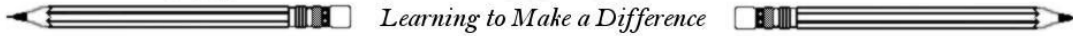


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School News



Learning to Make a Difference

May 21, 2020

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to our Class of 2020 on the successful completion of their Blessed Sacrament careers! We are so proud of their accomplishments and good character, and we wish all of them the very best in their high school years! (See the related article about the many scholarships awarded to them.)

The rest of the student body also completed the school year last week. After the tremendous effort given during our unexpected home learning period, we hope that you enjoyed the many activities sent for our virtual Fun Day!

It was also great to see many parents today for the first half of our year-end Drop-off and Pick-up process! If you are attending tomorrow, please review the information attached regarding procedures and scheduled times. While we wish we could send off the students in person, we hope that we have created a smooth process for the parents to return school belongings, pick up personal belongings, and get the envelope of report cards and Iowa scores.

This will be the last official newsletter of the school year, but any additional reminders or information will be emailed to parents. Thank you so much for your continued support of our school! We are truly blessed to be partners with you in the education of your children and are especially grateful for all the support given to the students and staff during our home learning period. I am so humbled by this community and what I witness in our school environment every day. I hope all of you have a happy, healthy, and safe summer vacation!

Yours in faith,
Mrs. Dawn Kliner

Yearbook Photos Needed!

The yearbook committee is seeking photos from staff and parents to use in the yearbook. Please send any submissions to Mrs. Kreiling at kreiling@bssbruins.org. We are especially in need of photos from the following events:

5th and 7th grade girls basketball
6th grade boys basketball
Builders Club

Join the Blessed Sacrament Team!

If you or someone you know is interested in a teaching opportunity at our school, please visit our website at www.bssbruins.org for the list of 2020-2021 job openings and how to apply. We have now posted multiple classroom aide positions, including both part and full-time positions.

Uniform Policy and Items Changes for 2020-2021

Earlier we announced that BSS will partner with Land's End Uniforms for uniform basics as well as school logo pieces for the 2020-2021 school year, in addition to Luers Kids Kloz. Additionally, we are working with Primo Designs to make uniform logo pieces available there.

Along with these new vendors, we are excited to announce some changes to our school uniform policy for the 2020-2021 school year! Through input from students, staff, and parents, we tried to simplify the options, minimize the transitions between styles, and increase the longevity of the styles. The revised uniform policy was attached to the last newsletter and will also be found in your student's report card envelope this week.

A complete flyer for Luer's is attached today's newsletter and more information can be found on their website <https://www.luersgroup.com>. The Land's End BSS store is now open online at <http://www.landsend.com/pp/SchoolSearch.html?action=landi ng&selectedSchoolNum=900149618>

School Supply Lists and Calendars for 2020-2021

A basic school calendar and school supply lists for the 2020-2021 school year will be sent home in students' report cards and posted online as well. Registration packets will be available after all Masses the weekend of August 8 and 9. Fee Night is Tuesday, August 11. We also plan to have a welcoming reception for new school families and their mentors that evening, just prior to the start of Fee Night. The first day of classes will be Monday, August 17.

Mentor Families Needed for 2020-2021 School Year!

We are in need of volunteers to serve as mentor families for new school families next school year. **We primarily need "experienced" BSS families enrolled in our preschool, pre-k, and kindergarten classes.** So far we only have two volunteers signed up! Let's show all of our new families what great ambassadors we are at BSS! We are so grateful to all those families who volunteered as mentors this year, and hope to have many more volunteers for the coming year. This service involves reaching out to the new school family(s) you are assigned to introduce yourself and offer assistance as needed at least on a quarterly basis throughout the school year. You earn four service hours for each family mentored. Please email Mrs. Burke at burke@bssbruins.org if you would be interested in helping and indicate the number of families you are willing to mentor. Thank you!

We're Proud of the Class of 2020!

