

# + Blessed Sacrament

March 15, 2018



## School News



Learning to Make a Difference

### A Note to Parents

Dear Parents,

Tomorrow our students and teachers will have a free modified Spirit Day, a Jeans and Green Day, for St. Patrick's Day. Students may wear jeans and a B.S.S. spirit shirt, a green shirt, or an appropriate St. Patrick's Day shirt for no charge.

PSA will be selling Lenten lunch items tomorrow. The following items will be for sale: popcorn (.50), pretzel with cheese (\$3.00) and nachos with cheese (\$2.00 or \$2.50 with extra cheese). We will not offer walking tacos with meat throughout Lent.

Please remember that there will NOT be a Men's Club Fish Fry this week due to the set-up for the CultureFest. The final fish fry for this season will take place next Friday, March 23.

Looking ahead, third quarter report cards will be distributed by Fr. Jeff next Wednesday, March 21. If you have any questions regarding your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher. Also, don't forget that Engrade is an easy way to follow your child's grades throughout the quarter. We appreciate your continued help and support in making this a successful year for your child. Only one more quarter to go!!

Happy St. Patrick's Day! We hope to see you at CultureFest Sunday morning and at the Fine Arts Evening Sunday evening! Enjoy your weekend!

Sincerely,  
*Mrs. Kathy Wear*

### Hoops Mania Begins!

Thanks to all of our families who sold and/or purchased tickets for Hoops Mania! We sold 407 tickets and will have winners for every 29 tickets sold. Good luck to all of those who are participating!

### Join Us at CultureFest and Fine Arts Evening!

Our annual celebration of all of the arts will take place this Sunday, March 18, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Stop by and see the children's visual artwork and Young Author books. The sixth grade will present their Living Wax Museum at 9:30 a.m. in the gym, and the fourth graders will perform their recorder concert at 10:00 a.m. in the cafeteria. A Sponsor-a-Book opportunity will be available in the library, and look for a bake sale organized by our students to benefit our art room. Coffee and donuts will also be served. We extend a special thanks to Custom Cup Coffee for providing the coffee for this event.

Come back in the evening at 6:00 p.m. for our Fine Arts Evening recital. Our talented musicians, vocalists, and dancers will certainly impress you! We are grateful that

Karen Ferguson will be a guest accompanist for our students. Most of all, special thanks to Mrs. Ficke, Mrs. Mauntel, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Criscione, Ms. Alan, and Mrs. Hartman for their dedication and hard work that make these two celebrations of the arts possible!

### Congratulations, Young Authors!

Congratulations to our Young Authors contest winners for this year! All students in grades 3-8 are required to participate, and all of the students' books were well written and creatively illustrated. The grade level winners are as follows: Gr. K-2: 1<sup>st</sup> place: Damien Njapa Njeuha, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Anna Bertaina, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place (tie): Alex Humphrey & Max Humphrey; Gr. 3-4: 1<sup>st</sup> place: Meara Seelbach, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Elaina Malone, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Natalie Shafer; Gr. 5-6: 1<sup>st</sup> place: Paige Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Ileana Stremsterfer, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Ben Wilson; and Gr. 7-8: 1<sup>st</sup> place: Kaelin Kelley, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Audrey Frost, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Dani Kraft. A complete listing of all the classroom winners, along with the grade-level division winners for each category, accompanies today's newsletter. The grade-level division winners each will receive a Barnes and Noble gift card and Baskin Robbins gift certificates. The classroom winners all will receive Baskin Robbins gift certificates. We are proud of all our students' literary creations!

### Eighth Grade Honors at the State History Fair

Congratulations to all of our eighth graders who participated in the Regional Illinois History Fair last weekend! Briana Huelsman, Charlie Pittman, Andrew Reimers, and Alaric Wortman all received superior awards for their papers, and Joey Brown, Amelia Curtis, Audrey Frost, Madi Landgrebe, Aili Sluga, and Jackson Stewart received excellent awards in this category. Quinn Butler, Amelia Curtis, Carmen Dillman, Danielle Kraft, and Andrew Reimers all received superior awards for their exhibits, and Jack Davis, Xander Eberding, Audrey Frost, Madi Landgrebe, and Jaynanne Roate received excellent awards. Those with superior awards advance to the Illinois State History Fair in May. We are grateful to Ms. Alan and Mr. Manfredo for their support and guidance of the students in this endeavor.

