

March 22, 2018

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School News

 Learning to Make a Difference 

A Note to Parents

Dear Parents,

This week we welcomed Lucy Wallner back to first grade, and her sister Elle returned to preschool last week. Lucy and Elle are excited to be here, and their classmates are thrilled to have them back at school. We are happy that Lucy is doing well with her treatments for leukemia. Please continue to keep Lucy and her family in your prayers.

We also ask for prayers for the VonDeBur family. We received word on Tuesday that Adam Skelton, the 34-year-old son-in-law of Ed VondeBur, our head of maintenance, passed away suddenly that morning. Adam and his wife, Cathy, have three children with a fourth on the way. We have asked Ed about any ways that we can support him and his family at this time. He asked only for our prayers for himself, but out of love for his daughter, he also let us know of a GoFundMe account set up for Cathy and her children. Ed has done so much this year for the benefit of all children enrolled at Blessed Sacrament, so the faculty is sponsoring an **extra modified Spirit Day tomorrow, Friday, March 23**, to benefit the fund for his daughter and grandchildren.

For the extra Spirit Day, students may wear jeans with B.S.S. spirit shirts, with any sports team shirts or jerseys, or with untucked uniform shirts for a minimum \$1 donation. All regular Spirit Day guidelines do apply, and this extra day is not covered by the pre-paid fee. With our theme of charity this year, we hope this gives all of our students and families an opportunity to share their love with this family in their hour of need. Please keep their entire family in your prayers, too.

The students in grades K-8 all received their report cards yesterday. If you have any questions regarding your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher. We appreciate your continued help and support in making this final quarter a successful one for your child.

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). The walking tacos and items with meat will return after Easter break.

The Men's Club will host their final fish fry of the Lenten season tomorrow evening, March 23, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. As always, in order to have the gym available for the children to use from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., we are in need of adults to chaperone. Thanks to all of the parents who have given so generously of their time in past weeks to provide this safe place for the children to play. We hope to be able to do the same this week with your help.

As we approach Holy Week, I hope your Lenten season has been a faith-filled journey. Enjoy your weekend!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kathy Wear

Celebrating the Arts!

We are most grateful to our art teachers, Ruth Ficke and Debbie Mauntel, for their creative vision, organization, and leadership of our annual CultureFest last weekend. The amount of time and energy given by them is truly remarkable! We also appreciate the assistance of Lisa Hartman, Angela Alan, Lori Criscione, and Sarah Allen in bringing this fantastic event to life each year. Special thanks to a group of fifth graders who organized and ran a bake sale throughout CultureFest to benefit the art room: Elise Ratcliffe, Ella Selinger, Ali Klinner, Isabela Burke, and Ava Moore. The bake sale raised \$400 for new supplies for the art room!

The fourth graders did an impressive job at their recorder concert Sunday morning as did the sixth graders in their Living Wax Museum. Our annual Young Authors manuscripts were on display at CultureFest, too. The grade division and classroom winning books by the students listed with last week's newsletter were included in a special display that day, and our students had the opportunity to visit the library at the beginning of the week to read all of the creative literary works by our students.

Our celebration of the arts continued Sunday evening with our annual Fine Arts Evening. Congratulations to all of our students who performed: Amelia Curtis, Maddie Landgrebe, Gwen Sluga, Albert Antonacci, Charles Pittman, Sarah Triphahn, Harrison Faulkner, Grayson Hady, Grace Klenke, Macklin Metzger, Nicholas Fervert, Reid Brady, Ella Veile, Keegan Sweeney, Laney Aleman, Cole Beger, William Pittman, Charlotte Apostol, Noah Jugan, Sadie Murphy, Jocelyn Voegele, Spencer Wood, Lila Ambrose, Phoebe DeFrain, Briana Huelsman, Madigan Sweeney, Liam Egizii, Aili Sluga, Elizabeth Allen, Portia Apostol, Addison Schneller, and Brigid Wilhite. Their performances were an amazing display of talent! Special thanks to guest piano accompanist Karen Ferguson, too.

Attendance Reminders

Last quarter our school community had an excessive number of absences due to the flu and other illnesses. We appreciate all who kept their children home so that others did not become ill. As we start the fourth quarter, we also want to remind parents of the importance of students arriving on time and being in attendance on a daily basis. The students feel more organized when they are on time, and our students are most successful when they are able to benefit from the teacher instruction, class discussion, and study reviews. We appreciate your help and cooperation in making sure your children are reaching their full potential through their hard work and the support and guidance of their teachers each day.

