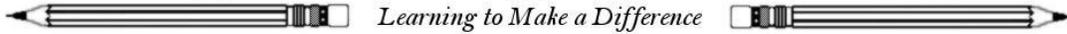


# † Blessed Sacrament



## School News



Learning to Make a Difference

September 19, 2019

### A Note to Parents

Dear Parents,

Our leadership assemblies are now enhanced by all of our students wearing their new leadership t-shirts! In addition to the focus of the assembly on the monthly virtue of hope, the shirts are a visual reminder to our students of our yearly theme: I am a little pencil in the hands of a writing God.

Don't forget that all students are required to wear their leadership shirts on Mondays! We'll understand if a student occasionally forgets or if there's a problem with a clean shirt, but, in general, the leadership shirts are part of the students' Monday uniforms. We want our entire student body to be leaders in their faith!

The midpoint of the first quarter was this week! Yesterday, progress reports were sent home for all students in grades 2-8. Please remember that you can check your child's progress on Rediker at any time. Grades are always updated weekly by 5:00 p.m. on Mondays and often more frequently. If you have concerns about your child's grades or study habits, please contact the teachers now rather than waiting until the end of the quarter. We are happy to work with you so that your child will have a successful and rewarding year!

Since our last newsletter, some Bruins teams finished their seasons: softball and golf. The softball team finished their season in a regional game in Quincy, and we thank all those who went out to support our team! Also, congratulations to our golf team members who competed in the state meet last Saturday. Laney Aleman placed 42nd, Julian Valenti placed 49th, Gigi Gray placed 58th, and Macie Petropoulos placed 69th. What a great state meet! We extend special thanks to the golf team's coach, Jason Aleman, and all those who assisted either the golf or softball team for their guidance and dedication!

**Please remember that this year we would like to have photos of school families at Mass for the newsletters, so please send your family photos taken in our church to [klinner@bssbruins.org](mailto:klinner@bssbruins.org).**

Yours in faith,  
*Mrs. Dawn Klinner*

### Parents Program on Culture Reframed

Christ the King is hosting an important presentation for parents on Culture Reframed: Building Resilience and Resistance to Hypersexualized Media and Porn on Thursday, September 26th from 6:00pm to 7:30pm in the Christ the King Parish Center. This is a parents-only presentation open to all

parents whose children attend a Catholic School or Parish School of Religion. BSS parents who attend will receive credit for two service hours, so be sure to sign in when you arrive at CTK. Please see the flyer accompanying today's newsletter for more information. We hope you join us as we work together to promote a better environment and appropriate use of social media and the internet amongst our families and students.

### Fall Scholastic Book Fair Coming Soon!

Our annual fall book fair is coming September 23-27, and we are really in need of volunteers for this event, which runs from 8:00-2:45 on school days. This is always such a fun event to benefit our library, and a great way to earn service hours. If you are interested in volunteering in this capacity, 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 for your consideration!

### Volunteers Make the Annual Auction AWESOME!

The 50th Annual Blessed Sacrament Auction is the biggest fundraiser of the year, and we need your help to make it AMAZING! There is no experience necessary. Earn service hours and have FUN by signing up today at <http://signup.com/go/BSSauction> or contact Megan DeFrain at (217) 971-8726. Thank you!

### September SCRIPtacular

Two ways to reduce tuition this month! Purchase \$300 at one time (regular cards AND/OR virtual ScripNow) and receive a free lunch (or coffee)! First 20 shoppers to purchase \$300 of scrip after September 7 can select a \$5 Panera card or \$5 Starbucks card.

Didn't earn a scrip rebate last year? Haven't gotten in the scrip habit yet this fall? Place your first scrip order of the school year between September 7 - September 30 and we'll give you a \$2 Baskin Robbins certificate to get you started on next year's rebate. The attached form allows you to indicate which prize you'd like to receive.

### Builders Club Officers Meeting

Congratulations to the officers of the Builders Club for this year: president - Caroline Lambert, vice-president - Mary Catherine Christie, treasurer - Annie Mizeur, and secretary - Maggie Fleschli. The 8th grade class representative is Joshua Nicolas and the 7th grade class representative is Mac

Stone. The next Builders Club meeting will be held on Thursday, September 26, at 2:30 in the cafeteria.

### **Kudos to 8th Graders for Leadership!**

Thank you to a group of 8th grade students who, with school approval, held a bake sale and donated the proceeds for more classroom technology. The 8th graders are: Annie Mizeur, William Pittman, Alaina Roland, Abby Shafer, Augustine Hyde, and Henry Kinion. Thank you to those who supported them!

We are also grateful to another group of 8th grade students who, again with school approval, initiated a project to promote positive messages in our school. The 8th graders are: Nieve Cavanagh, Molly Davis, Aislyn Grant, Annie Mizeur, Maggie Fleischli, and Kali Creviston. The girls researched and submitted several positive and thought-provoking quotes for this project. Those quotes were then printed into 25 posters, which will be interchangeably displayed in the school throughout the year.

We are so proud of our 8th graders and appreciate their positive leadership in our school!

### **Mark Your Calendars for the Halloween Trunk or Treat**

The Builders Club is sponsoring a Halloween Trunk or Treat event on Friday, October 25 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. It will be held on our school parking lot. We plan to have a food truck on site as well as plenty of candy! It's open to all BSS families. So start planning your costumes and watch for more details in the coming weeks!

### **October Hot Lunch Orders**

Just a reminder that the online system is now open for placing hot lunch orders for the month of October. Please be sure that your student's account has funds available prior to placing an order. You may send cash or check payments to Mrs. Horton in the school office and those funds will then be added to your child's account. **All hot lunch orders are due by Thursday, September 26.** This order form also includes the auction cozy dog lunch. Please note we are not able to accept late orders. Thank you for your cooperation!

