

April 19, 2018

# + Blessed Sacrament



## School News

*Learning to Make a Difference*

### A Note to Parents

Dear Parents,

Last Friday evening our Builders Club sponsored a dance for our seventh and eighth graders. It was a successful evening with many students in attendance. We extend a special thanks to the Builders Club, their moderators, Mrs. Pat Pierce and Mrs. Michele Greenwood, and the chaperones for making this event possible. The items donated to the Ronald McDonald House by the students in attendance were delivered today, and they were very appreciative of our students' generosity. Builders Club looks forward to hosting this annual event again next year!

Congratulations to our second graders in Ms. Yoho's classroom on receiving their First Communion last Sunday. This Sunday Mrs. Townsend's second graders will receive the sacrament of First Communion at a 1:00 p.m. Mass. We are proud of all of our second graders! Special thanks to their parents, Father Jeff, Ms. Yoho, Mrs. Kroner, and Mrs. Townsend for their preparation and guidance of our students.

Please be sure to continually check the *Looking Ahead* section of upcoming newsletters for an updated calendar of events each week and look for more information coming home from homeroom teachers as events are planned. Enjoy the weekend with your family!

Sincerely,  
*Mrs. Kathy Wear*

### Handbook Calendar Addition

We recently noticed that the handbook calendar omitted the dismissal time for the last day of school on Thursday, May 24. Students will be dismissed early that day at 1:30 p.m. Please note that after-school care at B.A.S.E. is not available that day. We appreciate you marking your calendars with this addition.

### Rescheduled Date for Alumni Breakfast

Due to a conflict with the SHG calendar for several of our graduating seniors that we learned about last week, we have moved the date of the Alumni Breakfast honoring the Classes of 2014 and 2018. **The new date is Tuesday, May 8.** The breakfast will begin at 7:30 a.m. and will be held in the school cafeteria. Our eighth graders and our graduates who are seniors will be receiving individual invitations this week. We look forward to celebrating with both classes!

### Box Tops in Bloom!

We appreciate everyone continuing to collect box tops for our school! A collection sheet for a new contest, Box Tops in Bloom, is going home today. Students should return the sheet with box tops by Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Those students

who return a sheet will receive a treat bag, and the classroom that returns the most box tops will receive a classroom prize.

### May Hot Lunch Order Form

The hot lunch order form for May is being sent home with students today. The order form with payment is due back by **next Tuesday, April 24.** No late orders will be accepted. **8<sup>th</sup> graders should not order lunch for dates after Friday, May 4, as lunch will be provided for them the following week on Days of Discovery and their class trip.** Also, **please note that on Wednesday, May 23, all-day PreK students and kindergartners should not order lunch due to their end-of-the-year gatherings.** Thursday, May 24, is not included on the order form as PSA will be providing lunch for all students on that day, Fun Day.

### Spring Band Concert

Our Joint Catholic Elementary School Band will join with the SHG Band on Wednesday, April 25, for their spring concert. The concert will be held at SHG and begins at 7:00 p.m. Good luck to all of our band students!

### Saddle Up and Save the Date!

The 49th Annual Blessed Sacrament Auction, "Boots and Bow Ties," will be held Saturday, October 20, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. in the B.S.S. Gym. Corral your friends for the biggest adults-only event of the year! Auction co-chairs are Kristen Luttrell and Jennifer Madiar. Any ideas or questions? Email Kristen and Jen at [bssauction2018@gmail.com](mailto:bssauction2018@gmail.com) or contact Kim Hoffmann, B.S.S. Development Director, at 522-7534, ext. 206. 'LIKE' Blessed Sacrament School on Facebook to see all the latest updates!

### Illinois Proud Penny Drive

Our school is joining other schools across Sangamon County in April to collect pennies to purchase a Lincoln document as a gift from our students as part of our state's bicentennial celebration. Our students have already brought in many pennies this week, and we hope to collect many more to help the schools reach their goal. We will continue collecting pennies (and other coin donations) through Friday, April 27. A flyer with more details is posted on our school website. Add your pennies to this drive!

### Judges Needed for the State History Fair

Volunteers are needed to serve as judges for the Illinois State History Fair on Thursday, May 3, 2018. Volunteers will need to arrive at 9:15 a.m. for check-in and orientation, and judging will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided for the volunteers. No prior experience or expertise is required! Several of our 8<sup>th</sup> graders are participating in this history fair, which will be held at the

Prairie Capital Convention Center. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Ms. Angela Alan at [alan@bssbruins.org](mailto:alan@bssbruins.org). You would earn service hours for helping in this way. Thank you!

