

October 3, 2017

Good Afternoon,

Thank you to all the players, sponsors and volunteers who helped to make yesterday's BSS Golf Tournament another huge success. Special thanks goes out to our committee chairs - John Gianino, Bob McCaffery and John Trendel - for all the time they invested preparing for yesterday's event.

Here are several updates from BSS...

(1) **BSS Soccer and Basketball Registration:** Registration is open for the fall season of BSS Soccer and the fall/winter season of BSS basketball.

Soccer is open to students at all grade levels.

Basketball is open to students in Grade 3 and above.

To register for soccer, go here:

<https://goo.gl/forms/5h3MkzH1pr5pSWBs1>

To register for basketball, go here:

<https://goo.gl/forms/yWh10ujNk2qscr293>

Billing for both programs will be done through the FACTS incidental billing system.

(2) **Trunk or Treat Halloween Party:** See the attached flyer for information about our new Trunk or Treat Halloween Party, which will be held in the BSS parking lot and gym from 1:00-3:00 on Sunday, October 2. We hope that many of our families will join us for this fun event!

(3) **"Sweet" Volunteer Opportunity - Baking Team:** The PC is seeking to create a team of volunteers who are willing to provide a home baked item for a PC event from time to time. If you express an interest, your name will be added to a Signup Genius Group. When there is a need for baked goods, a specific Signup Genius will go out only to individuals in that group including a list of items needed and time/location for delivery. You can choose when you would like to sign up and slots will be filled on a first come first serve basis. Home baked items (1 loaf, 1 cake, 2-3 dozen mini-muffins, cookies, bars, brownies, 1 dozen regular sized muffins/cupcakes) earn 1 service hour. If you are interested in being part of this team or would like more information, please contact bsspc@blessedsacrament.org.

(4) **Battle of the Books Signup:** The deadline to sign up for Battle of the Books is Thursday, October 5. This program is open to students in grades 3-8. For more information, please visit Mrs. Ferguson's blog: http://librarybss.blogspot.com/p/battle-of-books_6.html.

(5) **Used Uniform Closet Sales:** The used uniform closet will be open on the following dates in October for your fall and winter shopping needs:

Wednesday, 10/4, 2:00-2:20pm (before dismissal)

Thursday, 10/12, 9:15-9:45am (after PC meeting)

Friday, 10/13, 8:15-8:45am (after assembly)

If you can't make it to an upcoming sale, you can request items or a private appointment using our online request form on the Uniforms page of the school website [here](#).

Donations continue to be accepted throughout the school year. Look for the donation bin labeled "Used Uniforms" to the right of the gym doors (in the corner of the foyer, next to the Lost and Found bin).

(6) **Patriots Winter Coat Drive:** BSS is partnering with the New England Patriots this fall on their winter coat drive. Please bring in new and gently used winter coats (sizes newborn to adult medium) along with new winter hats, mittens and gloves between now and November 15. All donations will go to help children in need this winter. A collection bin for donations has been placed in the foyer outside the gym.

Additional Information:

- The October 2017 Parent Collaborative Newsletter is attached to this email.
- Remember that there will be no school on Friday, October 6 (faculty professional development day) and Monday, October 9 (Columbus Day).
- The summer uniform option can no longer be worn by students after the Columbus Day holiday. The summer option will resume following April Vacation in April 2018.
- There is a school Mass tomorrow morning at 10:00am in the church, as we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis together as a community. Please join us!

Have a great rest of the week.

Jim

TRUNK -OR- TREAT



A Halloween celebration for the whole family,
sponsored by the BSS Parent Collaborative

**\$5/child or
\$20/family**

When: Sunday, October 22

Time: 1-3 p.m. (setup starts at 12:30 p.m.)

Where: BSS Parking Lot & Gym

BSS students are invited to wear costumes and trick or treat from decorated cars in the school parking lot. Games, pizza and baked goods will be hosted in the Gym.

For more information or *to reserve a spot for your decorated vehicle*, visit the “BSS Parent Collaborative” section of the BSS Parents page on the BSS web site, or contact Sarah Mercuri at (bsspc@blessedsacrament.org).

The event will include:

Costume contest

Trunk decoration contest

Pizza & sweet treats

Face painting

Games



**BLESSED SACRAMENT
SCHOOL**



PC Newsletter

MONTHLY NEWS & UPDATES FOR OCTOBER 2017



BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL



1st Annual Trunk or Treat!

Trunk or Treat is a fun and safe way for children of all ages to trick or treat with their Blessed Sacrament friends. We line up vehicles in the parking lot so kids can trick or treat from trunk to trunk. Games, pizza and sweet treats will be available in the Gym.

We are looking for families and groups to host a vehicle (decorate your trunk with the theme of your choice, like Cat and the Hat or Charlie Brown Pumpkin Patch). You may also choose to have a game available for the kids as they trick or treat. The trunk with the most votes wins a prize! Setup begins at 12:30 pm and the event takes place from 1:00-3:00 pm on Sunday, October 22nd.

We're also looking for volunteers the day of the event. Please consider participating in this fun, family-friendly Halloween event. Please sign up using the SignUp Genius: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e4dafae2aa7ff2-trunk>.