### Bruins Update

Several sports seasons wrapped up this past week. Congratulations to our sixth grade boys' basketball teams on the successful completion of their seasons. The blue team placed second in the league tournament. Special thanks to Drew Keller, the coach of the blue team, and Chris Owsley and John Hyde, the coaches of the white team, for their guidance of the teams.

We also congratulate the fifth and sixth grade girls on the completion of their volleyball seasons. The girls all did a great job! The fifth grade blue team won the tournament championship, and the sixth grade team placed second in both the regular season and the tournament. Special thanks to the fifth grade coaches, Nick Allen and Tara Long, and the sixth grade coaches, Susan Faivre, Michelle Eades, and Emily Eades, for their time and dedication. We're proud of all of our athletes!

### **Hot Lunch Order Forms & Credits for April**

The hot lunch order form for April is going home today. Please return the completed form with payment to the school office by Friday, March 23. **Please note that the 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be at their Confirmation retreat on Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup>; the kindergarten class will be on a field trip to Decatur on Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>; and the 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be in St. Louis on their vocations trip on Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Please do not order lunch for students in those grades on their field trip dates.** Thank you!

The original March hot lunch order form inadvertently included yesterday, and several families ordered and paid for lunch for that day. Those who paid will receive a credit slip printed on salmon-colored paper to attach to the April form being sent home today. If you have any questions about the credit, please contact Mrs. Laura Horton, our accounts manager, at 522-7534, ext. 245.

### **SHG Student Support Services Informational Meeting**

SHG Student Support Services Informational Gathering will be held this evening, Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. for families who wish to learn about the various student support services that are offered at SHG. Those who currently receive support services at our school are encouraged to attend. The event will be held in the SHG Library, 1200 West Washington. No reservations are needed. For more information, please contact Jennifer Gronewold at gronewold@shg.org or at 787-1595, ext 112.

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

**Registration forms, along with the registration fees, were due back this past Monday, March 12.** Please make every effort to return the paperwork this week, as the numbers gathered at registration are critical in making the appropriate preparations for the upcoming school year. We appreciate your cooperation!

### **Tuition Assistance for 2018-2019**

The F.A.C.T.S. tuition assistance applications (along with the required supporting documentation) for the 2018-2019 school year are due March 31. **You may only apply online this year!** Parents may access the link on our website. Families will be notified in mid-May of their assistance. Please contact Laura Horton at 522-7534, ext. 245, with any questions or if you need assistance with the online process.

### **Hippity, Hoppity! Here Comes Scrip...**

What can you put in an Easter basket that reduces your tuition for next year? Scrip gift cards!! Check out the attached Easter flyer for ALL sorts of ways to use scrip this

Easter holiday... Questions on special ordering? Contact [scrip@bssbruins.org](mailto:scrip@bssbruins.org).

### **Toys 'R' Us Scrip Cards**

Are you shopping the discounts at Toys 'R'Us? You can still use scrip gift cards for up to 30 days from today. We have six cards in stock at \$20 each if you want to take advantage of the discounts and help the school at the same time!

### **Golf Team Informational Meeting**

Students currently in 4<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> grade who are interested in participating in our school's golf team are invited to attend an informational meeting with their parents on Wednesday, March 21, at 5:45 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The golf program and the summer events will be discussed.

### **SHG 8th Grade Dance**

Calling all 8th graders! Come dance the night away with the Class of 2022. The dance will be held at SHG's East Campus Commons on Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. All you need is the signed permission slip that you will receive from your school, your school I.D., and a non-perishable food item for St. Martin De Porres! See the permission slip form sent home today and posted on the school website.

### **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.

### **Service Hours Requirements & Waiver Request**

Statements with the number of family service hours earned to date will be included with the students' third quarter report cards. **If parents have completed the required number of service hours (20) for the year, they will not receive a statement. Please contact Michele Greenwood at 522-7534, ext. 201, if you have any questions.**

Please refer to the Family Service Hours flyer in your registration packet regarding the process to apply for a waiver for inability to complete the service hours. Please note that **a request for a waiver must be submitted in writing by April 15. No late submissions are accepted! Thank you!**

### **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 in advance for supporting this program!

### Save the Date: Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be Monday, June 18 – Friday, June 22 for students entering kindergarten through fifth grades. It will be from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon each day that week. Students entering 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades are also needed to volunteer as leaders. This is also an excellent time for parents who would like to earn all 20 of their service hours at once! Child care is available for the little ones of parent volunteers. This is an amazing week spent with friends praising God and having a blast. For more information or to sign up as a volunteer, contact Morgan Ambrose at 741-3831 or [morganfaithambrose@yahoo.com](mailto:morganfaithambrose@yahoo.com).

