

November 2, 2017

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School News

Learning to Make a Difference

A Note to Parents

Dear Parents,

This has certainly been a very full week! It was so much fun to see all of the Pre-K-fourth grade students in their Halloween costumes on Tuesday afternoon. There were lots of creative costumes this year! We especially thank all of the room parents for organizing such fun classroom parties as well as all of the volunteers who helped out that day.

Tomorrow, Nov. 3, we will celebrate Grandparents' Day. We look forward to welcoming all of our students' grandparents or special friends who will join us to tour the school, enjoy refreshments, and celebrate Mass together. **Our guests will be asked to wait in the cafeteria or gym until 8:15 a.m.** to allow time for the teachers to take attendance and for the older students to go to the youngest sibling's/relative's classroom. An announcement will be made at that time (8:15 a.m.) for the guests to proceed to the youngest child's classroom.

We will have several entrances open for the guests to enter the school, including the main entrance off the parking lot, the two entrances facing Laurel, and the entrance between the school and church by the adoration chapel. Mass will be celebrated at 9:45 a.m., and the students will be dismissed from Mass for the remainder of the day. They do not need to return to the school and may leave with their guests.

Special thanks to Lori Dye for coordinating the grandparents' day reception, to Christy Rutherford for the table decorations, and to the many parent volunteers who will set up and serve our guests during the reception. We couldn't do it without you!

We are also looking forward to seeing parents at parent-teacher conferences today and tomorrow. If you are unable to attend your scheduled conference, please call the school office as soon as possible or contact your child's teacher(s) to set up another time to meet. Thank you for your continued support!

Enjoy your weekend! Remember to set your clocks back on Sunday!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Kathy Wear

Congratulations!

Congratulations to fifth grader Timmy Nudo for receiving an individual Golden Award at our assembly on Monday. Timmy was recognized for always making good choices and being considerate of others. Also, congratulations to Natalie Jacobs and Sophia Cathers who were our yellow slip drawing winners. Their names were drawn out of all those students who were recently recognized with yellow slips

by teachers. Great job to all of our students who received yellow slips!

Welcome!

We welcomed another new student to our school this week. Julien Lytle joined Mrs. Senger's third grade homeroom this past Monday. We are happy to have Julien as the newest member of our student body! Directory information for his family will be shared in an upcoming newsletter.

Deadline for Hot Lunch Orders Extended

Late November hot lunch orders will be accepted through **tomorrow, Friday, Nov. 3. Order forms were emailed home again yesterday, and the forms are also posted on the school website.** We apologize for any inconvenience.

Thankful for Scrip?

B.S.S. Scrip is sponsoring a "Thankful for Scrip" promotion during the month of November. Purchase any scrip card from our "Thanksgiving Scrip Checklist" and you are automatically entered in a drawing. The winner receives \$100 of ScripScrip!! The checklist is attached to this newsletter. For questions about this wonderful opportunity, email scrip@bssbruins.org.

Going out for lunch after the Grandparents' Day Mass? It's not too late to buy scrip gift cards - what a great chance to show the grandparents how buying scrip gift cards will reduce your 18/19 B.S.S. tuition! We'll be selling scrip cards in the school entrance on Friday before and after Mass.

Super Food Drive Challenge

Thank you for your support and participation in this Super Food Drive Challenge throughout October! The winning school was Cathedral, but Catholic Charities was overwhelmed by the generosity of all of our Catholic schools. With Thanksgiving quickly approaching, they were especially appreciative and sent a thank you note stating that our schools were definitely superheroes by "feeding the hungry in our community and demonstrating the importance of giving to those in need." Again, thanks for your generosity!

Bruinettes Camp

Calling all girls in grades K-6 who enjoy dancing and have lots of school spirit! Our annual Bruinettes Camp is coming soon! Practices will be after school, Tuesday (11/14), Thursday (11/16), Friday (11/17), and Monday, November 20. The Bruinettes will perform between the 7th & 8th grade boys' home basketball games on Tuesday, November 21, at approximately 6:45 p.m. The cost to attend the camp is \$30

per child and includes a t-shirt to be worn at the game and a hair ribbon or bandana to be worn for the game. A registration form with a detailed practice schedule accompanies this newsletter and is posted on our school website. **Registrations are due back by Monday, November 6.** Please contact Taryn Grant at tarynr@hotmail.com with any questions.