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Scholarship Packets**

A packet of scholarship application forms were sent home with the eighth graders on Monday. Some applications require teacher and/or principal recommendations. **Any requests for teacher recommendations must be given to a teacher no later than Friday, April 27.** The applications for all of the scholarships are due back to the school office by Wednesday, May 2. Specific details for each scholarship are included in the packets. If any additional scholarship opportunities become available, hard copies of the application form will be given to eighth graders, and any additional forms will also be emailed to parents.

### **Tuition Award Application for Current 6<sup>th</sup> & 7th Graders**

The Ursuline Academy Alumni Foundation is pleased to once again offer their Serviam Tuition Award to students entering 7th and 8th grades next school year in our local Catholic grade schools. Students in those grades are receiving copies of the 2018-2019 Ursuline Academy Alumni Foundation Serviam Tuition Award application today. The award has increased to \$600 this year. **Applications must be returned to our school office by Thursday, April 26.** Applications filled out by the student in his or her own words are especially considered by the committee.

### **Registration for 2018-2019**

Registration forms, along with the registration fees, were due back by March 12. **For any registration forms returned now, the registration fee per child increases from \$75 to \$100.** We appreciate your help and cooperation!

### **Mentor Families Needed**

We are very appreciative of our families who served as mentors for new families this year. Once again, we are looking for volunteers to serve as mentors for families entering our school community in the fall. We would like to match up families with children in the same grade levels as much as possible, as these pairings seem to be the most beneficial to the new families.

We'll have several new families in the preschool and kindergarten classes, as well as some in other grades.

**Therefore, we are making a special plea to those families who will have children in preschool/preK and particularly the kindergarten classes to assist us with this endeavor.**

Please call or email Mrs. Burke at [burke@bssbruins.org](mailto:burke@bssbruins.org) by Friday, May 4, if you would be interested in helping in this way or if you have any questions. You earn service hours for each family mentored! Thank you for your consideration of this important service!

### **Mark Your Calendars – A Barnes & Noble Book Fair to Kick Off Summer!**

We will host a book fair to kick off summer reading at the Barnes and Noble store on Monday, April 30. Lots of fun activities are planned, including an encore performance of some of the numbers from our junior high musical *The Little*

*Mermaid, Jr.* cast. Please mark your calendars and watch for more details in the coming week. Remember, this is a great opportunity to shop for Mother's Day and graduation gifts, and all purchases benefit the BSS library!

### **Coaching Applications for 2018-2019**

Applications for coaching a Blessed Sacrament athletic team for the 2018-2019 school year are now available online through our school website. The applications will be available through Friday, April 27, and are due back to Mrs. Davis by that day. The application process is open to all interested individuals who have the necessary background and skills; it is not necessary to be a parent of a student involved in our athletic programs. Also, please remember that completing an application does not guarantee a coaching position as there may be more individuals interested in coaching than positions available.

Anyone who is chosen to coach must have attended the Protecting God's Children training and completed a background check and an online coaches' certification course April 12, 2018 and an online concussion certification course, as required by SCAA and IESA, before team practices begin. If you have previously submitted an application and would like to be considered for next year, please email Mrs. Davis at [davis@bssbruins.org](mailto:davis@bssbruins.org) and ask that your application be resubmitted. In the email, please specify the grade level and sport requested and any contact information that may have changed from the previous application. Please contact Mrs. Davis at 522-7534, ext. 205, if you have specific questions regarding this process.

### **Annual Running Contest**

The 12th Annual Running Contest is underway! Students in Pre-K-8th may participate in this year's running contest. Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Senger organized and secretly received approval for this year's theme as a surprise for Mrs. Wear. To complete the contest, students and staff will run or walk 16 miles in honor of Mrs. Wear for her 16 years serving as a phenomenal principal. (Pre-K and kindergarten students are only required to run 10 miles.) Students may run during P.E. or recess time. Students may see recess supervisors for a running card. The contest ends May 1st, and race finishers win a t-shirt. Please encourage race runners to bring a water bottle during the contest to stay hydrated.

### **Uniform Reminders**

Just a reminder that, as of April 1, students may once again wear uniform shorts, and skirts may be worn without opaque tights. However, jumpers and skirts/skorts are not to be more than approximately two inches above the knee. Shorts must be uniform shorts (no cargo shorts) and should not be shorter than approximately two inches above the knee. Please refer to the dress code section of the parent/student handbook (page 25-27) for further information. Thank you for your cooperation!

### **The Scrip Scene**

It's not too early to think about end-of-the-year gifts! (Really...) We can special order a number of special denomination cards: \$10 Amazon, \$5 Barnes & Noble, \$10 CVS, \$10 Olive Garden/Longhorn Steakhouse, \$10 IHOP,

\$10 Meijer, \$10 Outback, \$5 Panera, \$10 Target, \$5 Starbucks and \$10 Walmart. Simply send an email to [scrip@bssbruins.org](mailto:scrip@bssbruins.org) with the number of each cards that you'd like. We'll place the order and let you know when it's arrived and is ready for payment and pick-up.

