

October 19, 2017

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School News

Learning to Make a Difference

A Note to Parents

Dear Parents,

The first quarter ends tomorrow, and report cards for students in grades K-8 will be sent home next Friday, October 27. Parents of preschool students will receive their report cards at conferences. Along with the report cards, you will receive a summary of family service hours **submitted** during the first quarter and a form with the scheduled times for your parent-teacher conferences.

Thanks to all parents who returned the conference forms. Conferences are being held on Thursday, November 2, from 2:30 – 8:00 p.m. and Friday, November 3, from 12:00 – 5:00 p.m. We made every effort to fulfill your request for day and time, but we did have some requests that did not match up with the teacher's availability. If you need to call a teacher to schedule a conference at another mutually convenient time, that option will be indicated on the returned form. Any families who did not return forms on time were scheduled in open time slots. If you need to change a conference time for any reason, please call the school office as soon as possible to make those arrangements. As always, we appreciate your support and practice at home to help your child reach his/her full potential.

Today our students participated in the Great ShakeOut by holding our own earthquake drill at 10:19a.m., the same time that schools across the country participated in drills. Representatives from IEMA (Illinois Emergency Management Agency) were also present to observe our drill. Next week we will practice our safe place/intruder drill.

Next week we also will observe Red Ribbon Days and promote drug-free choices. The themes of each day are listed on the calendar in the *Looking Ahead* section of this newsletter. Special thanks to Mrs. Senger for planning and preparing for Red Ribbon Days for our students!

As part of next Friday's theme of *Heroes Serve*, we will have an extra Spirit Day on Oct. 27th to benefit Knights of Columbus and their work in providing religious education for special needs students. It is not covered by the prepaid Spirit Days. Students must bring \$1 to wear a B.S.S. Spirit Day shirt, athletic team shirt, or a superhero shirt (not costumes) with either jeans or uniform bottoms.

Enjoy your weekend!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kathy Wear

Thoughts from Father Jeff

What's the best way to say thank you to God for your blessings? What about bringing your family to Mass this weekend?

Correction to School Directory

We have an additional correction for our school directory. The email address for Melissa Schwoerer (Jack in 1st grade and Wyatt in kindergarten) was incorrect. The correct email address is melissa@engrainedbrewing.com. Please add that correction to your directory. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Bruins News

Congratulations to our cross country runners who competed at the state meet in Normal last Saturday! Our cooperative boys' and girls' teams with St. Agnes did an excellent job running the course with excellent times. Most importantly, we're proud of the way they supported each other and represented our schools. Special thanks to their coach, Mike O'Brien, for his leadership and guidance of our student athletes and to Brad Frost and Charlie Blackburn for their assistance with the team.

Missing Glasses

One of our students has lost her eye glasses. They are brownish black with yellow inside and also have a Sponge Bob emblem on the inside. If you find the glasses, please return them to the school office for the student. Thank you!

PSA "Pig" Race

In appreciation for our families participating in their recent wrapping paper fundraiser, PSA held a race of mechanical pigs at our leadership assembly on Monday. Names of students who participated in the fundraiser were drawn and matched with the different colored pigs. William Coady, William Flynn, Annaliese Hofner, Ella Selinger, and Kaden Smith had their names drawn, and Kaden Smith's pig won the race and the prize of a classroom party for his homeroom. Congratulations to Kaden and his classmates!

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 dyprnc@comcast.net. You will earn service hours, and this is always such a fun morning for our families!

Halloween Is Less Than Two Weeks Away!

There's nothing more SCARY than shopping without Scrip...**Looking for costumes:** Check out Target (donates 2.5%), Walmart (2.5%), Toys R Us (3%), Disney Store (3%), or Old Navy (14%). **Don't forget Halloween decorations for your house:** Hallmark (donates 4%), Pottery Barn (8%), or Pier One Imports (9%), **and, for all of those ambitious**

mom's that sew their children's costumes, remember: Joann Fabrics (donates 6%). Check out our **new Scrip form** (attached to this newsletter) and don't forget to shop online at www.shopwithscrip.com!

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 tomorrow, 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.

Dennis Uniform Company Sale!

Just in time...This Thursday – Saturday, October 19-21, Dennis Uniforms is offering 15% off all purchases and free shipping on orders over \$25! A flyer is posted on our school website, or you may go to www.dennisuniform.com.

Super Food Drive Challenge

There is only one week left for the 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!

