

# + Blessed Sacrament



## School News



*Learning to Make a Difference*

October 4, 2018

### A Note to Parents

This week we kicked off the month of October with many special events. Through our positive behavior system, we will be holding monthly Out of the Blue celebrations. This week sock hops (lower grades) and volleyball games (upper grades) were held to reward those with great behavior during the month of September. Students will again be rewarded after the month of October, but the type of reward will be a surprise!

We had our Lifetouch fall photos taken today, and students smiled beautifully! Orders were taken in person or online, and retakes will occur on November 9 for any students/families in need.

We also held two practice fire drills this week with wonderful results! Students and staff worked together to quickly and quietly get to a safe area outside. Sometime this fall, our local fire department will run a drill with us to observe our procedures.

Tomorrow ends the Incredible Food Drive for Catholic Charities. Thanks to all of you who have already donated food and helped fill our grocery carts each week! The food pantry is most in need of pancake mix, syrup and pasta sauce at this point. Let's make a special effort to bring in food tomorrow so our last "weigh in" of food items will reflect the generous spirit of our Blessed Sacrament community!

We wish good luck to our cross country team in the sectionals competition this weekend. School will not be in session on Monday, Oct. 8, in observance of Columbus Day. Enjoy the three-day weekend with your family!

Yours in faith,  
*Mrs. Dawn Klinner*

### Auction News!

Have FUN while you earn service hours at Boots & Bow Ties, our Annual Auction! We would especially love volunteer help with:

- Friday, 10/19 set up from 1:30-5pm
- Manning various raffle tables after 7pm
- Plating/Serving Food from 6-7pm
- Silent Auction shifts throughout the evening
- Clean up crew (9pm)

Sign up in seconds with this link

<http://signup.com/go/DWvgKmn>, choose something you like and SIGN UP! It's THAT EASY! Questions? Contact Megan DeFrain @ (217) 971-8726. THANK YOU and see you there!

### Letter from Fr. Jeff

Please be sure to read the letter to all families from Fr. Jeff that accompanies today's newsletter. Fr. Jeff challenges all families to meet the spiritual needs of your children in addition to the physical, educational, and social aspects of their lives by attending Mass together every weekend.

### 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.

### Fall Book Fair

Thank you to all those who supported our fall book fair last week. We especially appreciate all of the volunteers who helped out every day! We couldn't do it without you. This year we utilized a different company, Follett, for our fall fair. However, we will continue to host a Scholastic book fair in the spring. There are some differences between the two fairs, with each having pros and cons. If you or your children have any feedback you'd like to share, please contact our librarians, Mrs. Lori Criscione at [criscione@bssbruins.org](mailto:criscione@bssbruins.org) or Mrs. Sarah Allen at [allen@bssbruins.org](mailto:allen@bssbruins.org). Thank you!

### 5th annual SHG Adult Homecoming Celebration

SHG's 5th annual adult homecoming will be held on Friday, October 12th, immediately following the Homecoming game at West Campus. Everyone (21 and over) is invited for a fun evening with live music from local cover artist, Max Fessler, beginning at 9pm. Admission is free with a cash bar. Special addition this year: The Mega Raffle Early Bird Drawing will be held during this event - so don't miss out! Come and celebrate a great Homecoming evening with friends, fellow alums, parents of alums, and friends of SHG!

### Before Care Reminder

Please remember that all students dropped off at school prior to 7:45 a.m. will be brought into the Before Care Program and parents are responsible for paying the associated fees. Please refer to the B.A.S.E. handbook online if you have any questions. Thank you for your cooperation!

**Thank you!**

Thank you for your support of the Eagle Scout project of our BSS alum, Andrew Mauntel. The generosity of some many who donated diapers is truly appreciated!

### **Free Girl Scout Event for Catholic Schools This Saturday!**

This Saturday, October 6, the Girl Scout Council is hosting a FREE event, exclusive for all families of Catholic Schools (being a member of Girl Scouts is not required). It will be held, at Camp Widgiwagan from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Explore the outdoors for some inspiration as you unleash your inner artist., and take home your creations. Current Girl Scouts will have the opportunity to earn a badge. Try your hand at archery. This event will be held rain or shine. An RSVP is NOT required in advance, but appreciated if possible for planning purposes. Please see the flyer being sent home today and also posted on our school website for more details. Hope to see you there! Thank you to Girl Scouts of Central Illinois for sponsoring this wonderful, family-friendly opportunity for Catholic Schools!!

### **Garden Club**

Students in grades 2-8 are invited to join the Garden Club! The club meets four times a year from 3:00-4:00 p.m. in our courtyard garden to help maintain the area along with learning about plant health and different types of produce. Here are the dates for this school year: October 11, November 8, April 11, and May 9.

### **Scrip News**

Even Easier to Earn \$\$ at Sam's Club/Walmart Sam's Club/Walmart cards are now reloadable! You can purchase any size card (\$25, \$100 or \$250) from Blessed Sacrament School's scrip program. When you've used up the card, you can save it, and go online to choose EXACTLY how much money you want to put back on the card. There's no need to rush to school to buy another card every time you have a "Sam's Club Emergency". For instructions on how to reload, download the Reload Instructions on the school website or contact scrip@bssbruins.org to set up a one-on-one tutorial.

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

Please watch for a Box Tops collection form to be sent home with all students next week. All students who return completed forms by October 26, will receive a Halloween treat bag. Thank you for supporting this program!

### **Spring Musical - Aladdin, Jr!!**

Mrs. Hartman and Mrs. Grant announced that *Aladdin Jr.* will be our spring musical this year. The dates for the spring musical have been changed from what is listed on the school calendar. **The new performance dates are April 12 and 13.**

### **Blessed Sacrament Women's Club Event**

Visions of sugarplums are coming early to Blessed Sacrament! The Women's Club invites women of the parish to come assemble, decorate and take home your own gingerbread

house on Tuesday, November 13th at 6:30 PM in the school cafeteria. Space is limited to the first 50 ladies who register and pay the \$10 fee in the school or parish office.

### **Parish Flu Shot Clinic**

A Flu Shot Clinic for anyone age 10 and over will be offered to the parishioners of Blessed Sacrament after all Masses, on Saturday, October 13, and Sunday, October 14. The hi- dose vaccine for those age 65 and over will be available. It is sponsored by Hy-Vee's Pharmacy (no charge with Medicare/Medicaid card and most insurance companies or \$21.99 with no insurance). Mark your calendars!

### **Men's Pickup Basketball**

All men of the parish are invited to play pickup basketball every Thursday at 9:00 p.m. in the BSS gym. Are you new to the school or parish? Here's a great way to meet other dads and have a fun night out! If you are interested or have any questions, please email John Stremsterfer at johnstrem74@gmail.com or Josh Watson at jjwatson@sorlinglaw.com.

### **Looking Ahead**

Friday, Oct. 5 -

PSA spirit day (included with prepaid days)

2:15 - First Friday Benediction gr. 2-8

Monday, Oct. 8 - No school - Columbus Day

Wednesday, Oct. 10 - 1:30 p.m. dismissal - faculty meeting

Thursday, Oct. 11 - 3:00-4:00 p.m. - Garden Club meeting

Monday, Oct. 15 -

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

11:00 a.m. - Diocesan Mission Mass (4th grade attends - permission slips to follow)

Wednesday, Oct. 17 -

6:30 p.m. - First Reconciliation meeting for 2nd grade parents in church

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!

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

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

Wednesday, Oct. 24 - Report cards

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

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!