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School News



Learning to Make a Difference

March 4, 2021

Dear Parents,

The 3rd quarter ends tomorrow with report cards coming home next Wednesday. I simply cannot believe that we are entering the 4th quarter! It has been a whirlwind year, and I have been astounded by the teamwork and resiliency that this school has shown at every twist and turn this year has taken.

Despite the many changes experienced, it has been nice to see some “normal” activities resume. Our IESA volleyball, boys basketball, and scholastic bowl continue with their seasons, and the SCAA leagues for basketball and volleyball are beginning as well. IMSA, art club, and band continue along with several of our parish scouting troops. While the annual geography bee was canceled, we held our school spelling bee with finalists advancing to the state competition. In addition, several of our junior high students are taking their science and history fair projects to the regional competitions. We truly are showcasing the many talents of our students in a variety of ways!

I hope you enjoy the nice weather and continue your Lenten journey as a family this weekend!

Yours in faith,
Mrs. Dawn Klinner

Registration for 2021-2022

Registration packets for current school families were due back on Friday, February 26, and registration for the general public began March 1. **Please return your registration packet if you have not already done so!** The registration fee increases to \$125 per student on March 15, and we have many former BSS families interested in returning this fall, along with new families. However, we want to be certain all of our current families are accounted for first! Enrollment information is very important as we consider capacity limits in each classroom. We will continue to strictly implement all health requirements, which has made for a very successful school year. Thank you for your cooperation!

IESA Track Team

We are still in need of a coach for track (grades 5-8) this spring! We have an assistant coach and are looking for leadership or co-leadership for this sport. If you are interested in coaching, please contact our athletic director, Karli Adams, at adamsathletics@bssbruins.org.

Spelling Bee Winners

We held our school spelling bee on March 3 for the classroom winners in grades 4-8. These ten students participated: Logan Doerfler and Thane Woods (4th grade), Anna Bertaina and Bailey Adams (5th grade), Ben Pacheco and Aayla Horton (6th grade), Gini Parkes and Corbin Doerfler (7th grade), Elle Richardson and KD Karns (8th grade).

We especially want to congratulate our top three finalists who advance to the state spelling bee on March 20: Gini Parkes (1st place), Ben Pacheco (2nd place), and Aayla Horton (3rd place).

Science and History Fair

Congratulations to our 8th grade students on the completion of their history fair papers and displays and our 7th grade students on the completion of their science fair papers and projects! The participants for this year's IJAS Regional Science Fair are: Chloe Kren, Elinor Kovski, Colin Watson, Will Coady, and Joscelyn Voegelé. The regional fair will be virtual with results posted the week of April 5th. The state competition is Saturday, May 1.

The participants for this year's Illinois State History Fair are divided into two categories, research papers and project display boards. The students advancing with papers are: Lucy Aldrich, Emma Allen, Isabela Burke, Sophia Cathers, Ariana Collins, Ella Maloy, Timmy Nudo, Macie Petropolous, Caroline Sheehan, and Ileana Stremsterfer. The students advancing with project displays are: Danial Hallam, Norah Long, Ali Klinner, Jack Madiar, Olivia Mandeville, and Paige Smith. The virtual awards ceremony will be April 3rd.

All of the students' projects are showcased in a virtual history and science fair. Please follow this video link to take a look at all of the great work by our junior high students!
[Science Fair Slideshow](#)
[History Fair Slideshow](#)

School Picture Class Composite Orders

Class Composites are now available to order through Inter-State Studio! Get yours today at inter-state.com/order. Use Order Code **56740GQ**. These are available until 3/10/2021 at 11:59 pm

Smart Watches

Please note that students are not to have “smart” watches on at school. Just like cell phones, they should be turned off and put away or given to the teacher. This applies at BASE as well.

Please Help Us Connect with Students' Grandparents

As you may recall, we had a successful virtual grandparents' day in the fall, sending letters and photos to hundreds of our students' grandparents and special friends. However, we would really like to have a way to stay in touch more often and keep them updated about the latest happenings at BSS. Please take a moment to complete the brief Google form to provide grandparents' addresses and email addresses so that we may update our records.

