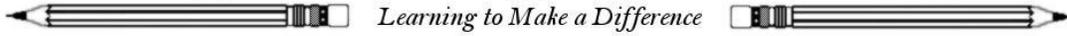


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School News



March 7, 2019

A Note to Parents

Dear Parents,

This week our students in grades 1-8 worked hard completing Iowa Assessments (standardized testing). Any necessary make-up testing takes place now through March 15.

We have several events to celebrate! Congratulations to all of the Girl Scouts who will be recognized and will receive awards at the 8:30 a.m. Mass this Sunday! We also congratulate our regional spelling bee participants: Emma Allen placed second, and Olivia Redpath placed first. Both girls advance to the state spelling bee in April! Lastly, we want to recognize our student athletes for tremendous seasons: our Saints wrestling participants, our 6th, 7th, and 8th grade boys basketball teams, and our 7th and 8th grade girls volleyball teams all finished their seasons since the last newsletter. Thank you to our coaches and athletes for all their hard work. You should be proud!

Preparations for the 2019-2020 school year are underway! Registration materials were sent home with students, so please see the related article. It was also announced in an earlier email that due to registration numbers, we will be expanding our PreK program to include two classes of all-day PreK for 4-year-olds next year.

Along with welcoming new students to our Blessed Sacrament School family, we will sadly be saying goodbye to others. Mrs. Mitzi Maloy is leaving her position as our resource teacher to join her family's business. Mrs. Sheri Stauffer is retiring from our preschool at the same time as her husband in order to spend more time with family and travel. Mrs. Janice Davis is resigning as athletic director (but will remain our PE teacher). We cannot express enough how grateful we are for the contributions these staff members have made to our school over the years. We wish them luck in all their future endeavors!

These open positions among our faculty, along with the additional PreK teacher and aide that are needed, may be advertised in the near future.

We also share our deepest sympathy for Mrs. Kate Senger's family upon the death of her father earlier this week. I know that the entire Blessed Sacrament family is here to support Mrs. Senger and will keep her family in their prayers.

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead an hour on Sunday! We sure hope spring is on the way. Enjoy your weekend!

Yours in faith,
Mrs. Dawn Kliner

Neighborhood Parking Concern at Dismissal

Recently, the owner of the business Twisted Sister on Laurel Street contacted our school about parking. It seems that some cars have been parking on Laurel Street blocking both drives into the business, which is just east of Peases. This has been occurring more frequently, and some cars have backed into the spots in the business parking lot to wait for students at dismissal each day. Please avoid blocking the entrances into the parking lot, and do not utilize the lot's parking spaces to wait for students at dismissal. Thank you for your cooperation and being a good neighbor!

Thank you for your Support!

Thank you to all of our families who turned out to celebrate our "belated" Catholic Schools Week activities last week! We had a wonderful crowd at Chick-fil-A on Wednesday evening, and our school will receive \$568 from Chick-fil-A, which is 20% of our school's sales that evening. Mrs. Harth's kindergarten class won the 200 piece chicken nuggets tray for the class with highest participation that evening. They'll enjoy their treat soon!

We were so happy to have a fantastic turnout for roller skating on Thursday evening at Skateland. The owner of Skateland compliments our students on their behavior and respect towards others. We appreciate Skateland partnering with our school to provide this fun family evening!

We are also appreciative of your support of Scizooka during CultureFest. The school received proceeds of \$297 for the art program.

PSA Trivia Night

PSA is hosting a trivia night on Saturday, March 30. Tickets are \$160 to reserve a table of 8. There is a flyer and ticket order form being sent home today. Please contact Melanie Verry for more information: tayty0816@att.net.

2019-2020 Tuition Rates

A letter was emailed to every family recently regarding the tuition rates for the 2019-2020 school year. After consultation with the Finance Council and the School Board, the tuition rates for the 2019-2020 school year will see a slight increase next year. The registration fee will be \$100 per child. The new tuition rates are: 1 child - \$4,025, 2 children - \$6,100, 3+ children - \$7,750, and Non-Parish - \$5,500 per child. Preschool/pre-K tuition rates for the 2019-2020 school year are as follows: Tu/Th preschool \$1,100, MWF pre-K \$1,500, and all-day pre-K -\$4,025.

Registration for 2019-2020

The registration period for first through eighth grades for the 2019-2020 school year began on Tuesday, March 5, with registration packets being sent home with current students. Registration forms are due back on Monday, March 18. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Tuition Assistance for 2019-2020

The F.A.C.T.S. tuition assistance applications (along with the required supporting documentation) for the 2019-2020 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 for assistance with the online process.

Buy Our Pizza, We “Knead” the Dough!

P.S.A. is selling frozen Turbo Fire Pizzas! Order forms were sent home on February 28th and will be due back on March 14th. These frozen pizzas will be prepared fresh and ready for pick up on March 27th after the early dismissal at 11:30. The top fifteen sellers in our school will get to ride in a limo for lunch at Turbo Fire Pizza! Please help our P.S.A. raise funds for all the “extras” that they provide! Thank you!!

Parish Mission

Blessed Sacrament will hold a Parish Mission from Sunday, March 10, through Wednesday, March 13. Father Paul Chetcuti, SJ, will lead the prayer and give a reflection each evening at 6:30 p.m. in the church. The session will last about one hour. The theme is Walking with Jesus. Father is from the country of Malta and for many years worked as a spiritual advisor to Mother Teresa (now St. Teresa of Calcutta) and her community. He also worked with youth in his own country of Malta. Each evening he will speak on the ways we can follow the Lord more closely as a disciple. Sunday evening will focus on the call He gives to our youth. We invite our children, especially those in junior high, to attend. On another evening, we will offer the sacrament of anointing of the sick, and on Wednesday, a Mass. You are invited to attend and bring a friend along with you. What a wonderful start to Lent!