Hot Lunch Order Forms & Credits for April

The hot lunch order form for April went home last week. Please return the completed form with payment to the school office by tomorrow, Friday, March 23. **Please note that the 8th graders will be at their Confirmation retreat on Monday, April 9th; the kindergarten class will be on a field trip to Decatur on Tuesday, April 24th; and the 5th grade will be in St. Louis on their vocations trip on Thursday, April 26th. 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. An email was sent home previously listing those who paid for March 14th lunch and how much credit they have. Please deduct that credit from your total owed for April. If you have any questions about the credit, please contact Mrs. Laura Horton, our accounts manager, at 522-7534, ext. 245.

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, are being sent home with all of the 7th grade students tomorrow.** 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 will be offered on Saturday, April 14, at 9:00 a.m. and on Saturday, April 21, at 9:00 a.m. See the application cover letter for more details regarding the testing dates. Completed applications must be sent to your child's current math teacher for verification prior to being submitted to SHG. Therefore, please submit the application to your current math teacher on or before Tuesday, March 27. Thank you.

March "Dadness"

Our men's evening basketball team is getting ready to compete in their annual March "Dadness" tournament against three other parish teams. This year we are hosting the event in our school gym. Although the first round will be held this evening, the main event for fans will take place on Wednesday, March 28th. That evening the consolation game will be played at 6:00 p.m., and the championship game will follow at 7:30 p.m. In between games, students in grades 3-8 will be invited to take part in a knock-out competition. For a nominal admission fee, you can join the fun and cheer on our men's basketball team! Mark your calendars!

Registration for 2018-2019

Registration forms, along with the registration fees, were due back by March 12. Please make every effort to return the paperwork before Easter break, 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.

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.

Builders Club 7th and 8th Grade Dance

The Builders Club has rescheduled the 7th and 8th grade dance for Friday, April 13, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in our school cafeteria. More details will be coming soon!

Service Hours Waiver Request

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!**

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 23rd, 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 posted on the school website. School I.D. cards will be given to 8th graders tomorrow.

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 6th through 8th 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.

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 tomorrow, Friday, March 23. We will deliver any coloring sheets entries that day to St. Joseph's Home. Please call 529-5596 for more information.

Looking Ahead

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
7:00-9:00 p.m. – Dance for 8th 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 –

SHG 0-hour teacher recommendation forms for current 7th graders due to their math teacher!

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

Wednesday, Mar. 28 –

9:15 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. - Living Stations of the Cross performed for students (**note the change of time for the earlier performance due to Mass that day**)

6:00 & 7:30 p.m. – March "Dadness" men's basketball tournament in our school gym

Thursday, Mar. 29 –

Holy Thursday

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

7:00 p.m. – Holy Thursday Mass

Friday, Mar. 30 – Friday, April 6 –

No school - Easter break

Friday, Mar. 30 –

Good Friday

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

5:30 p.m. – Good Friday Service

Saturday, Mar. 31 –

Holy Saturday

8:00 p.m. – Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 1 –

7:00, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. – Easter Sunday Masses

Please Remember!

Before School Patrols for the Week of Mar. 26-30:

Ellen O'Brien	Jackson Pitz	Aria Rogers
Addison Schneller	Ethan Short	Gabby Stone

After School Patrols for the Week of Mar. 26-30:

Rachel Evans	Tyler Furkin	Kevin Gonzalez
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Mass Servers for Mar. 24 & 25

4:30 p.m. Saturday	Sophia Njapa, Liam Noonan, Jaynanne Roate & Alaina Roland
7:00 a.m. Sunday	Andrew Reimers
8:30 a.m. Sunday	Ethan Short & William & Charles Pittman
10:30 a.m. Sunday	Jack Ozyurt, Bill & Mike Hollahan

Daily Servers for Mar. 26-28:

8:00 a.m. M & W &	Matt Riedell
8:20 a.m. Tu.	& Nathan Jujan
8:00 a.m. Th. &	No morning Mass
8:20 a.m. Fri.	due to the Triduum services

***Please see the separate schedule sent to servers for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil on Saturday, and Easter Sunday**