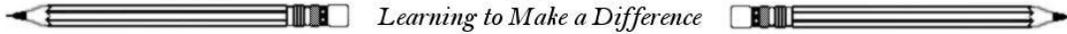


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School News



February 20, 2020

Dear Parents,

We had a wonderful turnout for our open house for prospective families last Tuesday evening. It is certainly a testament to the dedication and commitment of all of our school families and faculty and staff. Thank you to those parents who volunteered to serve as tour guides for the evening. Now preparations for next school year are underway! Please see the related articles regarding the registration process.

Looking ahead, our students in grades 1-8 will be completing Iowa Assessments (standardized testing) the week of March 2-6. Please make sure your children have plenty of rest, have a good breakfast, and are not missing school for appointments during this testing week. Although we will complete make-up testing the following two weeks, it is much easier if students do not have to miss their regular classes to finish the testing. Thanks for your cooperation in helping your children to do their best!

The end of the third quarter comes that same week on Friday, March 6, so please support your children in completing their regular school work, especially as next week will be the last full week of all classes before the Iowa Assessments begin.

I hope you enjoy the parish adult Mardi Gras celebration this weekend, and students will have fun at our Builders Club Mardi Gras carnival on Tuesday. Our student body will begin the season of Lent with the celebration of an all-school Mass and the distribution of ashes on Wednesday. We hope you will take an opportunity for personal reflection with your family as we begin the season of Lent. Have a good weekend!

Yours in faith,
Mrs. Dawn Klinner

Buy Our Pizza, We "Knead" the Dough!

P.S.A. is selling frozen Turbo Fire Pizzas and packaged meats from Turasky's! Order forms were sent home on February 14th and are due back on Monday, February 24. These frozen pizzas will be prepared fresh and ready for pick up on March 11th after the early dismissal at 1:30 p.m. The top eight 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" they provide for our school! Thank you!!

Help Needed for Friday Lunches!

Some of our regular Friday lunch volunteers will be gone for the next few weeks and we could use a few extra volunteers to take their place. If you are able to assist even one week, please come to the cafeteria at 10:45 on Friday. We appreciate all of our lunchroom volunteers! Please encourage your students to express their respect for and appreciation to the volunteers. We couldn't do it without them!

Parent-School Association Meeting

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! **Join us for an open PSA meeting on Tuesday, February 25, at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.** 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 if you are interested in learning more about some of the positions available or have specific ideas to share. Thank you for your consideration and support!

B.S.S. Science Fair

On February 7, 2020, our Blessed Sacrament seventh graders presented their science fair projects to a team of judges from Hanson Professional Services. We would like to extend a huge "Thank you" to Hanson! This is the seventh consecutive year that the scientists at Hanson have volunteered to judge science fair projects at B.S.S. Students were matched with professional geologists, chemists, biologists, a pilot, water specialists and engineers who gave them positive feedback on their projects. They all did a tremendous job on their projects!

Students advancing to the IJAS Regional Science Fair on March 21st at Lincoln Land Community College are John Christie, Daniel Hallam, Jack Madiar, Olivia Mandeville, Timmy Nudo, and Caroline Sheehan.

B.S.S. History Fair

Blessed Sacrament eighth graders presented their history fair projects on February 7. They did a fantastic job! The following students will be taking their project boards to the regional history fair on March 21st at Millikin University: MK Christie, Molly Davis, Callie Huston, Caroline Lambert,

Paige Luttrell, Annie Mizeur, Joshua Nicholas, Alaina Roland, and Lucy Unal.

Congratulations to Spelling Bee Participants

Our annual spelling bee for fourth through eighth-grade students was held this past Tuesday. The following students took part in the bee: 4th graders James Osborn and Bosco Hyde, 5th graders Anna West and Ben Pacheco, 6th graders Joscelyn Voegelé and Colin Watson, 7th graders Elle Richardson and Ileana Stremsterfer, and 8th graders Satchel Coady and Lila Ambrose. Congratulations to the first place winner Colin Watson, second place Lila Ambrose, and third place Ben Pacheco! The winners will advance to the regional spelling bee on March 7.

Cold Temperatures on the Playground

We make every effort to send the students outdoors for lunchtime recess so that they can get some fresh air and be active during the school day. Students go outside unless the temperature or wind chill is below 20F, there is precipitation, or the parking lot conditions are not suitable. However, it can get very cold for those 20 minutes outdoors, especially on windy days. Please send appropriate winter coats and outerwear accessories with your students each day. Also, please note that girls may pull on a pair of pants/sweatpants under their jumpers, skirts, and skorts for recess. The pants must be able to be quickly put on and removed in the cloak room and may not be worn during the school day.

