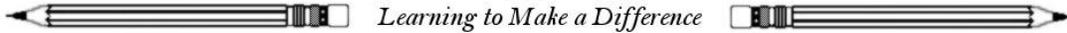


September 14, 2017

# † Blessed Sacrament



## School News



Learning to Make a Difference

### A Note to Parents

Dear Parents,

Our leadership assembly on Monday was enhanced by all of our students wearing their new leadership t-shirts! In addition to the focus of the assembly on the monthly virtue of charity, the shirts are a visual reminder to our students of the importance of charity, the Holy Spirit, and love for God and others in our lives. Don't forget that all students are required to wear their leadership shirts on Mondays! We'll understand if a student occasionally forgets or if there's a problem with a clean shirt, but, in general, the leadership shirts are part of the students' Monday uniforms. We want our entire student body to be leaders in their faith!

Father Jeff is sending home a letter today to parents regarding the importance of your involvement in our parish and school. We are grateful for the many ways you support our school and work with us to nurture each student in body, mind, and spirit. Please read Father's letter and prayerfully consider his three requests of parents.

The midpoint of the first quarter is almost here! On Monday, September 18, progress reports will be sent home for all students in grades 2-8. Please remember that you can check your child's progress on Engrade at any time. Grades are always updated weekly by 5:00 p.m. on Mondays and often more frequently. If you have concerns about your child's grades or study habits, please contact the teachers now rather than waiting until the end of the quarter. We are happy to work with you so that your child will have a successful and rewarding year!

Congratulations to our boys' baseball team on their 12-1 win over Buffalo Tri-City in their regional game on Tuesday. Good luck to them on Saturday in their game at noon at Athens. Good luck to our cross country team in their meet this afternoon at 4:30 p.m. at Lincoln Park and in their meet on Saturday at 9:30 a.m. in Franklin. Also, good luck to our school's representatives in the boys' & girls' state golf meets this Saturday in Peoria. We will honor our golfers at a pep rally tomorrow at 2:30 p.m. Go, Bruins!

Enjoy your weekend!

Sincerely,  
*Mrs. Kathy Wear*

### Friday Hot Lunch

Our ever-popular Friday hot lunches have returned, and we are still in need of Friday hot lunch volunteers to assist us this year. New volunteers are always welcome, even if you can only commit to one Friday a month. If interested, please come to the cafeteria at 10:45 a.m. on Fridays. We appreciate

all of our hot lunch volunteers' time and dedication! We couldn't offer this lunch without them!

### Extra Spirit Day

The four classes who had the highest percentage of parent attendance at our August Back-to-School Night, Mrs. Kuhlman's first grade, Ms. Yoho's second grade, Mrs. Ketchum's fourth grade, and Mrs. Morehead's fifth grade, will have their **extra free Spirit Day on Friday, September 22.** This Spirit Day is only for these four classes and their teachers! The regular Spirit Day guidelines apply.

### Seventh Grade Science Fair Meeting

There is a meeting for parents of seventh grade students to discuss the science fair requirements on Tuesday, September 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the science lab. Mrs. Reiser and Mrs. Hollahan will present the project overview to parents along with information about all of the project's requirements. Please plan to attend!

### Band Meeting

Students in grades 4-8 will be able to participate in our Springfield Catholic Elementary Schools' Band this year. Theresa O'Hare, the new band director, visited our school last Friday. This Sunday, September 17, there will be an informational meeting for parents and students from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Sacred Heart-Griffin band room. The meeting will include a demonstration of various instruments as well as the opportunity to rent instruments, meet with band instructors, and purchase supplies. Representatives from Boyd's Music will be there. Mark your calendar to attend and find out how you can be a part of this exciting opportunity!

### ALL THINGS AUCTION!

Check out the Volume 4 edition of *All Things Auction* being sent home today! Additionally, a flyer and raffle ticket order form for the custom indoor/outdoor bar raffle is going home with the youngest children today. Tickets for the bar raffle are \$25 each, and the bar is on display in the cafeteria.

We will also have our traditional "Big" Auction Parish Raffle for cash and the new "golden ticket" raffle. Those tickets were sent home to every family last week and are also available in the school office. Check out the "golden ticket" raffle flyer sent home last week. Be sure your calendars are marked for September 30th! Register in advance for your tickets and be a part of this fun event!

### **Engrade Homework Postings**

In our ongoing effort to make Engrade more user-friendly for families, we are instituting a common way to post homework on a daily basis at the junior high level. All of the sixth through eighth grade teachers will post assignments to the calendar and will include the due date for each assignment. That should help clarify when assignments and tests are due.