<https://forms.gle/pYzeQK3P2QJHlBMw9> Thank you for your help!

Lenten Acts of Service Project for the Warming Center

From March 1st-12th, students are being asked to do acts of service at home to raise money to help the homeless in our community who shelter at the Salvation Army Winter Warming Center. Some ideas for service are walking the dog, taking out the trash, putting away the dishes, making your bed everyday and folding laundry. Be creative! Students should bring in the money they earned by March 12th. Those funds will then be used to purchase face and hand towels, bed bug covers, pillows, undergarments, and gift cards for meals. The homeroom that raises the highest amount of funds will earn an extra recess with Mrs. Davis.

The Center is also in need of new or gently used t-shirts, sweatpants, sweatshirts. They are in need of all sizes, but in greatest need of XL, 2XL and 3XL. If you would like to donate any of these items you may drop them off at the Salvation Army located at 221 N. 11th Street. We are not able to accept the donations at school. Thank you!

Tuition Assistance for 2021-2022

The F.A.C.T.S. tuition assistance applications (along with the required supporting documentation) for the 2021-2022 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.

Girls on the Run - Coordinator Needed

Blessed Sacrament School is in need of a coordinator to lead the Girls on the Run program this spring. The program begins the week of March 15, and practices are typically held twice a week after school for 75 minutes, days and times depending upon coach availability. Virtual meetings are also an option due to Covid-19 this year. Volunteers must have completed Protecting God's Children and will receive service hours. You may learn more at www.GOTRcentralillinois.org or by emailing our P.E. teacher, Mrs. Davis, at davis@bssbruins.org.

Get Your Lenten Scrip!

You can't go to the Men's Club Fish Fry for EVERY meal during Lent (although you're welcome to try!)... We've got **Domino's**, **Papa John's**, **Papa Murphy's** and **Pizza Hut**

gift cards for cheese pizza and **Arby's**, **Burger King** and **Wendy's** cards for a quick fish sandwich. **Noodles & Co** serves macaroni and cheese and we've got those cards too!

Service Hours Requirements & Waiver Request

Statements with the number of family service hours earned to date will be included with the students' third-quarter report cards. If parents have completed the required number of service hours (10) for the year, they will not receive a statement. Please contact Michele Greenwood at 522-7534, ext. 201, if you have any questions.

There are still many ways to earn service hours including the fish fries, working in the school lunchroom, and coaching an athletic team, to name a few. We are so grateful to all our volunteers for what you do for our school!

You may refer to the Family Service Hours flyer in your registration packet regarding the process to apply for a waiver for inability to complete the service hours. Please note that a request for a waiver must be submitted in writing by April 15. No late submissions are accepted! Thank you!

Thank You for Supporting the Special Spirit Day!

Thank you for your generous support of our special spirit day on February 26 to assist Cafe Moxo with providing meals to the needy in our community. We raised over \$2,500 which will provide over 500 meals! Mr. Manfredo's 8th grade class won the extra spirit day challenge for raising the most money as a single class. We are grateful for your generosity. We are also proud of the group of 7th and 8th grade students who led this service project for our community!

Sacred Heart-Griffin High School Survey

SHG is conducting a value/perception study in partnership with the Gowan Group. They've asked the Catholic elementary schools to send the following survey to our families. Please take a few moments to fill out this important survey to help guide the future of Springfield's Catholic high school. Thank you in advance for your participation in helping SHG plan for the future.

https://pryoreducation.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bEqKJa

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Dental Exam Reminder

Please remember that all students in kindergarten, 2nd grade, and 6th grade are required to present proof of having been examined by a dentist before May 15 of the school year. (Dentist offices have the official form that needs to be submitted.) If a child in grade K, 2 or 6 fails to present proof by May 15, then the school may hold the child's report card until one of the following occurs: 1. The child presents proof of a completed dental examination within 18 months prior to the deadline; 2. The child presents proof that a dental examination will take place within 60 days after May 15; or 3. The parents obtain a waiver from the Department of Public Health or provide objection on religious grounds.

