

† Blessed Sacrament



School News

Learning to Make a Difference

February 7, 2019

A Note to Parents

Dear Parents,

For the two days in session, we enjoyed a wonderful celebration of Catholic education throughout Catholic Schools Week last week. It was exciting to cheer on the staff and 8th graders as they faced each other in volleyball, and the teachers were very appreciative of the luncheon on Friday. Today's rescheduled Student Appreciation Day went well, and everyone enjoyed the Chicago Boyz performance! Thank you, again, for all that you do to support Catholic education at Blessed Sacrament. We couldn't do it without you! Please see the related articles about other rescheduled events.

It's hard to believe that we're already halfway through the third quarter! Mid-quarter progress reports will be sent home tomorrow with all students in grades 2-8. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher.

Also coming up is registration for the 2019-2020 school year. Please see the related articles reviewing the process and the attachment regarding a handbook revision to our admissions policy.

Tomorrow is a regular PSA Spirit Day, which is included with the prepaid days. Students may wear any B.S.S. spirit shirt with jeans or uniform bottoms. Students who did not prepay must bring \$1 to participate.

Congratulations to our 8th grade girls volleyball team on their victories in the Franklin tournament last weekend. Their 1st place trophy arrived at the school yesterday! We continue to cheer on all our Bruins in their activities: Scholastic Bowl, wrestling, volleyball, and basketball!

We also want to keep our 8th graders in our prayers as their journey towards Confirmation continues. They will participate in a special ceremony at 8:30 a.m. Mass for Enrollment Sunday.

Good luck to our 7th graders who are presenting their science fair projects tomorrow after school. The science and history fair projects will be on display in our school cafeteria this weekend, and school families and parishioners will have a chance to view them after the 4:30 Mass on Saturday and after all of the Masses on Sunday. We're proud of our students' efforts and extend our thanks to their teachers and parents for their support throughout the process.

I hope you stop by and enjoy their papers and projects. Have a good weekend!

Yours in faith,
Mrs. Dawn Kliner

Hot Lunch Changes

Due to the school closures last week, the following changes are made to the previously ordered hot lunches:

- Tuesday, January 29 lunches will be rescheduled for Tuesday, March 5.
- Thursday, February 7 lunches were refunded to lunch accounts. The hot dog lunch from PSA was provided today instead.
- Wednesday, February 27 lunches will be refunded to lunch accounts. The pre-ordered parent appreciation lunch from McCormick's will be served instead.

Rescheduled Parent Appreciation Lunch

Parents are invited to eat lunch with their students on our rescheduled parent appreciation day lunch on Wednesday, February 27, according to the schedule below:

Last names G-N: 11:00-11:30 a.m.

Last names O-Z: 11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Last names A-F: 12:00-12:30 p.m.

Pre-ordered McCormick's lunches will be served that day.

However, **if you would still like to pre-order lunches from McCormick's, or need to revise your order due to the date change, please contact Laura Horton at horton@bssbruins.org by February 21st.**

Rescheduled Chick-fil-A BSS Spirit Night

There's no need to cook dinner on Parent Appreciation Day! **Please join us for a spirit night at Chick-fil-A on Wednesday, February 27, from 4:30-7:30 p.m.** Patrons who present the BSS flyer will have a portion of their order total donated to Blessed Sacrament School! As a bonus, Chick-fil-A will provide a free nugget tray (200 nuggets) to the class with the highest total dollars in sales that evening! The flyer will be sent home with all students and is also available on our website. Please come out to enjoy dinner with fellow school and parish families and support our PSA at the same time!

Rescheduled Family Roller-skating Night from Catholic Schools Week

All Blessed Sacrament School families are invited to attend our family roller-skating night on **Thursday, February 28, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Skateland South**. Since this is part of our rescheduled Student Appreciation Day, there will be **NO HOMEWORK** that evening!! :) The cost is only \$4 per skater, which includes skate rental. The snack bar and arcade games will also be open for purchases. Everyone really

enjoyed this event in the past, so please plan to join us again. Please remember that children cannot be dropped off and left unsupervised. There must be an adult responsible for the children at Skateland. Thank you for your cooperation. We hope to see you there!

Free Valentine's Day Spirit Day

Students will have a free spirit day for Valentine's Day next Thursday, February 14. Students may wear a red, pink, or Valentine's Day shirt with jeans or uniform bottoms for no charge. Happy Valentine's Day!

Open House for Prospective Families

On Thursday, Feb. 19, we will host an open house for prospective families from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Please invite anyone who might be interested in learning more about Blessed Sacrament School!