As sixth through eighth grade parents and students log on to Engrade, you are able to click on the calendar tab on the left-hand side of the "classes" page. That will take you to the assignment calendar where you will find all assignments posted daily. You may need to click on each individual subject to see the assignment and its due date in that area. Be sure to click on the assignment for a full description, complete with due date. Also, look ahead on the calendar as long-range assignments are often posted on the calendar on the day that they are due, not the day that they are assigned.

Please remember that the Engrade system is a back-up check for students and parents. Students should have their assignments recorded in their agendas each night and also should be able to explain any details of an assignment posted on Engrade as the system does not allow for long, detailed descriptions of assignments.

Although second through eighth grade teachers post homework on Engrade, teachers in younger grades may choose to continue to notify parents of assignments via Engrade messages, emails, calendars, newsletters, etc. as it may work best for their individual classrooms. Again, please remember that your children should have assignments written in their agendas, which should be the first source of information. Your child's teacher will be able to answer any specific questions that you or your child may have.

### **Garden Mums**

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade class is sponsoring a mum sale to benefit the missions. The 10" mums are available in a variety of colors for \$8 each. Order forms with information were sent home last week with the students. The deadline has been extended! **Orders with payment are due back to school tomorrow, Friday, Sept. 15, and mums can be picked up from dismissal-4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 20, between the school and the church. A copy of the order form is on the school website.** We appreciate your support of our 5<sup>th</sup> grade mission project!

### **Guest Presenter**

Next week, we are so pleased to welcome Lori Benson-Adams, M.Ed. back to Blessed Sacrament School. Mrs. Benson-Adams was at our school last February for two intensive days of professional development for our faculty on the topic of the brain development of children and strategies for students with learning differences, including ADHD, dyslexia, and autism spectrum disabilities. She will be with us three days next week to focus on the topic of *Executive Functioning Skills in Children: Building Attention, Self-Control and Memory to Propel Learning*. Mrs. Benson-Adams will work with the teachers on grade-level specific expectations and strategies that will greatly benefit all the students as they progress through their academic careers. She will also provide an interactive lesson for the fifth through

eighth grade students, divided by grade levels, on how the brain learns and learning styles. The goal of the student presentations is to help students better understand their own learning styles (and challenges) so that they may utilize organizational strategies and study skills to their fullest potentials. The goal should be to work smarter not harder!

Mrs. Benson-Adams also has some very limited time available on Monday and Wednesday afternoons (1:30-2:15 p.m.) to meet with parents either individually or in a small group to discuss specific situations or concerns and provide answers and guidance to parents. If you are interested in meeting with Mrs. Benson-Adams either individually or in a small group, please contact Mrs. Burke by Friday afternoon, September 15, via email at [burke@bssbruins.org](mailto:burke@bssbruins.org). Mrs. Burke will then be in contact with those interested to schedule times. Parents are also welcome to join their students' grade level presentation, according to the following schedule: Monday, Sept. 18, 8<sup>th</sup> grade from 2:25- 2:55; Tuesday, Sept. 19, 5<sup>th</sup> grade from 1:45-2:20 and 7<sup>th</sup> grade from 2:25-2:55; and Wednesday, Sept. 20, 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 2:25-2:55. If you are interested in attending your student's session, please email Mrs. Burke or call the school office in advance so we may plan accordingly with handouts and seating.

### **Support for Hurricane Harvey Victims**

Thank you to all those who participated in our coin drive last week to support the victims of Hurricane Harvey. We raised \$4,448.66 in change, cash, and checks. Your overwhelming generosity in helping others in their time of need is truly appreciated!!

### **Coleman's Cozy Dog Auction Lunch**

Our annual student auction lunch will be Friday, September 29. Students will receive a cozy dog, chips, and a cookie for \$3.50. A special order form was sent home last week and is due back with payment by Friday, September 22. The regular PSA hot lunch will NOT be served that day. Students will need to bring a sack lunch if they choose not to order the cozy dog lunch. Special thanks to the Colemans, Kathy Harth and Michelle Eades, for this lunch!

### **Physical & Eye Examination Reminders**

Please remember that all school physicals are due in the office prior to October 15. All children entering kindergarten and sixth grade must have their school physical forms and updated immunization records on file in the school office. Also, kindergartners and any students new to Illinois schools need to submit proof of an eye exam by October 15. Please contact Michele at 522-7534, ext. 201, with questions.

