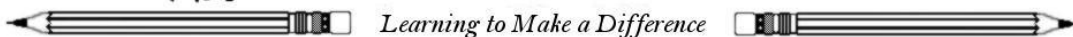


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## School News



Learning to Make a Difference

November 17, 2022

### A Note to Parents

Dear Parents,

Have you noticed the beauty of fall all around us? It really is simply beautiful. Fall brings me such a feeling of gratitude for the many blessings in my life and it makes me stop and truly appreciate everything around me.

Today is the midpoint of the second quarter already. Mid-quarter reports will be emailed to grade 3 - 8 parents today. We appreciate you working with the teachers to support your children in their academic and faith development. Please feel free to contact the teachers directly if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanksgiving is just a week away, and Christmas is only 38 days away! In this busy time of the year, our school calendar quickly fills up with special events as well. Please be sure to read through the *Looking Ahead* calendar section at the end of the newsletter for all updates. I especially want to draw your attention to all of the different Christmas Programs that are scheduled. Look for details to be sent by the classroom teachers for more details and information.

I am so blessed and grateful for our Blessed Sacrament School family. I want to share how blessed I am to work with such dedicated teachers and staff members and with such supportive families. Most of all, it's a privilege and a joy each day to have your children at our school. All of you will continue to be included in my prayers of gratitude, especially over the Thanksgiving holiday. On behalf of the entire Blessed Sacrament School faculty and staff, best wishes for a blessed and Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families!

Sincerely,  
*Mrs. Nicole Kuhlman*

### December Hot Lunches

The online portal to order hot lunches for the month of December will open on Monday, November 21 and close on Monday, November 28.

### Uniform Reminders

All girls must wear plain navy, white, or black non-sheer tights or full length leggings with matching socks under their uniform jumpers, skirts, and skorts. Tights should NOT have any holes in them! **Skirts and jumpers are not to be shorter than two inches above the knee.** Also, remember

that belts must be worn with pants and boys' hair must be neatly trimmed above the collar, no hair obscuring the face.

### PSA Spirit Wear Orders - Round Two!

Please follow the link below to place spirit wear orders, which make great Christmas gifts in addition to replacing well-worn or outgrown items, as colder temperatures have arrived! **The online store will close on November 20 and items will be delivered in early December.**

<https://blessedsacramentfall2.itemorder.com/>

### Barnes & Noble Book Fair Is Monday!

Our annual holiday Barnes & Noble Book Fair is just around the corner! It will run from Monday, November 21 - Saturday, November 26...including Black Friday! Customers may shop in the store or order online for curbside pick-up on Monday, November 21. There are musical performances at 5:30 and 6:00 by our kindergarten classes and also at 6:30 and 7:00 from our first grade classes. Please plan to join us. You may then order online from Tuesday, November 22-Saturday, November 26 and have purchases shipped to your home. This is a great opportunity to fulfill Christmas gift lists while benefiting our BSS library. **The Book Fair ID number is 12635264. Please use this number when shopping in person or online. Thank you!**

### Get a Head Start on Christmas Shopping!

Are you buying gift cards this year? Don't shop at the grocery store for gift cards when you can get them at Blessed Sacrament! Every gift card you purchase here results in funds for Catholic education. A list of participating gift cards and a Christmas shopping planner are available to download below. Make copies and pass them around the table at Thanksgiving to get gift ideas! Drop the completed form off at the school or rectory offices and pick up your gift cards one week later. Contact [scrip@bssbruins.org](mailto:scrip@bssbruins.org) if you have questions.

[Scrip Shopping Planners:](https://bsps.org/scrip-fundraising-program)

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### Catholic Schools Speech Meet

BSS is hosting the Springfield Catholic Schools Speech Meet for 7th graders on the morning of Saturday, December 3. We are in need of judges and volunteers. Please let others know who may be interested in volunteering. This includes family members, parishioners, and high school students.

Service hours are available. Time will vary between 8:30 a.m. - noon, depending on what the volunteer is doing. Please contact Janice Davis at [davis@bssbruins.org](mailto:davis@bssbruins.org) for more information or to volunteer. Thank you for your help in making this a successful event!

### **Continued Prayers**

All throughout our lives there comes a time when individuals are in need of our support and prayers. Ms. Laura Gibson is one of our eighth grade homeroom teachers and teaches literature to our seventh and eighth graders. She also teaches English to our eighth grade students. She has done an excellent job with providing our students with a great learning experience and we are excited to see all of the learning that will continue throughout the school year.

As many of you are aware, Ms. Gibson has been out for an extended period of time. She suffers from Lyme Disease and is suffering from symptoms from a recent flare-up. A flare-up can come and go and does vary in intensity. Currently, Ms. Gibson is experiencing severe symptoms that are requiring her to rest and regain her strength. Under her physician's recommendations, she will be on medical leave for the remainder of this quarter. She is asking for continued prayers for her healing and appreciates your support.

