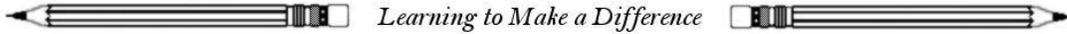


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## School News



October 18, 2018

### A Note to Parents

I have been completely overwhelmed by the generosity of our community, parish, and school families in preparation for this year's auction! Our volunteers are simply amazing! In addition, the excitement for the Children's Raffle portion of our Annual Auction has been building all week! The drawings will be held tomorrow at a special assembly.

Don't forget that tomorrow, **Friday, Oct. 19, is a 1:30 p.m. early dismissal**, and after-school care at B.A.S.E. is NOT available tomorrow. Parents will have the opportunity to check in for the auction from 1:30-5 p.m. Also, PSA will not be serving any lunch items tomorrow. If students did not pre-order the corn dog lunch, they will need to bring a sack lunch tomorrow.

The first quarter ends tomorrow, and report cards for students in grades K-8 will be sent home next Wednesday, October 24. 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 1, from 2:30 – 8:00 p.m. and Friday, November 2, from 12:00 – 5:00 p.m. We made every effort to fulfill your request for day and time, but *due to the high volume of requests for Thursday this year*, we were not able to accommodate all families of students in grades 5-8. The office may be contacting some families, and 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. 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 10:18a.m., the same time that schools across the country participated in drills.

Red Ribbon Week begins on Monday and promotes drug-free choices. The themes of each day are listed on the calendar in the *Looking Ahead* section of this newsletter. Special thanks to our committee for planning and preparing for Red Ribbon Week for our students!

Please make plans to join us at the Annual Auction this Saturday, Oct. 20! Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner being served at 6:30 p.m., and the live auction begins at approximately 7:15 p.m. Tickets may still be purchased online and dress is casual. I hope to see you there! Have a good weekend!

Yours in faith,  
Mrs. Dawn Klinner

### FREE Spirit Day Tomorrow

Friday, October 19, will be a free spirit day in recognition of everyone's hard work for and support of our annual auction. Students may wear any official BSS Spirit Day t-shirt with jeans or uniform bottoms, but we encourage those who purchased the auction t-shirts to wear them. No other types of shorts or pants are acceptable, and all other regular Spirit Day guidelines do apply.

### Haunted House Drawing Contest

Entrees for the drawing contest sent home last week are due tomorrow, October 19. Artwork will be displayed in school to get us all in the Halloween spirit!

### School Directory Corrections

There are a few corrections/changes to note in the school directories that were sent home last week. The email address for first grader Amelia Robinson's mother, Jennifer Meyer, should be [jmeyer72@aol.com](mailto:jmeyer72@aol.com).

### 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 topic of the lessons this year is *Risky Adult Behavior*. The lessons will be presented during the beginning of November. 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!

### Sports Pictures at St. Agnes

On Tuesday, Oct. 23 in St. Agnes gym, the softball team will have pictures at 4:10 and cross country team at 4:20. Jerseys and shorts will be returned after pictures.

### 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.

### Volunteers Needed for Grandparents' Day

Grandparents' Day on Friday, Nov. 2, is just two weeks away! This year, there will be a special photo backdrop available for snapping family photos with smartphones, courtesy of our 8th Grade Art Club. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up on Thursday, November 1, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Volunteers are also needed from 8:00-10:30 a.m. on Friday morning, November 2, to assist with serving Mel-O-Cream's famous glazed donuts along, Panera coffee, milk, and fruit, as well as clean-up. Please contact Rachel Pennell at

622-0697 or via email [rpennell@rolandmachinery.com](mailto:rpennell@rolandmachinery.com) to volunteer. You will earn service hours, and this is always such an enjoyable morning!

### **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. 19. 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.

### **New Opportunity to Earn Family Service Hours**

Adults may submit up to ten hours of participation in Perpetual Adoration towards their family service hour total. Proper credit can only occur if the adult signs up in advance.

### **November Hot Lunch Orders**

The hot lunch order form for November is now open for online orders at the [www.ezparentcenter.com](http://www.ezparentcenter.com). The ordering portal will be open through Friday, October 26. Please remember you may always add funds to your students' accounts either online or by sending a check to Mrs. Laura Horton in the school office. Thank you for your cooperation with our new lunch ordering system this year!

### **Dennis Uniform Sale This Weekend**

Get 15% off your purchase + FREE SHIPPING on orders over \$25! Shop online and in stores, October 18th - 20th, 2018. Now is a good time to stock up for cooler months!