Technology Safety Presentations and Parent Webinars

Next week, Karilyn Orr of the Illinois Attorney General's Office will present virtual technology safety sessions for all the sixth and seventh grade students. Ms. Orr already presented to our fifth and eighth grade students. Additionally, the bi-monthly Parent/Community Webinars continue on March 10 and 11 on the topic of Commonly Used Apps (Part 1): SnapChat and YouTube. These webinars are free, and no one is required to fill anything out. This webinar highlights the functionality of these apps that are very popular with youth and teens, including safety concerns and will provide resources to learn more. Please see the attached flyer for more information or use the links below to register for the session of your choice. We encourage parents to take advantage of these presentations!

Wednesday, March 10, 2021 6:30 PM

https://ilattorneygeneral-gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_vWmoYaFNRPGinv6wT0G6iA

Thursday, Mar 11, 2021 6:30 PM

https://ilattorneygeneral-gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_vqkPDDcLQ2qS_2kcFDSH_A

Protecting God's Children

Please remember that in order to volunteer for any school or parish activities (including coaching, lunchroom, field trips, Men's Club Fish Fries, etc.) you must have taken Protecting God's Children and completed a background check. All protecting God's Children training sessions are being held online this year. Please go to <https://virtusonline.org/virtus/index.cfm>? and click on "first time registrant." Please see the flyer that accompanies today's newsletter for more information.

St. Patrick's School Blarney Bash

St. Patrick School's 8th Annual Blarney Bash looks a wee bit different this year! Shop our online auction from March 7th-March 12th, participate in a Virtual 5k for a \$20 donation, and buy a \$20 Raffle Ticket at the K of C on Meadowbrook on Tuesdays and Thursdays!! For more details go to www.st-patrick.org, visit our Blarney Bash 2021 Facebook page or contact Kris Cavanagh at 217-523-7670!

Housing Needed for Teacher Corps

St. Louis University and St. Patrick Catholic School are now partnering through SLU's Billiken Teacher Corps to bring new teachers to our Catholic schools in Springfield. For the 2021-2022 academic year, we could have 2 to 4 new college graduates teaching in Springfield Catholic schools. We are now looking for housing for these new teachers, who will room together as part of the program, August through May. We are asking for help from realtors or assistance with renting a 3 or 4-bedroom house in Springfield. Please call Lori Reimers at 217-502-0677 or email SLReimers@me.com with any options. Thank you!

Fairview Youth Athletic Association Baseball

Please see that flyer that accompanies today's newsletter for information regarding registration for the 2021 baseball season for boys and girls ages 4-12 years old.

Looking Ahead

Friday, Mar. 5 -

Monthly PSA spirit day

End of the 3rd Quarter

Young Author submissions due for grades K-2

5:00-7:00 p.m. Men's Club fish fry - drive-thru only!

Wednesday, Mar. 10 -

Report cards sent home

1:30 p.m. dismissal for faculty meeting

Friday, Mar. 12 -

8th grade Confirmation retreat

5:00-7:00 p.m. Men's Club fish fry - drive-thru only!

Sunday, Mar. 14 - 8M Confirmation

Monday, Mar. 15 - Late fees begin for registration

Wednesday, Mar. 17 -

Free modified spirit day for St. Patrick's day!

Friday, Mar. 19 -

6th grade virtual space mission

5:00-7:00 p.m. Men's Club fish fry - drive-thru only!

Saturday, Mar. 20 - State Spelling Bee

Sunday, Mar. 21 - 8S Confirmation

Tuesday, Mar. 23 - 4th grade attends virtual Mission Mass

Friday, Mar. 26 -

5:00-7:00 p.m. Men's Club fish fry - drive-thru only!

Thursday, Apr. 1 -

1:30 p.m. dismissal for Holy Thursday

Friday, Apr. 2 -

3:00 p.m. Living Stations by the 7th grade

Friday, Apr. 2-Apr. 9 - Easter break!