### **Spring Musical ~ *The Little Mermaid, Jr.***

Our sixth through eighth graders are presenting this year's musical, *The Little Mermaid, Jr.*, on Friday, April 27, and Saturday, April 28. Performances both evenings will begin at 7:00 p.m. An order form for tickets was sent home last week and is posted on the school website. Tickets are \$5 per person, and there is a family rate of \$20 for more than four people in an immediate family. Tickets are also available at the door. The students have really been working hard at rehearsal. We appreciate the dedication and enthusiasm of our music teacher, Mrs. Lisa Hartman, and Mrs. Taryn Grant in bringing this show to life. We hope you join us!

### **All-School Mass & May Crowning**

On Tuesday, May 1, we will celebrate an all-school Mass at 8:20 a.m., and the May crowning will take place as part of the Mass processional. Homeroom representatives will carry flowers, and our kindergarten and eighth grade representatives will crown Mary. The winners of the Marita Child Gospel of Life essay contest will be announced after Mass. Please join us!

### **Schnuck's Bags for a Cause to Benefit B.S.S. in April**

We are grateful to be selected as the beneficiary of Schnuck's "Bags 4 My Cause" program for the month of April. The reusable grocery bags may be purchased for a \$1 donation at Schnuck's Montvale store throughout the month of April. Thank you for supporting this program!

### **Engrained Brewery Benefit for Blessed Sacrament**

Engrained Brewery will host their 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Festival on Saturday, April 21! This year's ticket sale proceeds will be donated to Blessed Sacrament School. From 12-5pm there will be live music, local and regional craft beer, a bounce house, games for the kids, and more. Entry to the outdoor festivities is \$5/person or \$15/family. Still need service hours? Sign up now to help out and you'll also receive a food and beverage voucher at the event:

<http://signup.com/go/TQrLmAY>. Checkout all of the event details here:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1796503503734143>. We hope to see you there! Thank you to our friends at Engrained Brewery for their generosity towards Blessed Sacrament.

### **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 dental examination on religious grounds.

### **SHG Students of the Month**

Two of our recent B.S.S. graduates, Amanda Brown and Grace Lambert, were named Students of the Month at SHG for April. Amanda is a sophomore, and Grace is a freshman this year at SHG.

Upon receiving the recognition, Amanda shared, "I enjoy being part of the SHG community. I like how friendly and welcoming the environment is every day. The teachers are super nice and understanding, and they encourage us to do our best. The students here are not just my friends; as we grow together, we become a big family. There is a club or sport for everyone, so everyone has a place and a part that they belong to. I participate in several clubs, such as Key Club, Brave Club, FIRE Club, SEA Club, Christmas Club, and Student Ambassadors. My favorite class this year would probably be my Art class. In Art, I can express myself through artwork, and I have always loved to draw, paint, and doodle. I am thankful for the St. John's medical program here at SHG because I am interested in the medical field. Through this program, I am able to learn about many different professions in medicine. This is helpful for me to explore career options. SHG is so much more than just a school; it is a place to learn, a place to share, a place to pray, to comfort, to grow, and to love one another. I look forward to the next few years and SHG and I am excited to see what SHG has in store for me!"

Regarding her first year as a student at SHG, Grace commented, "I am a member of French Club, Art Club, Recycling Club, Student Ambassadors, and Science Olympiad. I also am looking forward to playing on the soccer team. My favorite classes this year are English and Art Fundamentals. Outside of school, I love reading, playing soccer, creating art, and horseback riding. One thing many people do not know about is that I am the oldest of five girls. Many more Lambert girls will follow me! The students and staff at SHG are extremely welcoming and I feel blessed to be a part of this community. I'm looking forward to continue being a Cyclone for years to come." Congratulations to both Amanda and Grace on this special honor! We are so proud of you!

### **SHG Cheer Tryouts**

SHG Cheerleading will be holding tryouts for the 2018-2019 school year from April 30th- May 4th, 4:30- 6:30 each day in the East Campus Gym. There will be a mandatory parent/cheerleader tryout meeting on Sunday, April 29th at 2:00 in the East Campus Commons. Please email [shgcheerleading@gmail.com](mailto:shgcheerleading@gmail.com) with any questions you may have. Go Cyclones!

### **SHG Zero Hour Math Class**

SHG will continue to offer its zero hour algebra program for qualifying eighth grade students in the 2018-2019 school year. **Copies of the application, which is due April 9, were sent home with all of the 7<sup>th</sup> grade students last week.** The application is also posted on our school website.

New as of May 2017, all students applying for the zero hour classes must take an entrance exam. The entrance exam was offered last Saturday and will be offered again this Saturday, April 21, at 9:00 a.m. See the application cover letter for more details regarding the testing dates.

