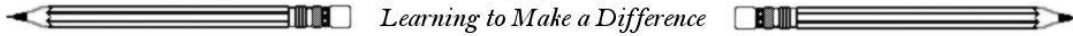


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School News



Learning to Make a Difference

November 1, 2018

A Note to Parents

This week has been full of excitement with Halloween festivities, Grandparents' Day, and preparing for parent-teacher conferences. I am so proud to be a part of this tremendous community!

Don't forget that tomorrow, **Friday, Nov. 2, is an early dismissal immediately following Mass at 9:45**, and after-school care at B.A.S.E. is NOT available tomorrow. Please see the related article on Grandparents' Day for details.

Thanks to all parents who are attending parent-teacher conferences today, Thursday, November 1, from 2:30 – 8:00 p.m. and Friday, November 2, from 12:00 – 5:00 p.m. Doors will be open at the main entrance and at both Laurel Street entrances. As always, we appreciate your support and practice at home to help your child reach his/her full potential!

To further incorporate our community, we are asking that students bring to the office pictures of any Veterans from their families. We will make a copy of any original photos for a special bulletin board to observe Veterans' Day on Monday, November 12. Please include the name of the person, the branch of the military, and the relationship to the student(s) at BSS. Thank you to all our Veterans!

Yours in faith,
Mrs. Dawn Klinger

Grandparents' Day is tomorrow, Friday, November 2!

All students are welcome to invite their grandparents or special friends to join us tomorrow to tour the school, enjoy refreshments, and celebrate Mass together. Please be aware that normal student drop-off will still occur in the main parking lot from 7:45-8:05. Grandparents may enter the building through both entrances on Laurel Street and the main school entrance off of the parking lot.

In order for the teachers to have time to take attendance, our **guests will be asked to wait in the cafeteria or gym until 8:15 a.m.** when the older siblings will go to the youngest sibling's classroom to meet the guests. An announcement will be made at that time to proceed to the classrooms. 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 Rachel Pennell, Tulin Ozyurt, and Jennifer Creasey for coordinating this event!

Scrip News

If you ordered lunch gift cards from Scrip for Grandparents Day, your gift cards are coming home today - look for a bright gold envelope. It's not too early to start planning/shopping for Christmas. We have added Scheels' gift cards to our inventory - they come in \$25 cards and

Scheels gives 6% back to Blessed Sacrament School. Place ANY scrip order during the month of November and you're eligible to win a \$25 Scheels gift card.

Lifetouch Picture Retakes

Lifetouch will be here for school picture retakes on Friday, November 9. 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.

Barnes and Noble Bookfair BEGINS November 19!

BSS library is hosting a book fair event at Barnes and Noble store at Veterans Parkway on Monday, November 19 in the evening. There will be performances and scavenger hunts. Please use our fair number 1239627 at the register any time that day, including in the Cafe, and the school library gets a percentage of sales. Also, you can use the book fair number online until November 24th. There is a new and expanding toy section which may come in handy for early Christmas shopping!

SHG Preview Night 2018

On Thursday, November 8, from 6:00- 7:30 p.m., we'll open our doors to students and parents interested in why SHG's community is different from so many others. Come and see what life is like at SHG, meet teachers and students, and check out our beautiful 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, transfer 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! For more information or to set up a Shadow Day, contact Amanda Mandeville, Director of Enrollment Management and Communications at mandeville@shg.org or 217-787-9732.

Women's Club Gingerbread Night

Due to a conflict with a game, the date of our gingerbread night has been changed to Monday, November 19. Tickets may be purchased in the parish or school office.

Pastor's Annual Party

Father Jeff invites our parents (adults only, please) to attend the Pastor's Annual Party to be held on Sunday, Nov. 18, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Get your

holiday season off to a festive start! Visit with other parents and parishioners while enjoying cocktails and hors d'oeuvres.

Volunteers may be needed after school on Friday, Nov. 16, or Saturday, Nov. 17, to help with set-up for the Pastor's Annual Party. Please call Kim Hoffmann at 522-7534, ext. 206, if you are interested in helping. This is a good opportunity to earn service hours!

High Speed Rail Notification

The Illinois Department of Transportation Division of Railroads has updated all schools on the progress of the high speed rail initiative from Chicago to St. Louis. In turn, all schools are being asked to share the following information with parents.

Beginning October 23rd, trains traveling through Springfield will increase speeds weekly in 5 mph increments until speeds reach 40 mph. It is projected that this increase will reduce the delay at crossings. Safety improvements have been a priority of the program, and include new crossing gates for vehicles and pedestrians, crossing signals and warning devices, fencing, and crossing improvements. You may visit the official website at www.idothsr.org for more information.

Boy Scouts in Need of New Trailer

The Blessed Sacrament Boy Scout Troop 31 is in need of a new trailer. The current trailer is over 15 years old and needs repairs - plus with our growing troop, we could use a bigger trailer for going to camps and scout activities. The Troop hopes to raise \$6,000 to pay for a new trailer, which will be owned by the Parish for the Scouts. Any donation for our new trailer is greatly appreciated! Scouts will collect donations after all Masses next weekend (October 27 & 28). You can also leave an envelope marked "Scouts trailer" in the parish office or school office. Thank you very much from all your scouts!

Looking Ahead

Thursday, Nov. 1 -

8:20 a.m. - All school Mass for All Saints' Day
1:30 dismissal - No BASE available!
2:30-8:00 p.m. - Parent/teacher conferences

Friday, Nov. 2 - Grandparents' Day!

8:15 a.m. - Guests may arrive and proceed to the classrooms
9:45 a.m. - Mass in Church; students are dismissed with their grandparents immediately following Mass
No BASE available!

12:00-5:00 - Parent/teacher conferences

Sunday, Nov. 4 -

Daylight Savings Time Ends! Fall back one hour!

Monday, Nov. 5 -

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

Thursday, Nov. 8 -

3:00-4:00 p.m. Garden Club for grades 2-8 meet in courtyard

Friday, Nov. 9 -

PSA spirit day
Picture retake day

Monday, Nov. 12 - Veterans' Day observed

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

Wednesday, Nov. 14 -

1:30 p.m. - dismissal for faculty meeting

6:30 p.m. - First Reconciliation for 2nd grade

Friday, Nov. 16 -

5th grade joint service project at St. Joseph Home

Sunday, Nov. 18 -

5:30 p.m. - Pastor's Annual Party

Monday, Nov. 19 -

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

Barnes & Noble Book Fair Event at the store

Tuesday, Nov. 20 -

Mid-quarter reports sent home

Wednesday, Nov. 21-Friday, Nov. 23 -

No school! Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday, Nov. 30 -

5th/6th grade IMSA field trip