Lunchroom Request

Please do not send bills greater than \$5 to purchase items from the snack tables on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Many of the snack items cost 25-75 cents, and we do not have enough coins and small bills to make change for \$10 and \$20 bills. Likewise, whenever possible, please do not send bills larger than \$10 to purchase items from the Friday lunch menu. Thank you so much for your cooperation!

November Hot Lunch Orders

The hot lunch order form for November is being sent home today. Please return the form with payment to the school office by next Tuesday, October 24.

October Box Tops Contest

A collection sheet was sent home last week 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!

Builders Club Halloween Sale

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.

Auction Survey

We extend our thanks, again, for 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/HO8BCL9>. Also, a hard copy of the survey was also sent home last week with the youngest child in each family. 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!

Halloween at the Old State Capitol

Students in Pre-K through fifth grade are invited to trick or treat at the Old State Capitol from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 28. This free event is hosted by the Illinois Executive Mansion Association and is taking place at the Old State Capitol this year due to the renovations at the Governor's Mansion. A flyer is posted on our school website for more information.

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.

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.

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!

Additional Page for Background Check Form

In the back-to-school packets, many parents received a background check form to complete, but the back side of the first page was not included in our forms. The missing forms were sent home a couple of weeks ago in an envelope addressed to the parent(s) needing to complete them. We appreciate that so many parents have returned the forms. We are sending additional copies of the form to those parents who still need to submit the missing page. We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your help in returning the forms as soon as possible so that they can be promptly processed.

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!

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!

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!

Looking Ahead

Friday, Oct. 20 –

End of First Quarter!
Service hours due to the office!
PreK-1 & PreK-2 field trip to Children's Safety Village
4th grade field trip to New Salem

Monday, Oct. 23 –

Red Ribbon Week: Heroes Help!
6th grade field trip to Challenger Learning Center
8:20 a.m. – Leadership assembly (wear t-shirts)
4:00 p.m. – 7th & 8th grade girls' home basketball games vs. Washington Middle School

Tuesday, Oct. 24 –

Red Ribbon Week: Heroes Encourage!
November hot lunch order forms due!
11:00 a.m. – Diocesan Mission Mass at Cathedral – 4th grade attends this Mass

Wednesday, Oct. 25 –

Red Ribbon Week: Heroes Respect Others!

10:00 a.m. - All-City Catholic Schools' Mass at SHG's athletic field; buses leave by 9:30 a.m. – fifth grade through eighth grade attending
6:00 p.m. – Girls' basketball home games vs. St. Al's/Cathedral; 8th grade recognized between games

Thursday, Oct. 26 –

Red Ribbon Week: Everyone Can Be a Hero!
2nd grade field trip to Lincoln Memorial Gardens

Friday, Oct. 27 –

Red Ribbon Week: Heroes Serve!
Extra Spirit Day to benefit Knights of Columbus; all students must bring \$1 to participate.
Box Tops collection forms due today!
Report Card Day!

Saturday, Oct. 28 & Sunday, Oct. 29 –

Builders Club Halloween Sale after Masses (not the 7:00 a.m. Mass) in the main school hallway

Sunday, Oct. 29 –

Boy Scout Pancake breakfast after all Masses in the school cafeteria

Monday, Oct. 30 –

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

Tuesday, Oct. 31 – *Happy Halloween!*

Free modified Spirit Day! Halloween or orange/black shirts with jeans or uniform bottoms
1:30 p.m. – Halloween 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; **no B.A.S.E.**
12:00-5:00 p.m. – Parent-teacher conferences

Please Remember!

Before School Patrols for the Week of Oct. 23-27:

Elizabeth Allen	Cameron Booker	Connor Brown
Joseph Cloyd	Chloe Coffey	Andrew Dailey

After School Patrols for the Week of Oct. 23-27:

Carter Anderson	Dylan Anderson	Portia Apostol
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Mass Servers for Oct. 21 & 22:

4:30 p.m. Saturday	Cameron Booker
7:00 a.m. Sunday	no current BSS students
8:30 a.m. Sunday	Henry Kinion, Finn Loken & Brady Maloy
10:30 a.m. Sunday	Frank Sluga

Daily Servers for Oct. 23-27:

8:00 a.m. M & W &	Madeline Landgrebe
8:20 a.m. Tu.	& Ellen O'Brien
8:00 a.m. Th. &	Caroline Lambert
8:20 a.m. Fri.	& Hannah Lambert