### SHG Presents *Thoroughly Modern Millie*

SHG is excited to present their 2018 Spring Musical, *Thoroughly Modern Millie*. Show times are April 20 and 21 at 7:30 p.m. and April 22 at 5:00 p.m. The Children's Event will be Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 p.m. in the Commons. For tickets and children's event reservations, call the ticket office at [217-787-1595, ext. 153](tel:217-787-1595).

### Looking Ahead

Friday, April 20 –

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. - 7<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to St. Louis Old Courthouse & History Museum  
11:45-1:45 - All-day PreK field trip to UIS/Sangamon Auditorium to see *Curious George*

Saturday, April 21 –

9:00 a.m. – SHG 0-hour exam for current 7<sup>th</sup> graders  
12:00-6:00 p.m. – Engrained Spring Fest Event to benefit B.S.S.

Sunday, April 22 –

1:00 p.m. - First Communion for Mrs. Townsend's class

Monday, April 23 –

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

Tuesday, April 24 –

#### May hot lunch order forms due!

9:00-2:00 - Kindergarten field trip to Decatur Zoo & Children's Museum

Wednesday, April 25 –

Mid-quarter progress reports will be sent home  
4:00 p.m. – Scholastic Bowl Regional Meet at Our Savior's Lutheran School

Thursday, April 26 –

#### Ursuline Academy Serviam Tuition Award applications due from current 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> graders!

7:00a.m. – 5:00 p.m. - 5<sup>th</sup> grade vocations field trip to St. Louis

Friday, April 27 –

#### Last day for Illinois Proud Penny Drive!

#### Coaching applications for 2018-2019 due!

#### Requests for teacher recommendations for 8<sup>th</sup> grade scholarships due!

Friday, April 27 & Saturday, April 28 -

7:00 p.m. – Junior high spring musical, *The Little Mermaid, Jr.*, in the cafeteria

Saturday, April 28

IJAS State Science Fair at Bradley University

Monday, April 30 –

8:20 a.m. – Leadership assembly (wear t-shirts)  
6:00 p.m. - Barnes and Noble Book Fair to kick off summer reading

Tuesday, May 1 –

8:20 a.m. – All-school Mass & May crowning processional; winners of the Marita Child Gospel of Life Essay Contest will be announced after Mass

2:30-6:30 p.m. – Lifetouch sports photos in our school gym

Wednesday, May 2 –

#### All 8<sup>th</sup> grade scholarship applications due!

Lifetouch yearbook club/group photos during the school day

Thursday, May 3 –

Illinois State History Fair at PCCC

9:00 a.m. – 1<sup>st</sup> grade (Mrs. Carter) spring program in the cafeteria

1:45 p.m. – 1<sup>st</sup> grade (Mrs. Kuhlman) spring program in the cafeteria

Friday, May 4 –

#### Box tops collection sheets due!

Regular PSA Spirit Day (covered by pre-paid fee)  
2:15 p.m. – First Friday adoration for grades 2-8

Monday, May 7 – Wednesday, May 9 –

8<sup>th</sup> grade Days of Discovery field trips in the community

Tuesday, May 8 –

7:30 a.m. – Alumni Breakfast honoring the B.S.S. Classes of 2014 & 2018

3:00 p.m. – Garden Club meeting

7:00 p.m. – Kindergarten Mothers' Tea in the cafeteria

Wednesday, May 9 –

1:30 p.m. – Early dismissal for faculty meeting; after-school care at B.A.S.E. available

Thursday, May 10 –

8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip to Chicago

Friday, May 11-

4<sup>th</sup> grade class trip to St. Louis

8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation practice; dismissal of students for the day after lunch

Sunday, May 13 –

Happy Mother's Day!

5:00 p.m. – Awards Ceremony for 8<sup>th</sup> graders in church followed by dinner and dance with parents in the cafeteria

Monday, May 14 –

8<sup>th</sup> graders not in attendance

7:00 p.m. – 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation Mass

### Please Remember!

#### Before School Patrols for the Week of April 23-27:

Jack Fleischli Gigi Giacomini Rori Hanken  
Bill Hollahan Brannon Kelley Elliott Kren

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Lennon Long Gio Luparell  
Lindsay Madonia Carly Martin

#### Mass Servers for April 21-22

4:30 p.m. Saturday Ella Veile  
7:00 a.m. Sunday no current BSS students  
8:30 a.m. Sunday Luke Harvey  
10:30 a.m. Sunday Andrew Dailey & Addison Eades

#### Daily Servers for April 23-27:

8:00 a.m. M & W & Ava Moore  
8:20 a.m. Tu. & Tim Nudo  
8:00 a.m. Th. & Maddie McKay  
8:20 a.m. Fri. & Annie Mizeur