

September 8, 2017

Good Afternoon,

It's been a great first week for all of us at BSS. I hope that your children have been coming home excited about all that is happening in their classrooms at the start of our new school year. Here are a few more updates as this week draws to a close:

(1) **BSS Parent Collaborative News:**

- The first Parent Collaborative meeting of the new school year will be held next Thursday, September 14 at 8:15am in the cafeteria. We hope that you are able to stop by, even if only for a short time, to meet other BSS parents and hear more about the calendar of events planned for this coming year.

- The PC will host our first school Mass of the year next Thursday at 10:00am in the church. Parents are always welcome to join us at school Masses - we hope that you can be with us as we celebrate the start of the school year next Thursday morning.

- The September 2017 PC Newsletter is attached to this email.

(2) **Back to School Night - Thursday, September 21, 7:00-8:30pm:** Be sure to mark your calendars for Back to School Night on Thursday night, September 21. This annual event gives parents an opportunity to visit classrooms, learn about many of the clubs, events and activities offered to our students and families, and hear a presentation from the school administration about the year ahead. Keep an eye out for more information as the date gets closer.

(3) **Parking Reminders for Week of September 11:** Our Preschool, PreK and Kindergarten classes will begin their full day programs on Monday. As such, we will have many more cars in the parking lot at our afternoon dismissal time. Be sure that the first 3-4 rows at dismissal time are reserved for families whose oldest/only child is in one of our Early Childhood programs.

(4) **BSS Golf Tournament - Monday, October 2:** The BSS Golf Tournament at the Norton Country Club is just over three weeks away. We are still looking for a few more players and sponsors for this fun event - an event that raises important funds to support financial aid at BSS.

To register as a player or sponsor, visit:

<http://school.blessedsacrament.org/golf>

If you have any leads on potential sponsors for this event, please let us know by emailing Melissa at mdugas@blessedsacrament.org.

(5) **Scholastic Book Fair - September 19-21:**

The 2017 BSS Scholastic Book Fair needs your help!

All proceeds from the Book Fair (September 19-21 in the school cafeteria) help to buy new books and other items for our library!

The Book Fair will conclude with special hours before and after the annual "Back to School Night" on Thursday, September 21.

- * You will receive a notice in a couple of weeks as to when your child will attend the fair.
- * You will also receive a form that will enable you to pre-authorize an amount that your child will be able to spend on books (remember to account for the 6.25% tax that will be added to the price of the books). This amount will be invoiced through the BSS FACTS incidental billing system.
- * Please have your child bring back the pre-authorization form on his/her designated book fair day. (After visiting the fair, your child will be sent home with a receipt for the exact amount that will be billed to your FACTS account.)
- * Buying book donations for our library is always welcome, and teachers also set aside books that you can donate to the classrooms!

Here's where we need your help. Bank some service hours early! You can volunteer to:

- 1) Set up on Saturday morning, September 16 from (9am - 12pm) (some heavy lifting involved)
- 2) Ring up sales at the Fair (come when your child's class is there during the day Tuesday - Thursday)
- 3) Ring up sales before or after BTS night (Thursday 6pm-7pm or 8pm-9pm)
- 4) Pack up the books after BTS night on Thursday, September 21 (from 9pm-10pm) (a great time for dads to get some service hours!)

Have any questions? Interested in helping? If you can join us for any of the days/times listed, we'd really appreciate it! You can sign up for volunteer shifts here:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0444acab2fa75-scholastic1>

Once the schedule of class visits to the Book Fair is finalized, we will share it with everyone.

Please email Rosemary Schuster at schuster.rosemary@gmail.com or Kendra Guthrie at kendraguthrie@icloud.com for more information.

Enjoy the weekend!

Jim



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PC Newsletter

MONTHLY NEWS & UPDATES FOR SEPTEMBER 2017



Welcome back for the 2017-2018 school year. The Parent Collaborative (PC) serves our students and community using parents' time, talents and resources. The PC holds many events separate from the two fundraising events coordinated by the Advancement office (which are the Golf Tournament in October and the Under the Stars Dinner and Auction in March).

We invite you to consider volunteering for one of our 4 active PC Committees:

***Enrichment**— arranges for guest speakers/workshops that address students/ parents on topics such as bullying, online safety, etc.; for classroom visits or student assemblies that expand upon the curriculum and enrich the students intellectually & culturally as well as events such as the Halloween Party, Grandparents Day, and Spring Carnival.