### **Community Day 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!

### Choir Opportunities

There will be a Chorister Church Choir directed by Mrs. Jody Kienzler this semester. The age group for this choir is 3rd-5th grades. The choir will be rehearsing on the Saturday that they sing at Mass, which will generally be the 4th Saturday of the month. The very first rehearsal will be Saturday, Sept. 23, from 3:15-4:15 p.m. in the church music room. At the conclusion of the rehearsal, the choir will sing at the 4:30 p.m. Mass. The faithful from this choir will be chosen to sing in the Jubilate Choir next year. Please call the church office, 528-7521, if you have questions or want to register. Hope you'll be able to join them in September!

### SHG Golden Angel Junior Poms Camp

The SHG Poms will host their Junior Poms Camp on Saturday, September 23, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at SHG's East Campus. Children in grades K-8 are invited to participate. Participants will perform during the halftime of the SHG/ football game on Friday, September 29. The fee is \$40 and pre-registration is due by Sept. 16. However, walk-ins are welcome the day of the camp. Registration forms with additional information can be found at [www.bssbruins.org](http://www.bssbruins.org) or in the SHG school office.

### SHG ShopAPalooza

SHG ShopAPalooza is seeking vendors for its annual shopping event on Sunday, October 22, 2017, at SHG's West Campus from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Sign up now to take advantage of early bird registration until Sept. 15, and save \$10 off the price of your booth. For more information about the event, please email [SHGShopAPalooza@gmail.com](mailto:SHGShopAPalooza@gmail.com).

### Looking Ahead

Friday, Sept. 15 –

#### Orders for mums due!

2:30 p.m. – Pep rally in the gym

Sunday, Sept. 17 –

3:00-6:00 p.m. – Informational band meeting in SHG Band Room

Monday, Sept. 18 –

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

Mid-quarter progress reports for grades 2-8

Tuesday, Sept. 19 –

Vision and hearing screenings

6:00 p.m. – Girls' basketball home games vs. St.

Agnes

7:00 p.m. – Parent meeting for seventh grade science fair in the science lab

Wednesday, Sept. 20 –

8:30 a.m. - Windy City Players performance for PreK-4th grade

**3:00-4:30 – Mum pick-up between the school & church**

Thursday, Sept. 21 –

6:00 p.m. – Girls' basketball home games vs. Calvary

Friday, Sept. 22 –

**Deadline for PSA fundraiser sale!**

**Cozy Dog Auction Lunch order forms due!**

**Extra spirit day for Mrs. Kuhlman's first grade,**

**Ms. Yoho's second grade, Mrs. Ketchum's fourth**

**grade, and Mrs. Morehead's fifth grade classes**

**only** for winning the Back-to-School Night parent attendance award.

Vision/hearing screenings for MWF Pre-K and re-screenings

Saturday, Sept. 23 & Sunday, Sept. 24 –

Flu shot clinic in the cafeteria after Masses

Monday, Sept. 25 – 8:20 a.m. –

Leadership assembly (wear t-shirts)

Wednesday, Sept. 27 –

4:30 p.m. – Girls' basketball home games vs. Lincoln Magnet

Friday, Sept. 29 –

Coleman's Cozy Dog Auction Lunch;

**no regular Friday lunch items for sale**

12:40 p.m. - Children's Auction Raffle drawings

1:30 p.m. dismissal – No BASE available!

Saturday, Sept. 30 –

5:30 p.m. - Annual Parish/School Auction

### Please Remember!

#### Before School Patrols for the Week of Sept. 18-22:

Noah Ward      Adam Wente      Jeffrey Wernsing  
Carter Anderson      Dylan Anderson      Portia Apostol

#### After School Patrols for the Week of Sept. 18-22:

Bill Hollahan      Brannon Kelley      Elliott Kren

#### Mass Servers for Sept. 16 & 17: (only BSS students listed)

4:30 p.m. Saturday      Seth Faivre & Teddy Thornberry

7:00 a.m. Sunday      no current BSS student

8:30 a.m. Sunday      Caroline & Hannah Lambert

10:30 a.m. Sunday      Luca Bonansinga & Grace Minder

#### Daily Servers for Sept. 18-22:

8:00 a.m. M & W &      Will DeSalle

8:20 a.m. Tu.      & Sam DeSalle

8:00 a.m. Th. &      Eamon Mahoney

8:20 a.m. Fri.      & Annie Mizeur