We celebrated the 94th graduating class of Blessed Sacrament School on May 14 when their graduation ceremony was scheduled. We have postponed the ceremony until a time when we can hold it by IDPH guidelines. We are so proud of the 53 young men and women in this class and grateful for all they contributed to BSS during their years at our school. Many of the students who are continuing on to Sacred Heart-Griffin High School received an impressive total of \$30,000 in scholarships! The scholarship winners this year are as follows:

Joseph A. Cadigan Memorial Scholarship

Ethan Keller

Eva Kress Cadigan Memorial Scholarship

Mary Katherine Christie

Patrick J. Cadigan Memorial Scholarship

Alio Giacomini

Eleanor Maher Weber Memorial Scholarship

Olivia Redpath

C. Joseph & Sandy Cavanagh Scholarship

Paige Luttrell

Jack & Peg Coleman Memorial Scholarship

Maggie Fleischli

Arlette M. Donath Memorial Scholarship

Sophia Stewart

Don & Claire Forsyth Scholarships

Annie Mizeur

William Pittman

Scholarship Honoring Patricia Kienzler

Nieve Cavanagh

Alma and Robert Mandeville Scholarship

Grace Klenke

Lloyd Mosley Server Recognition Scholarship

Alio Giacomini

Scholarships Honoring Lloyd & Marty Mosley

Grayson Hady

Luke Harvey

Ann Pohlman Memorial Scholarships

Joshua Nicolas

Caitlyn Rutherford

Lisa Bloome Memorial Scholarship

Connor Lock

SHG Alumni Scholarship

Mary Katherine Christie

Olivia Redpath

Monsignor Tarrent Scholarships

Noah Jugan

Caroline Lambert

Hugh P. Cassidy Memorial Scholarship

Anthony Fergin

Father Chester Scholarship

Henry Kinion

Scholarship Honoring Ursuline Sisters

Molly Davis

We know these students will continue their successes in high school, and we look forward to following their future accomplishments and having them return to visit us! Thank you, too, to their parents for their support over the years.

SchoolKidz School Supply Orders

Once again we will offer the convenience of purchasing complete school supply kits for preschool through 8th grade students from SchoolKidz. Go online to www.shopttkits.com and enter our school account number which is 10950. That will take you to Blessed Sacrament's page where you may select the kits you need by grade level.

Kits will be shipped right to your front door by August 9! Please note that for grades 7 and 8, the TI30XA calculator is still required for math class but is NOT included in the kits this year. It is now an optional purchase available through SchoolKidz since many students simply keep their required calculator from 6th grade and do not need to purchase a new one every year. The calculator is required for and remains included in the 6th grade supply kit. **Supply kits are only available by ordering online until June 5**, so do not delay in placing your order!

Congratulations to BSS Student at State History Fair

Last newsletter, we congratulated several 8th grade students representing BSS at the "virtual" regional history fair. We have since learned that the paper of one student received the highest rating of superior at the state history fair. Congratulations to Sophia Stewart! We are so proud of you!!

Tuition Assistance Applications

Due to the circumstances this spring, the deadline for tuition assistance applications has been extended to June 1. The F.A.C.T.S. tuition assistance applications (along with the required supporting documentation) for the 2020-2021 school year are only available online! Parents may access the link on our school website. Families will be notified in mid-June of their assistance. Please contact Laura Horton at horton@bssbruins.org with any questions or for assistance with the online process.

Summer Appointments

Please schedule appointments now for required examinations for the 2020-2021 school year. Students entering preschool, kindergarten, or sixth grade and any students playing sports next year are required to have a physical exam. A dental exam is required for students entering kindergarten, second, or sixth grade, and a vision exam (not just a screening) is required for all students entering kindergarten or for any students new to the school next year.

Vacation Bible School

The BSS Vacation Bible School this summer is cancelled. Due to the current community conditions and restrictions, we are unable to safely hold an event at school this summer, and the virtual options did not meet our needs at this time. We are determined that this is not the end of cherished tradition, so we all will look forward to the next vacation bible school in the summer of 2021!