Due to Ms. Gibson's absence, we began searching and contacting individuals that may have been able to assist us with covering for Ms. Gibson. Due to the lack of substitutes and the lack of availability of our contacts, we have not been able to secure a long-term substitute. Our junior high teachers have been helping us with coverage and working together during this time. We are grateful for Mrs. Tina Morehead's additional help and support. She has been able to help us for the majority of the time. The junior high teachers are a fantastic group of individuals who are truly dedicated to keeping our students learning and we are so appreciative of all that they are doing for our students. We look forward to many more successes, joys, and blessings with our junior high family.

### **SHG Preview Night**

Parents of 6th, 7th and 8th grade students - mark your calendars for Preview Night! Thursday, December 1st from 6-7:30. We have a fun night planned and we look forward to sharing it with you and your student(s)! Please come and take a look at all SHG has to offer!

### **Season's Holiday Greetings at SHG**

Christmas is right around the corner and we would like to invite you to start your Christmas season with us! Join us on Saturday, December 10, from 11 am-2 pm for family Christmas activities that are sure to get you into the Christmas

spirit. **Admission and all SHG activities are FREE for all!**

After our event, stay for SYPG's 2:00 production of The Nutcracker, in our Dominican Hall theater! Go to [www.showtix4u.com/events/19589](http://www.showtix4u.com/events/19589) or scan the QR code in the attached flyer to purchase tickets.

### **Purchase your December 4 Advent by Candlelight tickets!**

Ticket sales are in full swing so don't wait till the snow flies to buy your ticket for the 9th annual Advent by Candlelight event. There's 3 ways to reserve a seat: online at [www.bsps.org/womens-ministry](http://www.bsps.org/womens-ministry), in person at the parish office, and buying tickets after weekend masses, November 12 & 13. Look for us in the church vestibule. Limited seating. Doors open at 2 pm, and the program, featuring Dr. Calvin Bell will begin at 3 pm. Followed by a scrumptious, delicious dessert buffet and entertainment provided by our Children's Choir, the day will definitely end on a "high" note! Volunteers are needed to decorate tables, make homemade desserts, serve and set up refreshments. For more details on how to volunteer, go on line [bsps.flocknote.com/signup/102305](http://bsps.flocknote.com/signup/102305). We need many hands to make this day successful. Have more questions? Contact Sally Petrone at 217.341.9088.

### **Springfield Art Association's 90th Beaux Arts Ball**

The 90th Beaux Arts Ball will be held on November 26, 2022 at the Wyndham City Center. The Ball has been a staple fundraiser for the Springfield Art Association and a long-standing Springfield tradition. All are invited to this finale celebration and we especially hope to see former queens, kings, court members, and committee chairs who have all been integral to the Ball and its history.

Tickets to the event will be on sale by early November. To register your child for the court, please visit the following link:

<https://www.springfieldart.org/beaux-arts-ball.html>

### **St. Aloysius' PeeWee Basketball League**

St. Al's is hosting the PeeWee basketball league for students in Pre-K-fourth grade. The deadline to register is December 16. Please see the information by following the link <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/x3fjsr3xojo8z8/AAAE5OGXzNbXwf3OfYDf22Cta?dl=0>

### **Looking Ahead**

Thursday, Nov. 17 -

Mid quarter reports emailed to parents grades 3-8

Friday, Nov. 18 -

PSA Spirit Day (rescheduled)

Sunday, Nov. 20 -

Pastor's Annual Party 5:30 p.m - 8:00 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 21 -

8:15 a.m. - Leadership assembly (wear t-shirt)

Barnes and Noble Book Fair Events - Barnes and

Noble Store

November 23 - 27 - No School

Happy Thanksgiving!

Tuesday, Nov. 29 -  
Reconciliation for grades 6-8

Wednesday, Nov. 30 -  
Reconciliation for grades 4-5

Thursday, Dec. 1 -  
SHG Preview Night

Friday, Dec. 2 -  
Picture retake day

Saturday, Dec. 3 -  
9:00 a.m. - 7th Grade Speech Meet at BSS

Sunday, Dec. 4 -  
Advent by Candlelight

Monday, Dec. 5 -  
8:15 a.m. - Leadership assembly (wear t-shirts)

Wednesday, Dec. 7 -  
6:30 p.m. - Band Concert

Thursday, Dec. 8 -  
8:20 a.m. - All school Mass

Sunday, Dec. 11 -  
1:00 - Ms. Dean's first grade Christmas program  
3:00 - Mr. Dahlkamp's first grade Christmas program

Monday, Dec. 12 -  
8:15 a.m. - Leadership assembly (wear t-shirts)

Wednesday, Dec. 14 -  
9:15 a.m. - Pre-K4 Christmas program  
1:30 p.m. - dismissal for faculty meeting

Thursday, Dec. 15 -  
6:30 p.m. - Third grade Christmas program

Friday, Dec. 16 -  
9:00 a.m. - Kindergarten Christmas program

Sunday, Dec. 18 -  
1:00 - Mrs. Ambrose's second grade Christmas program  
3:00 - Mrs. Phillips' second grade Christmas program

Monday, Dec. 19 -  
9:15 a.m. - Preschool half-day Christmas program

Wednesday, Dec. 21 -  
End of Second quarter  
10:00 a.m. - Preschool 3's Christmas program  
11:30 a.m. - Dismissal for Christmas vacation! No  
BASE!!!

Wednesday, January 4, 2023 -  
Classes resume