

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER March 30, 2018

Dear Families -

Now that I believe the bad weather has run its course, I want to announce that our last day of school will change to Friday, May 25^{th} . The K - 7 Awards will move to May 25^{th} . 8^{th} Grade events on Tuesday, May 22^{nd} will remain unchanged.

I'm excited to announce we have received a \$15,000 grant for a new playground. As many of you know the West Playground has parts that we are not able to play on. As part of the construction project, the Kindergarten playground on the East side was pulled up and placed by the West playground in hopes of getting a team of volunteers to reconstruct it in the location of the West playground. However, thanks to Mrs. Jones and Mr. Power, we have received this grant for a new playground. However, part of the acceptance of the grant requires the school to come up with a matching \$15,000, making the total cost of the playground \$30,000. Unfortunately, the school does not have \$15,000 to fund this project. Before we would decline this grant, we are asking our school families and parishioners the importance of having a new playground and thus, any interest in assisting with this funding. This playground equipment that will be used for Pre-K thru 5th grade students (we have different pieces planned for different age groups.) We know our families have been so generous in the past and hate to ask for more funds, yet we do not want to decline the grant without asking our community first. We must either accept or decline this grant by April 16th. A form went home Wednesday asking for pledges, with pledge payments due by June 1st. Because of the deadline of April 16th to accept or decline the grant, we need pledge forms returned to the school office by April 13th. A decision will be made (and communicated) by end of day on April 16th whether we will accept or decline the grant. If you would need another pledge form, please contact the school office. Remember – the PLEDGE FORM is due by April 13th – the money is not due until June 1st. Thank you for your consideration.

Protecting God's Children sessions have been scheduled for April 11 at 6:00 pm, April 23 both at 6:00 pm, and June 2 at 9:00 am. For parents planning to help with field trips, play day, or even Family Fun Festival in September, or any other volunteer activity involving our children, you must have completed this course. Call the parish office for further information.

Qualifying practices have been completed for the 2018 IESA bowling season. This year's sectional and state qualifiers that will represent Our Saviour School in the IESA State Series are: Boys - Daxton Baptist, Tyler Headen, Kohen Hoots, Kyler Gibson, and Kaleb Kluge. Girls – Anna May, Lexi Schwiderski, Gillian Wooldridge, Jessica Winters, and Hannah Parlier. These bowlers will compete in Sectional competition on Saturday, April 7th in Peoria, then again in State competition on April 13th and 14th in Joliet.

Congratulations to our Girls Basketball Coach, Ms. Colleen Doyle as an IBCA Girls Jr. High School, District #17, Co-Coach of the Year. The Illinois Basketball Coaches Association will honor all of our Coach of the Year selections from Illinois' Jr. High, High School and College ranks at their annual Hall of Fame Banquet, which will be held at Redbird Arena in May. Congratulations Coach Doyle!

SAVE THE DATE! The 2018 PreK through 4th grade Spring Program is on Thursday, May 3rd at

6:30pm in the Gym. There will be a dress rehearsal that same day at 2:00 pm for any who cannot make it to the evening performance. The 4th Graders are eager to showcase their recorders and the PreK-3rd are performing "DISNEY--The Movies, The Music!" *All Students wear Spirit Wear that evening and optional for PreK-3rd: a Disney headpiece (i.e. Mickey/Minnie ears, disney tiara, etc. No masks, please).

Just a reminder that our "new" date for the Shamrock 5K is April 28th. Participants can check in on the East side of the school (in the parking lot.) With the date change, if you are now interested in participating or volunteering for this event and was not able to with the previous date, please contact Adam Power at apower@oursaviourshamrocks.com.

This year's spring play, Campaign Capers at Taft High will be April 20-21 at 7:30 in the gym. Tickets are on sale now! Please call the OSS Office to reserve your tickets. There are a limited number of seats available both nights.

Reminder enrollment is open for the 2018-19 school year. You can go to our website (www.oursaviourshamrocks.com) and scroll down to "FACTS Management" to register your students. Tuition increases \$150 after April 19th. Also, tuition assistance process is available as well on the website.

Thank you to all who represented Our Saviour School in the 2018 St. Patrick's Day parade on Saturday. Way to show our Shamrock Pride! (And thank you to Missy Naeve for organizing!)

Just a reminder that **service hours run from May 1 – April 30**. A family is required to work 15 hours per year (PreK only families – 5 hours per year.) Just a reminder that any remaining amount owed for service hours (\$10 per hour) will be deducted from FACTS in the month of July. **Also, for current families wishing to receive tuition assistance, the service hours must be completed in order to be eligible.** As always, in case of hardship, please write a letter to the Pastor by March 31st and send it to the school office in order to consider waiving the service hour requirement. Thank you.

The thought this week was from Hebrews 11:6: "But without faith it is impossible to please him, for anyone who approaches God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

Congratulations to our 7^{th} and 8^{th} grade students who made Honor and High Honor Roll for 3^{rd} Quarter:

High Honors

8th Grade Students: 7th Grade Students:

Max Bruner Isaac Anderson
Braden Cors Daxton Baptist
Addie Dobson Julia Beeley
Natalie Evans Grace Geirnaeirt
Audrey Huffman Lilly Geirnaeirt
Anna May Emily Kruzan
Gracie McCartney Ethan Walker

Hunter Mogg

Ava Schilsky

Alexa Schwiderski

Anna Terwische

Honors

8th Grade Students: 7th Grade Students:

Alex Coop Colton Decker
Kiersten Gibson Kyler Gibson
Tyler Headen Anna Muller
Kendall Jumper Emily Nava
Cassidy Martin Hannah Parlier

Steven Schilsky Eli Pine

Gillian Wooldridge Madisyn Roach Jose Varela Faith Runyon

> Joe Whalen Jessica Winters

Blessings,

Mrs. Stevie VanDeVelde

Dates to Remember:

March 29 – Living Stations – 1:45 p.m.

March 30 – Good Friday – No School

April 2 – 6 – Easter Break – No School

April 9 – Return to School

April 11 – Parent Club – 6:00 pm in the Science Lab/Classroom

April 11 – No PM bus service

April 11 – Protecting God's Children – 6:00 p.m.

April 15 – 1st Communion Parent Meeting – 11:30 – MRR

April 18 – Early Registration for 2018-19 closes – Tuition increases \$150 beginning April 19th

April 18 – Skate Night – 6-8 pm

April 19 – Spirit Wear Day

April 20 - 21 – Spring Play

April 22 - Children's Choir performs - 10:30 Mass

April 23 – Protecting God's Children – 6:0 p.m.

April 24 and April 26 – Kindergarten screening

April 26 – Advisory Board – 7 pm

April 28 – Rescheduled Shamrock 5K

April 30 – Service Hours Due in the office

June 2 – Protecting God's Children – 9:00 a.m.