!

Super Food Drive Challenge

Throughout the month of October, all of the Springfield Catholic elementary schools have partnered with Catholic Charities in a SUPER Food Drive Challenge. From October 2-27 we will be collecting food for the Holy Family Food Pantry. This is a challenge among the schools, and the winning school will receive a super celebration! Please bring non-perishable food items (see list of suggestions posted on our school website) and place them in the grocery shopping carts inside the main entrance. Thank you for your support and participation in this Super Challenge!

Room Parents

Thank you to all of the parents who so graciously volunteered to be room parents this year. We apologize for the delayed notice, but Mrs. Erin Scott, our room parent coordinator, is in the process of contacting the room parents for each grade level by phone to confirm their availability for this service. **There will be a room meeting for all room parents next Tuesday, October 17, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.** We ask all room parents please to plan on attending. Thank you!

PSA Spirit Day Wear & Wrapping Paper

Spirit wear and wrapping paper ordered from PSA should be arriving by the last week of October or the first week of November. A wide variety of options were offered, hundreds of items were ordered by our families, and some items were back ordered, so completing the orders is taking a little longer than expected. Thanks for your patience and understanding!

Builders Club Halloween Sale

The Builders Club will sell Halloween-themed items after the 4:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, October 28, and the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses on Sunday, October 29. The sale will be in the main school hallway. Remaining items will be sold during the lunch hours on Tuesday, October 31. The items will range in price from \$1 to \$3 each. Also, **only after the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Masses on Oct. 29,** face painting for children will be available for a donation to Builders Club.

October Box Tops Contest

A collection sheet is being sent home today for our October Box Tops contest. Each student who returns a completed sheet will receive a treat bag, and the class that collects the most box tops over the entire month of October will win a class prize. All collection sheets are due back to the office by Friday, Oct. 27. Thank you for participating!

Service Hours Reminder

A report of recorded service hours will be included in the report cards at the end of the month. The report will include all hours turned in by Friday, Oct. 20. It is very helpful to turn in the hours as you complete them instead of waiting until the end of the year. If you have any questions, please contact Michele in the school office.

Pizza Ranch Fundraiser for Scouts

The Venturing Scouts (high school group) will have a fundraiser at Pizza Ranch Sunday, October 15, in the evening from 4:30-8:00 p.m. The Scout program will receive a portion of the proceeds during that time. Pizza Ranch is located by the Walmart on South 6th Street. A flyer is posted online to take with you for your convenience. Thanks for your support!

Additional Page for Background Check Form

In the back-to-school packets, many parents received a background check form to complete. These were distributed to new parents and to parents whose previous background check was due to be completed again this year. Recently we received word from the Diocese that the back side of the first page was not included in our forms. Last Friday those parents who initially received forms this year received the missing page to complete and return. Also, if any section of the other forms was missing information, those forms were also returned for completion. The missing forms were sent home in an envelope addressed to the parent(s) needing to complete them. We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your help in returning the forms as soon as possible so that they can be promptly processed.

Uniform Reminders

Tuesday, Oct. 31, will be the last day that students will be allowed to wear shorts until next spring. Also, girls in grades 5-8 are required to wear tights or navy leggings (with matching socks) under their skirts/skorts starting on **Wednesday, Nov. 1**. This might also be a good time to check on sweatshirts and sweaters for your children. Please review the uniform section **in the student handbook (p. 25-28)** for more specific details. Please note that students in grades 6-8 must purchase their uniform pants and shorts from Luers or Dennis Uniform Company.

Personal Safety Training

In compliance with the Diocese of Springfield's Safe Environment program, our students will be trained on personal safety through the Virtus program. This year the students will receive the training through two lessons taught by their religion teachers. The topics of the lessons this year are *Boundaries* and *Telling Someone You Trust*. The lessons will be presented during the week of Oct. 30th. Please check with

your child's teacher for specific dates. Permission slips for this training were included in the Fee Night packet. Thanks for your ongoing support in helping us keep our children safe!

Boy Scouts Pancake Breakfast

The Blessed Sacrament Cub Scout Pack will host a pancake breakfast fundraiser on Sunday, October 29, after all Masses in the school cafeteria. Come and enjoy a great breakfast and support our scouts!

Softball & Cross Country Photos

Our cooperative softball and cross country teams with St. Agnes will have team photos taken on Thursday, Oct. 19, at St. Agnes School. Softball photos will be taken at 3:30 p.m., and cross country photos will be taken at 4:00 p.m.