Spring Photo Day

Thursday, March 21, is our Spring Photo Day. Students may be out of uniform for the photos that day but must follow all non-uniform guidelines. If in doubt about a particular clothing item, please send an alternate option with your child so that it will not be necessary to call home for a change of clothing. Photos do not have to be pre-ordered for this day, but a flyer will be sent home with information about the backgrounds. If you have a preference of backgrounds, return the Selection Form with your child on Spring Photo Day. Later, Lifetouch will send home a packet of the photos to all parents; you may return all photos or purchase what you want and return the rest. Lifetouch generously makes a

donation to the school for our participation in Spring Photo Day, whether or not the parents buy any photos.

Scholastic Book Fair is Coming!

The annual spring Scholastic Book Fair is coming the week of March 25-29. The book fair will be open for purchases each day during school hours as well as during the Lenten Fish Fry on Friday, March 22, and Friday, March 29. We are still in need of a coordinator as well as volunteers to staff the book fair during school hours. Please contact librarian Lori Criscione at criscione@bssbruins.org to inquire or volunteer. It's a great way to earn service hours!

Men's Club Fish Fry

The first Men's Club Fish Fry is tomorrow, Friday, March 8, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Adult dinners and children's dinners are available. Cheese pizza is also available. The gym may be open at 5:30 p.m. as an area for children to play if enough adult chaperones are available. We need a volunteer or group of volunteers to coordinate this service each fish fry. If your child/children use the gym, please consider taking your turn and helping out in this way. You will earn family service hours, too! If you would be available to cover a shift (5:30-6:15 p.m. or 6:15-7:00 p.m.) tomorrow, please email/call the school office and indicate your availability. All chaperones must have taken Protecting God's Children! If we do not have enough chaperones, the gym will not be open. The parking lot and field are off-limits for children.

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!

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.

Service Hours Requirements & Waiver Request

Statements with the number of family service hours earned to date will be included with the students' third-quarter report cards. If parents have completed the required number of service hours (20) for the year, they will not receive a statement. Please contact Michele Greenwood at 522-7534, ext. 201, if you have any questions. 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!

St. Patrick's School Blarney Bash

St. Patrick's Catholic School is hosting its 6th Annual Blarney Bash party and auction on Friday, March 15, 2019. The "best pre-party for St. Patrick's Day in town" will be held at the LRS Hangar at Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport from 5:30-8:30. Tickets are \$30/person and \$55/couple. Reservations can be made online at www.st-patrick.org or by calling (217) 523-7670.

SHG Presents CATS!

SHG is excited to present their 2019 Spring Musical, CATS. Show times are March 22, 29, and 30 at 7:30 p.m., March 24 and 31 at 5:00 p.m., and March 30 at 2:00 p.m. The Children's Event will be Sunday, March 24th at 3:00 p.m., the cost is \$15 and includes a ticket to the show. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students/senior citizens. To order, email ticketoffice@shg.org or call (217) 787-1595 ext. 153.

Christ Renews His Parish

Our faith is a beautiful gift we share with our children, and as parents, the best thing we can do for our children is to let them see us living our faith. One way you can show the importance of your faith is to attend a CRHP weekend retreat! CRHP stands for Christ Renews His Parish. The women's retreat is coming up on March 23-24. Take time to rediscover your personal relationship with God, grow closer to our wonderful Blessed Sacrament community, and share your renewal with your family. Go to www.bsps.org to register. If you have any questions, please email Karen Senger at senger7@ameritech.net.

March 15 Modified Spirit Day Fundraiser

In March, Dance Marathon at the University of Illinois Springfield is hosting a marathon event in which all funds will be donated to St. John's Hospital Children's Miracle Network. We will support this cause by allowing students to wear BSS, green, or appropriate St. Patrick's Day shirts with jeans or uniform bottoms for \$1. Any checks may be made out to UIS with a memo of Dance Marathon.

Interested in Lacrosse?

The park district is still taking registration forms for this year's lacrosse season! It is NOT too late to sign up. There are teams for all age groups! The registration fee is \$125. If you

need to rent the lacrosse gear, it is \$125 and you will get \$100 back once the equipment is returned in good condition. The registration form is attached.

Join us for Mass!

The Madiar 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. Madiar--Kindergarten Teacher

Looking Ahead

Friday, March 8 -
Men's Club Fish Fry

Sunday, March 10 -
Daylight Savings Time begins!
8:30 a.m. - Girl Scout Sunday Mass

Monday, March 11 -
Leadership assembly (wear t-shirts)

Wednesday, March 13 -
Reconciliation for grades 2, 4, 5
1:30 p.m. - dismissal for faculty meeting

Thursday, March 14 -
Reconciliation for grades 3, 6-8
3:00-4:00 p.m. - Garden Club Meeting

Friday, March 15 -
Extra spirit day for \$1 towards Dance Marathon and St. John's Children's Miracle Network!
Men's Club Fish Fry

Monday, March 18 -
Leadership assembly (wear t-shirts)

Tuesday, March 19 - End of third quarter!

Wednesday, March 20 -
7:00 p.m. 8th-grade Confirmation

Thursday, March 21 -
Lifetouch spring photos - non-uniform day

Friday, March 22 -
Men's Club Fish Fry

Monday, March 25-Friday, March 29
Spring Scholastic Book Fair open all week!

Monday, March 25 -
Leadership assembly (wear t-shirts)

Tuesday, March 26 - Report cards!

Wednesday, March 27 -
11:30 a.m.- dismissal for faculty inservice
No BASE available!
PSA pizza fundraiser pickup

Friday, March 29 -
Men's Club Fish Fry

Saturday, March 30 -
PSA Trivia Night