### **A New Way to Track Box Tops for Education**

This week only earn an additional Box Top on every Box Tops participating product. To earn, simply purchase by 9/22/19 and scan your receipt within 14 days of purchase.

Now when families use the Box Tops app to scan their store receipt, they can "Give Credit" to an individual, classroom or grade level. To "Give Credit" make sure you have the latest version of the Box Tops app, scan your receipt, then tap the star icon to enter your "Give credit" memo. You may also send in your grocery receipts to the school office and Mrs. Greenwood, our Box Tops coordinator, will scan the receipts for you! Box Tops really add up - to the tune of \$62,430 for Blessed Sacrament School since the inception of the Box Tops program several years ago. Please help us continue to build on our success and send in those receipts as well as the traditional box tops. Thank you!

### **BSS Spirit Wear**

Students received their spirit wear orders on Wednesday of this week. Please be sure to verify your order is correct! There will be a second opportunity to order spirit wear in late October or early November, with items arriving prior to Thanksgiving. Spirit wear makes a great holiday gift for family members. Watch for more information at that time.

### **Parent-School Association**

Are you curious about what the PSA does for our school? Looking for a way to become more involved? Enjoy working together with others to organize fun activities and events at our school? Please consider becoming more involved in the Parent-School Association! We are looking for more folks to share new ideas and assist with some of our regular endeavors such as spirit wear orders, Friday lunches, fundraisers, family events, and many more. Please contact Mrs. Burke at [burke@bssbruins.org](mailto:burke@bssbruins.org) if you are interested in learning more about some of the positions available, or have specific ideas to share. *Please plan to attend our PSA meeting on Wednesday, November 6, from 6-7 p.m. in the school cafeteria.* Thank you for your consideration and support!

### **Garden Club**

Students in grades 2-8 are invited to join the Garden Club! The club meets once a month 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 fall: Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec. 12.

### **School Safety Reminders**

During September and October, we often practice our school safety drills (bus evacuation, fire evacuation, intruder, and earthquake). We will be working with law enforcement in the near future for many of our safety drills. Please don't be alarmed if you see emergency vehicles on site and you are unable to reach our office staff by phone. We will send out communication to parents immediately following any drills with emergency personnel so that you are aware.

Also, in order to maintain a safe environment for our students, **we require all visitors to enter through the main doors, sign in and out through the main office, and wear a visitor's badge/sticker while in the building.** Only students will be allowed to enter the building through the BASE doors and the main entrance doors directly into the hallways (Parents of Preschool and PreK students should follow the directions from the teacher). All parents/visitors will be directed to the office to sign in and obtain a sticker. Parents are asked not to hold the doors open to let others into our building. Please assist us by directing anyone to the main doors of the school office. All visitors should then sign out in the office before leaving. Thank you for your support and cooperation!

### 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, September 28, and Sunday, September 29. 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!

### SHG JUNIOR CHEER CAMP

The SHG Cheerleading Squad will be hosting a Junior Cheer Camp for Pre-K through 8th graders on Friday, October 4th, 2019 from 4:30 p.m. to game time at SHG West Campus. The campers will cheer during the first quarter of the SHG Football game vs. Springfield. Use the attached forms or email [shgcheerleading@gmail.com](mailto:shgcheerleading@gmail.com). GO CYCS!

### Join us for Mass!

The Osborn 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.



James (4th grade), Regina (3rd grade), Rita (1st grade)

### Looking Ahead

Saturday, Sept. 21 –  
6:30 p.m. - Communion and Confirmation for 3rd graders with last names M-Z and PSR

Monday, Sept. 23 –  
Leadership assembly (wear t-shirts)  
Fall Scholastic Book Fair begins (all week)

Wednesday, Sept. 25 -  
6:00 p.m. - Informational meeting for 7th grade parents regarding the science fair in the science lab

Thursday, Sept. 26 - 5th grade trip to Funk's Grove

Friday, Sept. 27 -  
All school Mass

Saturday, Sept. 28-Sunday, Sept. 29 - flu shots after all Masses

Monday, Sept. 30 -  
Leadership assembly (wear t-shirts)

Wednesday, Oct. 4 - 4th grade trip to Lincoln sites

Thursday, Oct. 3 -  
Lifetouch school photos (non-uniform day)

Friday, Oct. 4 -  
PSA spirit day (included with prepaid days)  
First Friday Benediction for grades 2-8

Monday, Oct. 7 -  
Leadership assembly (wear t-shirt)

Wednesday, Oct. 9 -  
MWF PreK class trip  
1:30 p.m. - dismissal for faculty meeting

Thursday, Oct. 10 -  
3:00-4:00 - Garden club

Monday, Oct. 14 -  
No school - Columbus Day

Friday, Oct. 18 -  
End of 1st quarter!  
1:30 p.m. dismissal - NO BASE available!!

Saturday, Oct. 19 -  
50th Parish/School Auction

Monday, Oct. 21 -  
Leadership assembly (wear t-shirts)

Tuesday, Oct. 22 - 6th grade trip to the Challenger

Wednesday, Oct. 23 -  
Report cards distributed  
6:30 p.m. - First Reconciliation meeting for 2nd grade parents

Friday, Oct. 25 -  
5:30-7:30 p.m. - Trunk or Treat!

Monday, Oct. 28 -  
Leadership assembly (wear t-shirts)

Wednesday, Oct. 30 -  
11:00 a.m. - Diocesan Mission Mass at Cathedral

Thursday, Oct. 31 - Happy Halloween!  
1:45 p.m. - PreK-4th grade costume parade  
Classroom parties to follow for all grades

\*\*The 8th grade Confirmation Mass has been set by the Bishop: Wednesday, March 11, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.