### **Extra Halloween Spirit Day and Halloween Parade**

Wednesday, Oct. 31, we will have an extra modified Spirit Day for our students for Halloween. For no charge, the students may wear an appropriate Halloween or orange or black shirt (for Halloween) or any B.S.S. Spirit Day t-shirt or sweatshirt with jeans or uniform bottoms. All other regular Spirit Day guidelines, including those regarding make-up, fingernail polish, hair, and shoes, still apply.

The annual Halloween parade for students in Pre-K through fourth grade will take place at 1:30 p.m. on Halloween. Our upper grade students will be sitting on the upper bleachers or around the perimeter of the gym, and parents are encouraged to join them in either location to view the parade. Students in grades PreK-4 will be allowed to change into costumes for the parade. We ask that the Halloween costumes be appropriate for our school setting. After the parade, all the students will return to their classrooms for Halloween parties and K-4 students may remain in their costumes for the parties.

### **Grandparents' Day on Friday, November 2**

All students are welcome to invite their grandparents or special friends to join us that day to tour the school, enjoy refreshments, and celebrate Mass together. 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. We will have several entrances open for the guests to enter the school, including the main entrance off the parking lot, the two entrances facing Laurel, and the entrance between the school and church by the adoration chapel. To avoid congestion, we do ask that any guests arriving early go to the cafeteria or gym to wait until the 8:15 a.m. announcement. 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.

### **It's Beginning to Look A lot Like... Christmas?**

Sure it was 80 degrees last week but Christmas will be here before you know it. Are there certain stores where you will definitely be Christmas shopping? Purchase a little bit of scrip each week, store it in a safe place and you'll be ready for Black Friday AND Black Monday online shopping.

### **The Box Tops are Coming, Just Like the Great Pumpkin!**

Please remember to complete the Box Tops collection form sent home last week. All students who return completed forms by October 26, will receive a Halloween treat bag. Thank you for supporting this program!

### **Builders Club Halloween Sale**

Builders Club will sell Halloween-themed items on Wednesday, October 31. The sale will run from 7:30-8:30 a.m., during all four lunch periods, and possibly during the Halloween parade that afternoon. All items will cost between \$1-\$5. Items for sale include Halloween Smencils, Glitter Gel Smens (pens), Sketch 'n Sniff Gel Crayons, and Halloween-themed grab bags with an assortment of Halloween other items inside each bag.

### **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**

Friday, Oct. 19 -

End of 1st quarter!

Students may wear auction T-shirts

Children's Raffle Auction Drawings

1:30 dismissal - NO BASE available!!

Saturday, Oct. 20 - 5:30 p.m. - Annual school/parish auction

Monday, Oct. 22 - Red Ribbon Week begins! Band Together

- Wear a red bandana with your leadership shirt. Kick off the week at morning assembly. Sing our assembly song as a "band"!

- Check out the sign in the cafeteria!

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

Tuesday, Oct. 23 - 6th grade Challenger field trip

Be a Force for Kindness

- A little spark of kindness can add a burst of sunshine to someone's day. Pass out kind words to others. Students will get a pencil today!

Wednesday, Oct. 24 - Report cards

Be a Buddy, not a Bully Day

- Do a project with your buddies today. Students will need to bring a rock to paint with their buddies. They will paint the rocks with a kind word. Older buddies will have a tag to give to their buddies. Rocks will decorate our courtyard!

Thursday, Oct. 25 - 5th grade Funks Grove field trip

Peace Out to Drugs

- Wear tie dyed or bright shirts and peace signs with uniform pants---students will get stickers to go with this theme.

Friday, Oct. 26 - I'm a "Jean-ius," I'm drug free!

- Wear jeans with spirit shirt. Students will get tattoos "I'm too bright for drugs," or "My future matters I'm drug free"

Monday, Oct. 29 - 8:20 a.m. - Leadership assembly (wear t-shirts)

Tuesday, Oct. 30 - 4th grade New Salem field trip

Wednesday, Oct. 31 - Happy Halloween!

1:30 p.m. - costume parade for prek-4th grade  
Classroom Halloween parties!

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 -

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

Wednesday, Nov. 14 -

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

Friday, Nov. 16 -

5th grade joint service project at St. Joseph Home

Sunday, Nov. 18 -

Pastor's Annual Party

Monday, Nov. 19 -

8:20 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!