The 2017 Scholastic Book Fair total sales were \$8,218.52 (including sales tax). BSS received approx. 50% of the total sales, **\$4,254 in scholastic dollars for Mrs. Ferguson to purchase new books for the library!** Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's book fair such a success. A special thank you to Rosemary Schuster & Kendra Guthrie for coordinating the event!

Thank you to all who attended the first PC meeting of the 2017-2018 school year! It was a great success with a record number of about 50 parents in attendance. The meeting minutes & meeting presentation are available on the BSS PC webpage. **The next meeting will be held on Oct. 12th in the Cafeteria from 8:15-9:15am.**

Admissions Ambassadors needed

We are seeking volunteers to become Admissions Ambassadors to assist with the school's admissions efforts in two areas -- Events and Outreach. The Admissions Ambassadors for Events will assist with open houses while the Admissions Ambassadors for Outreach will help disseminate admissions marketing materials in a coordinated and consistent way to each of the 19+ communities that we serve. Admissions

Ambassadors will earn service hours for participation in these activities. For more information, please contact Mr. Spillman at: jspillman@blessedsacrament.org.

Our first Open House will be held on November 7th at 9:00 am. Please help us spread the word to families that may be interested in considering BSS!

Countdown to Christmas Bazaar (12/2, 8am-3pm):

Christmas Bazaar is a holiday-themed event, open to the community, which is held in the Blessed Sacrament school gym & cafeteria. The gym is set up w/ tables that sell items from local crafters and artisans. There is a Santa's Village area where photos with Santa are available; a craft area for kids, a bake sale, fudge sale, silent auction baskets, a "sugar shack" place for kids to buy candy, and the kitchen is open for breakfast & lunch. It's a fun, festive day the whole family can enjoy and gets everyone into the holiday spirit. Kelly Chute has taken on the coordinator role, but **could use the help of many "elves"**. Please consider lending your time and talents to help. There are many tasks that can be done before the event, and volunteers are needed the day of the event for 2-3 hour time slots in various jobs; could also use dads for help with clean up. Please keep an eye out for the sign-up genius, or contact Kelly Chute at kchute1224@gmail.com. It's a fantastic way to earn service hours. Bring the family and work the event!

EVENTS of the MONTH

Mark your calendar!

*Fall Family Hike, Oct. 14th:

Are busy schedules taking your family in different directions? Do you need to unplug and reconnect? Come spend some quality time with your family and BSS friends on a Fall Family Hike. Join us on Saturday October 14 at 9 am at Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary in Sharon. In honor of our school's patron St. Francis, families will enjoy and contemplate nature together through prayer and a nature scavenger hunt. We will be doing an easy hike so even little ones can participate! If you have questions or would like to sign up, please contact Carolyn Herman at:

Carolyn.w.herman@gmail.com.

*First Annual Trunk or Treat Halloween Party – Sunday, October 22nd from 1:00 - 3:00pm.

Volunteers & Trunks needed. Contact Sarah Mercuri at:

sarahsmercuri@gmail.com or bsspc@blessedsacrament.org with questions or see the SignUp Genius to sign up to help with this great event!

*Used Uniform Closet Sale(s):

Reminder: After Columbus Day weekend, summer uniforms are no longer allowed until the Spring. Take advantage of our used uniform closet sales on Oct. 4th, 12th and 13th to update the sizes of uniforms in your closets! Volunteer opportunities also available, refer to the following link to sign up: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b4aa4ae2da13-used2>.

PC REMINDERS

October 2017

- 2—PC Rosary, 8:15am
- 2—BSS Golf Tournament, Norton Country Club, 9am-3:30pm
- 3—BC High & Montrose visit Grade 8, 8:15-8:45am
- 4—BSS Mass, hosted by Grade 6, 10-11am
- 4—Used uniform closet sale, 2-2:20pm
- 5—Catholic Memorial & Fontbonne visit Grade 8, 8:15-8:45am
- 5—Grade 4 Field Trip, 9-11:30am, Gillette Stadium
- 6&9— NO SCHOOL
- 11—SCHOOL PICTURE DAY
- 12—PC meeting, BSS Cafeteria, 8:15-9:15am
- 12—Used uniform closet sale, 9:15-9:45am
- 12—Marian High School visits Grade 8, 11-11:30am
- 13—Used uniform closet sale, 8:15-8:45am
- 14—Fall Family Hike, Moose Hill, Sharon , 9am
- 15—Parent meeting (Option 1 of 2) 1st Reconciliation/1st Eucharist, St. Mary's parish hall, 10-11am
- 16—PC Rosary, 8:15am
- 16—Bishop Feehan High School visits Grade 8, 8:15-8:45am
- 18—Grade 7 class retreat
- 18—Grade 1 Field Trip, 9am-12:15pm
- 22—Parent meeting (Option 2 of 2) 1st Reconciliation/1st Eucharist, St. Mary's parish hall, 10-11am
- 22—Trunk or Treat Halloween Party, 1-3pm BSS Parking lot/Gym
- 23—PC Rosary, 8:15am
- 24—Grade 8 Field Trip, 9am-2:45pm
- 25—Dr. Rob visits BSS, 12:30-3:30pm
- 27—No afternoon Walpole Bus
- 30—PC Rosary, 8:15am

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