### St. Joseph's Home Easter Egg Hunt & Coloring Contest

St. Joseph's Home will host an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 31, at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to come and visit with the Easter Bunny and pick up a coloring sheet to enter into the coloring contest. Coloring sheets are also available on our school website. Prizes will be awarded in various age groups, up through 12 years of age, and the coloring sheets should be returned to our school by Friday, March 23. We will deliver any coloring sheets entries that day to St. Joseph's Home. Please call 529-5596 for more information.

### Springfield Youth Team Tennis

Students in kindergarten through eighth grade are invited to participate in a beginner tennis program. The program is being held at two locations. The program hosted at Christ the King School will be held on Mondays from March 19 through May 14, 2018, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. The program at St. Aloysius School will be held from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesdays from March 21 through May 9, 2018. The cost is \$35 per player. Online registration is available and closes on the day of the first session of each program location. See the flyers being emailed home today and posted on our school website for more details and contact information for any questions.

### SHG Alumni Scholarship Applications for 8<sup>th</sup> Graders

Extra copies of the applications for Sacred Heart-Griffin's alumni scholarship are available in our school office upon request. The completed application is due to Mrs. Wear by Wednesday, March 21, as the school portion has to be completed and submitted to SHG by March 28. No late applications are accepted!

### Looking Ahead

Friday, Mar. 16 –

Extra Modified Spirit Day/Jeans & Green – no charge!

NO Men's Club Fish Fry!!!

Sunday, Mar. 18 –

9:00 a.m. – noon – CultureFest

9:30 a.m. – 6<sup>th</sup> grade Living Wax Museum in the gym

10:00 a.m. – 4<sup>th</sup> grade recorder concert in the cafeteria

6:00 p.m. – Fine Arts Evening in the cafeteria

Monday, Mar. 19 –

8:20 a.m. – All-school Mass for Feast of St. Joseph

Tuesday, Mar. 20 –

7:00 p.m. – Women's Group Movin' in March in the gym

Wednesday, Mar. 21 –

Report Card Day!

**SHG Alumni Scholarship applications due to Mrs. Wear for completion of school information!**

5:45 p.m. – Golf team informational meeting in the cafeteria

Friday, Mar. 23 –

**April hot lunch order forms with payment due! St. Joseph's Home Easter coloring contest sheets due!**

1:15 p.m. – Fine Arts Evening Encore performance (select acts due to time constraints) for the students

5:00-7:00 p.m. - Men's Club Fish Fry

5:30-6:30 p.m. – Jubilate Choir will sing the Stations of the Cross in church

7:00 p.m. – Dance for 8<sup>th</sup> graders at SHG

Saturday, Mar. 24 –

Regional Science Fair at LLCC

Monday, Mar. 26 –

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

Tuesday, Mar. 27 –

7:00 p.m. – Women's Group Movin' in March in the gym

Wednesday, Mar. 28 –

9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. - Living Stations of the Cross performed for students

Thursday, Mar. 29 –

Holy Thursday

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

Friday, Mar. 30 –

Good Friday

3:00 p.m. – 7<sup>th</sup> grade performance of Living Stations of the Cross for the parish

Friday, Mar. 30 – Friday, April 6 –

No school - Easter break

### Please Remember!

**Before School Patrols for the Week of Mar. 19-23:**

Bill Hollahan    Brannon Kelley    Elliot Kren  
Hannah Lambert    Peyton Leahy    Brady Maloy

**After School Patrols for the Week of Mar. 19-23:**

Xuan Dinh    Addison Eades    Carter Etheridge

**Mass Servers for Mar. 17 & 18**

4:30 p.m. Saturday

Joey Scott & Abby Shafer

7:00 a.m. Sunday

Makayla Micklus & Jocelyn Nation

8:30 a.m. Sunday

Audrey Frost

10:30 a.m. Sunday

John Christie & Augustine Hyde

**Daily Servers for Mar. 19-23:**

8:00 a.m. M & W &

Tim Nudo

8:20 a.m. Tu.

& Tyler Furkin

8:00 a.m. Th. &

Ella Veile

8:20 a.m. Fri.

& Liam Egizii