Preschool/Pre-K & Kindergarten Registration Intent Letters for 2019-2020

Again this year, parents of current preschool/pre-K students have the opportunity to indicate their preferences for kindergarten or preschool/pre-K for their family before registration begins. Likewise, current families in K-8 in our school also have the opportunity to indicate their intent for preschool/pre-K or kindergarten for their younger children via an intent letter. The intent letters accompany today's newsletter and will be sent home with preschool/pre-K students next week. **Please return the intent letter to the school office by Friday, February 15. Parents who return an intent form by Friday, February 15, will not need to go through the registration process for their preschool/pre-K and kindergarten students on March 4 and/or March 5.**

Registration for 2019-2020

We will have registration for new preschool and kindergarten families, with preschool and pre-K parents registering their children in person on Monday, March 4, beginning at 7:30 a.m., and new families with kindergarten students registering them in person on Tuesday, March 5, beginning at 7:30 a.m. Parents of all current preschool/pre-K and current K-8 families have the opportunity to indicate their preferences for kindergarten or preschool/pre-K via intent letters. (See the next article above for details.)

The registration period for first through eighth grades for the 2019-2020 school year begins on Tuesday, March 5, with registration packets being sent home with current students. Registration forms are due back on Tuesday, March 19. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Update on Lucy Wallner

The Wallner family would like to share an update on Lucy's progress with everyone. For those of you who may not know, Lucy was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) when she was five years old in kindergarten. Currently a second-grader, she is in the last phase of the 2 ½ year treatment program. She goes monthly for chemotherapy

treatments, takes daily chemo medicines at home, and has quarterly spinal taps. Lucy continues to have positive results and is scheduled to finish her treatments this coming July. However, the chemo treatments cause her to have a compromised immune system. Therefore, Lucy and her sister Elle, who is in kindergarten, have not been in school since Christmas break to keep them safe from the flu season. The girls both look forward to returning to school to finish out the year with their classes, hopefully early in the spring. Lucy's family and her parents, Amy and Trevor, are so grateful for all of the continued prayers!

Illnesses and Attendance

In order to provide the healthiest environment possible for all of our students and staff, we ask that parents please closely monitor ill students. Per our school policy, students are to be kept home until they are fever-free (without Tylenol or ibuprofen) for 24 hours. Likewise, similar guidelines apply if a child has been actively vomiting or experiencing other stomach virus symptoms. Oftentimes, if a child is sent home ill from school for one of these reasons, we do not anticipate they will be well enough to return the following day. Thank you for your cooperation!

Camp Ondessonk Saturday Spectacular at BSS

Camp Ondessonk is hosting an event for ages 6-15, on Saturday, March 9th, from 1-8 p.m., at Blessed Sacrament School to help support Camp's campership fund, which helps raise money for children to go to camp! At this event, The Saturday Spectacular, children will get to experience what a week of camp looks like in one day for only \$35! For more information, please email lodge.springfield@gmail.com to request the sign up information. A flyer is also attached to today's newsletter. Thank you!

PSA Trivia Night

Save the date! PSA is hosting a trivia night on March 30. Please contact Melanie Verry for more information: tayty0816@att.net

Vacation Bible School

Summer will be here before we know it, and now is the time to start planning Vacation Bible School! Blessed Sacrament is looking for a new coordinator for Vacation Bible School this summer. Our parish VBS is held for one week each June. This is such a wonderful faith and fun-filled activity for the children of our parish and school. If you are interested in learning more about this volunteer opportunity (which would fulfill the 20 service-hour requirement) please contact Morgan Ambrose at ambrose@bssbruins.org. Thank you for your consideration of this opportunity!

Join us for Mass!

The Healy family invites you to attend Mass at Blessed Sacrament: Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. and Sundays at 7:00, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.



Mrs. Healy--6th/7th grade math teacher

4:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Chick-fil-A BSS Spirit Night at the restaurant - a portion of sales during this time (must present CFA flyer) will benefit our PSA! Please join us for dinner!

Thursday, Feb. 28 -

5:30-7:30 p.m. - Family Roller Skating Night at Skateland; \$4 per skater (skates included)

Looking Ahead

Friday, Feb. 8 -

PSA spirit day (included with pre-paid days)

Box Tops collection forms due today!

Mid-quarter reports

7th-grade science fair - judging after school

Saturday, Feb. 9 - Sunday, Feb. 10 -

Science and History Fair open after all Masses

8:30 a.m. Enrollment Mass for 8th graders

Monday, Feb. 11 -

8:15 a.m. - Leadership assembly (wear t-shirts)

Wednesday, Feb. 13 -

1:30 p.m. dismissal - faculty meeting

1:30-3:30 p.m. - Fine Arts Evening tryouts in the music room

Thursday, Feb. 14 - Happy Valentine's Day

Free spirit day: wear red, pink, or Valentine's Day shirt with jeans for no charge

Classroom parties in the afternoon

Monday, Feb. 18 -

No school - Presidents' Day

Tuesday, Feb. 19 -

6:00-7:30 p.m. - Open house for prospective families

Sunday, Feb. 24 -

CultureFest and Fine Arts Evening

Monday, Feb. 25 -

8:15 a.m. - Leadership assembly (wear t-shirts)

Wednesday, Feb. 27 - Rescheduled Parent Appreciation day

Modified Spirit Day - students may wear BSS spirit wear or jerseys of their favorite professional athletic teams with jeans or uniform bottoms.

Parent lunch with students:

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