***Christmas Bazaar**— assists with festivities associated with the Christmas Bazaar held in December such as raffle baskets, vendors/ crafter tables, concessions, and photos with Santa. Many volunteers are needed the day before the Bazaar, the day of the Bazaar to oversee the various activities and to help with clean up.

***Fundraising**— plans & assists on details of events such as Trivia Night, Used Uniform Sale, Box Tops, Scholastic Book Fair, Scrip program, electronic recycling, etc.

***Hospitality Committee**— coordinates light snacks, baked goods, and beverages at several events throughout the year. (You won't need to do the baking.)

Do any of these committees sound interesting to you? We hope so! To read about each committee in more depth or to sign up to JOIN one of the committees, visit the Parent Collaborative section under the BSS Parents tab on the school website. The volunteer sign-up form will be located there as well.

Don't forget to attend our first **PC meeting on Thurs, September 14th at 8:15am (after assembly)** and the annual **Back To School night in the gym on Thursday, September 21st at 7pm**. At both events, you'll have a chance to ask more questions and learn more about each of the committees.

At any time you can also contact the PC officers at: BSSPC@blessedsacrament.org.

Mark Your Calendar! BSS Golf Tournament
Oct 2nd, 7:30AM- 4:30PM

Got 15 minutes?

Come pray the rosary with fellow BSS parents! Fifteen minutes is all you need. Join fellow BSS parents on Monday mornings immediately following assembly in the parish community room. We are typically done by 8:30am. No rosary necessary! We can supply the rosary and the prayers to follow

along. Little ones are welcome: coloring books and crayons are available. It's a great way to start your week plus this mad world that we live in could certainly use more prayers.

The first rosary will be held on Mon, Sept. 18th & will meet every Monday afterward.

EVENTS of the MONTH

Volunteers needed!

***Used Uniform Closet Sales**— Thurs, 9/14, Fri, 9/15 and Thurs, 9/21. Any questions or interested volunteers contact: Rebecca Lopez at: rymartel@gmail.com. Co-chairs also needed to Head the Committee in the future.

***Scholastic Book Fair, Sept 19-21st**— Volunteers needed to set up on Monday, 9/18, ring sales during the days Tues-Thurs, ring sales before and/or after Back to School night, and pack books up after Back to School night. Contact Rosemary Schuster or Kendra Guthrie at:

schuster.rosemary@gmail.com, or kendraguthrie@icloud.com.

***BSS Golf Tournament**— volunteers needed throughout the day on Mon, 10/2. Please go to the SignUp Genius to volunteer: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a49aaa822a46-bss2017>.



Back to School Night
Thurs, September 21st
7:00—8:30 PM

PC REMINDERS

September 2017

- 5—1st day of school Grades 1-8, early dismissal, 12 noon
- 5—Middle School BBQ, 12-1:30pm
- 5—Gr. 6 Parent Orientation, 6-7pm
- 6—First full day Grades 1-8, Orientations for PS, Pre-K and K, 8:30-9:30am
- 6—Extended day program begins
- 6—Gr 4 & 5 Parent Orientations, 6-7pm
- 7—8 Half days PS, Pre-K & K
- 12—Deadline to submit name for Room Parent Volunteer
- 14—1st PC meeting, 8:15-9:15am, Cafeteria
- 14—Used Uniform Closet Sale, 9:00-9:45am
- 14—BSS Mass, 10am
- 15—Used Uniform Closet Sale, 8:15-8:45am
- 18—BSS Rosary, 8:15am
- 19-21—Scholastic Book Fair
- 20—Class Retreat, Grade 8
- 21—Back to School night, 7pm
- 21—Used uniform closet sale: 6:30-7pm, 8-8:30pm
- 22—PC Volunteer Opportunities Sign-up sheet due
- 25—BSS Rosary, 8:15am
- 26—VIRTUS Training, 6:30-8pm
- 27—Middle school field trip
- 28—New Parent Reception, 7-9pm
- 29—No afternoon Walpole bus

Our Mission...

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, the Parent Collaborative serves our students and community using our time, talents and resources.

Serving as a role model for our children, we foster open communication, create fellowship in the community, and facilitate enriching activities.

Guided by the mission of Blessed Sacrament School, we inspire inclusiveness and harmonious relationships among our school, homes and community.

All families ARE the Parent Collaborative.