Lunchroom Notes

We have a small but very faithful group of volunteers to serve hot lunches on Fridays. However, we could use a couple of extra hands! If anyone is available to help out once or twice a month, it would be greatly appreciated. If you are not able to commit to working specific Fridays, another option is to be placed on a substitute call list. If someone is going to be gone on a certain Friday, that person could call/email/text someone on the sub list to fill in. If you are interested in either option, please call the school office or email Mrs. Burke at burke@bssbruins.org. Thank you for your consideration!

Barnes and Noble Book Fair

Mark your calendars now for our annual Barnes and Noble Book Fair. It will be held on Monday, November 20, in the evening at the store located on Veterans Parkway. You will also be able to make online purchases from Nov. 20 through Nov. 25, which will count towards our school total. This is a great opportunity to start (or finish!) your holiday shopping and support BSS at the same time. Don't forget there is also scrip available to use for your purchases as well. This is always an enjoyable evening! A flyer with a voucher will be sent home next week and posted on our website.

Joint Activities with Catholic Grade Schools

Next Thursday, Nov. 9, our seventh graders will be joining with students from the other Springfield Catholic schools at SHG's West Campus for a retreat. This has always been a faith-filled experience for our students, and the day will conclude with Mass at St. Agnes. Parent drivers are needed to drop off students at SHG's West Campus and to pick them up at St. Agnes School. Permission slips are being sent home today and are due back to the school by next Tuesday, Nov. 7.

During the afternoon of Friday, Nov. 17, our fifth graders will join fifth graders from the other Springfield Catholic schools at Little Flower to complete an art project and then rake leaves and visit residents at St. Joseph's Home. In addition to a rake to use (labeled with the student's name), students are also being asked to bring a small gift of either hand/body lotion, puzzle books, or a small bag of candy bars to donate to the residents of St. Joseph's Home. Permission slips will be sent home with students next week.

March for Life for Eighth Graders

Students and chaperones attending the March for Life trip, sponsored by the Diocesan Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry, will leave for Washington, D.C., on Wednesday, Jan. 17, and will return on Sunday, Jan. 21, with the actual march taking place on Friday, Jan. 19. Information about the March for Life was distributed to our eighth graders today. Please note that the interest form must be returned to the school office by **Friday, Nov. 10.**

Lifetouch Picture Retakes

Lifetouch will be here for school picture retakes on Thursday, November 16. Students who are having their pictures retaken or were absent on the original picture day in October may be out of uniform that day. All non-uniform day guidelines apply. Students having their pictures retaken must return their original picture packet that day.

Vision and Hearing Rescreenings

Students for whom a rescreening was indicated or for those who were absent in the required screening grades in September will have their screenings on Tuesday, Nov. 14.

Boy Scout Troop 31 Poinsettia Sale

Just in time for Christmas! Blessed Sacrament Boy Scout Troop 31 is taking orders through November 15th for beautiful red or white poinsettias grown by Shelby County Community Services, the same greenhouse that grows the 5th grade mums! They are \$10 each and will be available for pick up on Friday, Dec. 1, after school. There will be a limited number for sale after Masses on Dec. 2nd & 3rd, but don't miss out . . . ask a Boy Scout! Contact Jennifer Wentz at jandj62@comcast.net for more information. Thank you!

Open Gym for Men's Basketball

The gym is open every Thursday evening at 9:00 p.m. for pickup men's basketball for any interested B.S.S. dads. Please enter the gym through the side door. If you have any questions, please contact John Stremsterfer at johnstrem74@gmail.com. They're hoping to get some "fresh recruits" to join them!

Head Lice Reminders

Recently, we have had some cases of head lice reported at various grade levels. Per school policy (page 16 in the handbook), children may not be in school until they have been treated and all nits have been removed from hair. School personnel do recheck the heads of students returning from lice treatment, and we also periodically check students/classes where lice is reported or suspected. Please routinely check your own children and also remind them **NOT** to share hats, brushes, hair bows/ties, etc. with other children as these actions spread lice. Thank you for your cooperation.

Some families report they sought treatment at the new Lice Clinic of America, now open at 2509 West Iles Avenue, and have been pleased with the results and their recommendation to have all family members checked. The website is www.LiceClinicSpringfield.com. Blessed Sacrament School does not endorse or support this clinic or any specific brand of lice treatment or deterrent products. We are simply providing this information as a service to our families.