Mardi Gras Fun This Saturday!

Please join the Blessed Sacrament community for a Mardi Gras Party for adults on Saturday, February 22 from 7:00 until 10:00 p.m. There will be fabulous live music again provided by Soul Experience, and David Senger and his crew will be cooking up some delicious Cajun gumbo and muffalattas. The bar, as always, will be sponsored by our own Blessed Sacrament Men's Club. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. An order form for tickets should come home with your youngest today! Get your tickets and let the good times roll! Sponsorships are available for \$500 and come with 20 tickets and advertising opportunities. Here's one now - thank you sponsors as of today - Scot and Sarah Jacobs, Ed and Megan Peck, and Mike and Kim Hoffmann.

2020-2021 Tuition Rates

A letter was emailed to every family last week regarding the tuition rates for the 2020-2021 school year. After consultation with the Finance Council and the School Board, the tuition rates for the 2020-2021 school year will see a slight increase next year. The registration fee will be \$100 per child. The new tuition rates are: 1 child - \$4,125, 2 children - \$6,300, 3+ children - \$7,950, and Non-Parish - \$5,600 per child. Preschool/pre-K tuition rates for the 2020-2021 school year are as follows: Tu/Th preschool \$1,200, five mornings (preschool/pre-K) \$2,600, and all-day pre-K -\$4,125.

Tuition Assistance for 2020-2021

The F.A.C.T.S. tuition assistance applications (along with the required supporting documentation) for the 2020-2021 school year are due March 31. You may only apply online this year! Parents may access the link on our school website. Families will be notified by early June of their assistance. Please contact Laura Horton at 522-7534, ext. 245, with any questions or for assistance with the online process.

Registration for 2020-2021

We will have registration for new preschool and kindergarten families, with parents registering their children in person on Monday, February 24, beginning at 7:30 a.m. Parents of all current preschool/pre-K and current K-8 families had the opportunity to indicate their preferences for kindergarten or preschool/pre-K via intent letters. Parents who returned an intent form by Friday, February 14, will not need to go through the registration process for their preschool/pre-K and kindergarten students on February 24.

As a reminder, BSS will offer the following options for preschool/PreK next school year:

- One classroom for 3-year-olds, offering 5 spots for Tues/Thurs mornings only and 15 spots for M-F mornings (5 mornings total)
- Two classrooms for 4 and 5-year-olds, offering 5 spots in each room for M-F mornings and 15 spots in each room for M-F all day

The registration period for first through eighth grades for the 2020-2021 school year begins on February 24, with registration packets being sent home with current students. Registration forms are due back on Monday, March 9. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Builders Club Carnival

The Builders Club will host their annual Mardi Gras carnival for students on Tuesday, February 25, during the school day. Each grade level will have an opportunity to come to the cafeteria and enjoy the games and Mardi Gras store! An order form for tickets was sent home on Tuesday this week.

Scholastic Book Fair is Coming in March!

The annual spring Scholastic Book Fair is coming the week of March 20-27. The book fair will be open for purchases each day during school hours as well as during the Lenten Fish Frys on Friday, March 20, and Friday, March 27. If anyone is interested in being the chairperson(s) of the book fair, which includes assisting with set-up and overseeing the inventory each day, please contact librarian Lori Criscione at criscione@bssbruins.org. **We are still in need of a dozen (or more) volunteers** to staff the book fair during school hours each day. Please contact librarian Sarah Allen at allen@bssbruins.org to volunteer. It's a great way to earn service hours!

February 20 SHG Registration Meeting for 8th Graders

The registration meetings for incoming freshmen will be held tonight, Thursday, February 20th at 6:00 in the Auditorium at SHG's East Campus. No pre-registration is required. This is for 8th graders who have taken the Placement Test and their parents to come view their testing results and go over classes with our guidance counselors for next school year. If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Mandeville at 787-9732 or mandeville@shg.org.

Nominate a Teacher for a St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award

The Diocese of Springfield would like to recognize the hard work and dedication of our Catholic school teachers. You are encouraged to nominate educators who strive for academic excellence with a focus and commitment to the Catholic mission. Submit a narrative of the teacher you wish to nominate by February 28 at www.dio.org/schools/eas.

Men's Club Fish Fry

The first Men's Club Fish Fry is next Friday, February 28, 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.) 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.