If you have any questions, please contact Danielle Landgrebe at Grebes13@gmail.com

Math Workbooks for Summer Review & Enrichment

Overall, our students are doing an amazing job in math. We encourage them to continue practicing math during the summer to retain the concepts that they have learned this year. As a possible resource for review, you may want to look into the Summer Skills Books. There are copies available for all grade levels. A copy of the order form is posted on the school website and can also be accessed at their website, www.summerskills.com.

If you would like to order a review book, you need to mail, call, fax, or order the book online. Do not send any order or payment to school. You need to order your own book as the book will be delivered to your home. Because this book is a review, you should order the math book that corresponds with your child's current grade level. Answer keys and solution keys are provided in the books. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Healy.

BSS Fall Sports

While restrictions remain in place now, the IESA is still planning to hold fall sports, and so are we! Golf, cross country, baseball and softball all begin their seasons over the summer, so typically, we collect registration forms by the end of the school year. Girls basketball begins early in the fall, so we collect those permission forms in the spring, too.

If your child is interested in participating in a fall sport, please fill out the attached permission slip and concussion form. If your child is still deciding, it is best to still complete the permission slip and concussion form. You can drop off forms and payments when you come to the final pickup day on May 21 or 22, or you may email them to our athletic director, Karli Adams, at adamsathletics@bssbruins.org. Our finance office will hold all payments submitted until we are sure that the season will take place, so please continue to submit the appropriate fees.

Your child does need to have a yearly updated physical on file in the school office in order to participate in a sport, and the concussion form needs to be completed once each year. These permission slips were emailed earlier:

6th-8th grade IESA Boys Baseball
7th-8th grade IESA Girls Basketball & 5th-6th grade SCAA Girls Basketball
5th-8th grade IESA Boys & Girls Cross Country
5th-8th grade IESA Boys & Girls Golf
6th-8th grade IESA Girls Softball
IESA Concussion Form

BSS Bruins Cross Country News

All incoming 5th-8th grade students may join the IESA cross country team for the 2020-2021 school year. Parents of students who will be in 5th-8th grade next year should **send Coach Mike O'Brien an email at mike.obrien@countryfinancial.com expressing interest**, and then he will add them to his list. He will communicate with both the school and parents as we move through the summer, and as soon as gatherings are allowed, they will start either summer running and/or practice.

BSS Bruins Fall Baseball News

All incoming 6th-8th grade boys may try out for the IESA baseball team for the 2020-2021 school year. The season is fairly short (August 3-October 3) but very busy! Although allowances are made for participation in other BSS sports such as golf, it is very difficult to play another sport during the baseball season. The roster is capped at 18, so there may need to be a selection process depending on how many boys sign up to play. Tryouts will be held August 3-5. **Please email Coach Dave Ficke dave.ficke@lrs.com by May 22 to sign up for tryouts.** Please contact Coach Ficke at 217-622-0721 if you would like more information. Thank you!

Hy-Vee Reusable Bag Program

We are excited to share that BSS has been selected to be a part of the Hy-Vee reusable bag program that supports local non-profits while supporting the environment. For the month of May, Blessed Sacrament School will receive a \$1 donation from each purchase of the \$2.50 Red, "My Heart" Reusable Bag at Hy-Vee 2115 South Macarthur Blvd., Springfield IL.

Reusable bags from home are currently banned for reuse while shopping at Hy-Vee but Red, "My Heart" Bags are still available for purchase in stores. This is a great way to raise awareness, support the environment, and fundraise for our school! Thank you to Hy-Vee for their support!

Looking Ahead

May 21 & 22 - Drop-off school materials and pick-up personal belongings. Times are assigned by last name.

May 22 - Baseball tryout sign up emails due to Coach Ficke

June 1 - Last day to apply for tuition assistance

June 5 - Last day to preorder SchoolKidz school supply kits online

Saturday, August 1 & Sunday, August 2 -

Used uniform donations dropped off in school vestibule after all Masses

Saturday, August 8 & Sunday, August 9 -

School packet pick-up & free used uniforms at school after all Masses

August 11 - Orientation Night & Fee Night

August 17 - First day of school