SHG Preview Night 2017

Tonight, November 2, from 6:00- 7:30 p.m., we'll eagerly open our doors to students and parents interested in WHY SHG's community is different from so many others. Be the FIRST to view our new SHG video, meet teachers and students, and check out the school in a self- guided or personal tour! Plus, we'll have those famous cookies everyone

loves. This event is free and open to 5th-8th grade students and their parents or guardians interested in learning more about what makes Sacred Heart-Griffin a great school for students to learn and grow. Come find out where you want to be at SHG!

Eighth Grade Confirmation Dates

We just received word that our 8th grade Confirmation Mass will take place on Wednesday, April 11, at 7:00 p.m. Therefore, Enrollment Sunday, in preparation for Confirmation, will be at the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, February 25. Eighth grade families are asked to mark their calendars for these two important dates.

Missionary Childhood Association Art Contest

MCA is sponsoring its annual art contest, and entries must be submitted to the Office for the Missions, 1615 W. Washington, Springfield, IL 62702. Entries will be judged on the diocesan level and local winners announced. The top three entries from each grade level (K-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8) will be sent to the national MCA office in New York for judging. All entries must arrive in the Office for the Missions by Jan. 15, 2018. Entry forms and guidelines are available on our school website.

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 cost \$5 each, and Builders Club keeps 100% of each sale as their profit. Stop by the office to purchase one!

Advent by Candlelight

Women of our parish and their friends are invited to an evening of fellowship and reflection at Advent by Candlelight. This event will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 5th, and tickets are \$15 per person and must be purchased in advance. A nationally known speaker, Mary Lenaburg, will lead an Advent reflection after hors d'oeuvres and a dessert buffet. In addition, our own Jubilate Choir will perform. Space is limited, and the event has sold out in the past. Tickets can be purchased at our school and parish offices and after Masses. See the flyer being emailed home and posted on our school website today. Mark your calendars and make plans to attend this special event sponsored by our Blessed Sacrament Women's Club!

Looking Ahead

Thursday, Nov. 2 –

1:30 p.m. – Early dismissal; **no B.A.S.E.**
2:30-8:00 p.m. – Parent-teacher conferences
6:00-7:30 p.m. – SHG Preview Night

6:00 p.m. – Set-up for Grandparents' Day in the cafeteria

Friday, Nov. 3 –

Final deadline for November hot lunch orders!
Grandparents' Day – dismissal for students after 9:45 a.m. Mass; **no B.A.S.E.**

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

Sunday, Nov. 5 –

Daylight Savings Time ends!

Monday, Nov. 6 –

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

Wednesday, Nov. 8 –

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

Thursday, Nov. 9 –

7th grade joint retreat at SHG with Mass at St. Agnes

Friday, Nov. 10 –

8th grade March for Life interest forms due!

PSA Spirit Day (included in prepaid days)

Veterans' Day observation

Monday, Nov. 13 –

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

Tuesday, Nov. 14 –

Vision and hearing re-screenings

Wednesday, Nov. 15 –

4:00 p.m. – 7th & 8th grade boys' IESA home basketball games vs. Washington Middle School
6:30 p.m. - First Reconciliation for 2nd graders

Thursday, Nov. 16 –

Lifetouch Picture Re-takes (non-uniform day for those having school pictures taken)

Friday, Nov. 17 –

5th grade joint service afternoon at Little Flower & St. Joseph's Home

Monday, Nov. 20 –

8:20 a.m. - Leadership assembly (wear t-shirts)
6:00 p.m. – 7th & 8th grade boys' IESA home basketball games vs. Springfield Christian

Barnes & Noble Book Fair event at the store in the evening – more details to follow

Tuesday, Nov. 21 –

Mid-quarter progress reports go home
6:00 p.m. – 7th & 8th grade boys' IESA home basketball games vs. Little Flower; Bruinettes camp members perform between games

Wednesday, Nov. 22 – Friday, Nov. 24 –

No School! Happy Thanksgiving!

Please Remember!

Before School Patrols for the Week of Nov. 6-10:

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

After School Patrols for the Week of Nov. 6-10:

Xuan Dinh Addison Eades Carter Etheridge

Mass Servers for Nov. 4 & 5:

4:30 p.m. Saturday Mitch Dye
7:00 a.m. Sunday Emily Leefers
8:30 a.m. Sunday Luca Bonansinga & Lennon Long
10:30 a.m. Sunday Elliott Kren

Daily Servers for Nov. 6-10:

8:00 a.m. M & W & Cameron Booker
8:20 a.m. Tu. & Addison Eades
8:00 a.m. Th. & Henry Kinion
8:20 a.m. Fri. & Annie Mizeur