It's Mostaccioli Dinner Time!

SHG's 61st annual Mostaccioli Dinner, presented by HSHS St. John's Hospital, will be held Sunday, March 1, 2020, from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. at SHG's West Campus. This year's dinner will feature more family-friendly activities than ever before, so bring your kids, bring your grandkids! Dinner features dine in or carry out meals (\$10 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under), \$10K Raffle, Video Gaming Trailer, 2 enormous obstacle courses, 2 magic shows, balloon animals, special guests from SHG's musical, Mary Poppins, children's games GALORE, wonderful exhibitors, wine wall, beer and bags, freshly baked pizzelles and baked goods.

Are you a baker? We are always in need of donations of baked goods and pizzelles. Contact shgpizzellecookies@gmail.com to sign up to help make pizzelles or jenniferturley371@gmail.com for more information on providing baked goods. Contributions also welcome for the wine wall. E-mail reavy@shg.org for more information. Thank you for supporting your local Catholic high school, Sacred Heart-Griffin!

Girls on the Run Begins March 3rd

Registration is open February 12-28 for 3rd and 4th grade girls interested in participating in the Girls on the Run Spring 2020 program. The fee is \$150 and scholarships and payment plans are available. You may learn more and register at www.GOTRcentralillinois.org.

Volunteers are needed to help with practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-5:30. You will receive service hours for being a volunteer. More information is listed below. Volunteers must have completed Protecting God's Children. If you have any questions, please email Mary Tuttle, GOTR Coach. Her email is tuttles1@yahoo.com.

Join us for Mass!

The Naylor 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.



Wade (6th grade) and Peyton (3rd grade)

Looking Ahead

Feb. 18 and 20 - SHG Freshman registration for 2020-2021
Friday, Feb. 21 - 3rd grade to Lincoln Presidential Museum
Saturday, Feb. 22 - Mardi Gras event for adults
Monday, Feb. 24 -
7:30 a.m. - PreK/Kindergarten registration begins
Leadership assembly (wear t-shirts)
Tuesday, Feb. 25 -
Mardi Gras carnival for students
6:30 p.m. - PSA meeting in cafeteria
Wednesday, Feb. 26 - Ash Wednesday
All-School Mass
Friday, Feb. 28 -
5:00-7:00 p.m. - Men's Club fish fry
Monday, March 2- Friday, March 6 -
Iowa Standardized Assessments for grades 1-8
Tuesday, March 3 - No weekly Mass for grades 2-4
Thursday, March 5 -
3:00-4:00 p.m. Garden Club meeting
Friday, March 6 -
No weekly Mass for grades 5-8
End of third quarter!
PSA Spirit Day (included with prepaid days)
First Friday Benediction
5:00-7:00 p.m. - Men's Club Fish Fry
Sunday, March 8 - Daylight Savings Time Begins!

Monday, March 9 -

Leadership assembly (wear t-shirts)

8th grade Confirmation retreat

PK1 & PK2 to Sangamon Auditorium

Wednesday, March 11 - Report cards distributed!

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

1:30 p.m. - pick up pre-ordered Turbo Fire Pizzas

7:00 p.m. - 8th grade Confirmation Mass

Friday, March 13 -

5:00-7:00 p.m. - Men's Club Fish Fry

Saturday, March 14 -

SHG Zero Hour math testing for current 7th graders

Girl Scout Grand Prix in the cafeteria

4:30 p.m. - Girl Scout Mass

Monday, March 16 - Leadership assembly (wear t-shirts)

Tuesday, March 17 - Happy St. Patrick's Day!!

Thursday, March 19 -

7th grade retreat in the morning at SHG

4:45 p.m. - Art Showcase closing ceremony at LF

7:00 p.m. - Fr. Gaitley presents in the church

Friday, March 20 -

Lifetouch spring photos (non uniform day) This is a change in our calendar!

5:00-7:00 p.m. - Men's Club Fish Fry

Scholastic Book Fair open during the Fish Fry

Saturday, March 21 -

Regional History Fair and IJAS Science Fair

SHG Zero Hour math testing for current 7th graders

7:00-9:00 p.m. - Father/Daughter Dance

Monday, March 23 - Friday, March 27 -

Scholastic Book Fair

Monday, March 23 - Leadership assembly (wear t-shirts)

Wednesday, March 25 - All-school Mass

Friday, March 27 -

5:00-7:00 p.m. - Men's Club Fish Fry

Monday, March 30 - Leadership assembly (wear t-shirts)