Community Days Booklets

Our student service organization, Builders Club, is selling Community Days booklets to benefit the Missionary Childhood Association. These booklets contain over \$500 in coupons that can be used at Bergner's from Wednesday, Nov. 8, through Saturday, Nov. 11. The booklets, which cost \$5 each, are available for purchase in the school office!

SHG's ShopAPalooza

The annual ShopAPalooza event is set for Sunday, Oct. 22, 2017, at Sacred Heart-Griffin's West Campus from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is \$1.00. This fundraiser supports both girls' basketball and the SHG Golden Angel Pom teams. The event takes over 60 vendors of all varieties and puts them all under one roof. Like them on Facebook at SHG ShopAPalooza!

SHG's Mother-Daughter Mass & Brunch

The Mother-Daughter Mass and Brunch is being held Sunday, Nov. 5, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. in the Sacred Heart Convent Chapel, located at 1237 W. Monroe St., Springfield, IL. The Mass celebrant will be Fr. Wayne Stock, SHG Chaplain. Brunch will immediately follow Mass in the Sacred Heart-Griffin High School Commons. The cost is \$17.50 per person. Reservations and payment can be mailed to Sacred Heart-Griffin High School, 1200 West Washington Street, Springfield, IL 62702 (ATTN: Mother-Daughter Mass and Brunch) or dropped off at SHG's Main Office. See the flyer posted on our school website for the reservation form.

Looking Ahead

Friday, Oct. 13 –

PSA Spirit Day (included in prepaid days)

Bring food items for the food drive challenge!

8:20 a.m. – All-school Mass

2:40 p.m. – Pep rally for state cross country teams

Monday, Oct. 16 –

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

6:00 p.m. – 7th & 7th grade girls' home basketball games vs. Our Savior's

Tuesday, Oct. 17 –

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Room parents' meeting in the cafeteria

Friday, Oct. 20 –

End of First Quarter!

Service hours due to the office!

Monday, Oct. 23 –

6th grade field trip to Challenger Learning Center

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

4:00 p.m. – Girls' basketball home games vs.

Washington Middle School

Tuesday, Oct. 24 –

11:00 a.m. – Diocesan Mission Mass at Cathedral – 4th grade attends this Mass

Wednesday, Oct. 25 –

10:00 a.m. - All-City Catholic Schools' Mass – fifth grade through eighth grade attending

6:00 p.m. – Girls' basketball home games vs. St.

Al's/Cathedral; 8th grade recognized between games

Friday, Oct. 27 –

Report Card Day!

Box Tops collection forms due today!

Saturday, Oct. 28 & Sunday, Oct. 29 –

Builders Club Halloween Sale after Masses (not the 7 a.m. Mass) in the main school hallway

Sunday, Oct. 29 –

Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast in the school cafeteria after all Masses

Monday, Oct. 30 –

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

Tuesday, Oct. 31 – *Happy Halloween!*

1:30 p.m. – parade for PreK-4th grade; classroom parties to follow for all grades

Wednesday, Nov. 1 –

8:20 a.m. – All-school Mass – All Saints' Day

4:00 p.m. – 7th & 8th grade boys' home basketball games vs. Grant Middle School

Thursday, Nov. 2 –

1:30 p.m. early dismissal; **no B.A.S.E.**

2:30-8:00 p.m. – Parent-teacher conferences

Friday, Nov. 3 –

Grandparents' Day – dismissal for students after 9:45 a.m. Mass

12:00-5:00 p.m. – Parent-teacher conferences

Please Remember!

Before School Patrols for the Week of Oct. 16-20:

Madaleine McKay Lucy Ratcliffe Jacob Ridder

Noah Ward Adam Wente Jeffrey Wernsing

After School Patrols for the Week of Oct. 16-20

Madi Sweeney Riley Van Zuiden

Taylor Verry Blake White

Mass Servers for Oct. 14 & 15:

4:30 p.m. Saturday Nathan Jugan &

Anthony Keldermans

7:00 a.m. Sunday Eamon Mahoney

8:30 a.m. Sunday Alio Giacomini

10:30 a.m. Sunday Sam & Will DeSalle

Daily Servers for Oct. 16-20:

8:00 a.m. M & W & Elliott Kren

8:20 a.m. Tu. & Emily Leefers

8:00 a.m. Th. & Grace Klenke

8:20 a.m. Fri. & Lennon Long