

# BSS NEWSLETTER



MARCH/APRIL 2009

## Dates to Remember

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| 3/2-6 | - | NYS Math test for Grade 4.  | 4/8       | - | Living Stations of the Cross presented by the 8 <sup>th</sup> grade - in Church at 1:45 p.m.        |
|       | - | Progress Reports will be sent home this week for grades 5-8.  |           | - | NYS Science Test for Grade 4.   |
| 3/6   | - | First Friday schedule-dismissal at 11:30 a.m.   | 4/9-4/10- |   | Holy Thursday and Good Friday<br>NO SCHOOL  |
| 3/9   | - | NYS Math test for Grade 8   | 4/13-17   |   | Spring Recess (NO SCHOOL)   |
| 3/23  | - | Mandatory meeting for all parents of students making their First Communion at 7:00 p.m in the school gym.                           | 4/15      | - | Deadline for Lally Scholarship Applications. Applications are still available in the school office. |
|       | - | Candy sale begins and continues through April 6. All families are asked to sell 1 box or donate \$32.00 (the profit from each box). | 4/20      | - | School re-opens   |
| 3/25  | - | Science/Technology Fair for Grades 7 & 8. More information will be sent home.   | TBA       | - | Field trip for 8 <sup>th</sup> graders. "Spring Into Science"                                       |
| 3/27  | - | Faith Formation Day for all teachers. <b>NO SCHOOL!</b>   | 4/22      | - | Lifetouch Spring picture day. More information will follow.   |
| 4/1   | - | Spanish Fair at Bishop Maginn High School. More information will be sent home.  |           | - | Spring Open House . Please tell your friends, families and co-workers- 6:00-7:30 p.m.               |
| 4/2   | - | Second grade retreat in preparation for First Eucharist.  |           |   |   |
| 4/3   | - | First Friday schedule. Dismissal at 11:30 a.m.  |           |   |   |

### **HOLD THIS DATE!!**

- 5/30 - PASTA DINNER - 4-7:00 p.m. in the school gym.  
Prices: \$4.00 children and adults  
\$12.00 family of four

PLEASE PLAN ON JOINING US!!

**UNIFORMS** - Our uniform buyer is Flynn and O'Hara from Philadelphia. They will be coming sometime in May for measurements of all students in need of new uniforms. In the meantime, if you need a part of the uniform to carry your student through June, you may order direct: 1-800-441-4122 or visit the website: [www.flynmohara.com](http://www.flynmohara.com)

**PLEASE NOTE: Girls' winter uniforms ends on March 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**SPORTS** - Congratulations to all boys' and girls' basketball teams for another great season. The sports banquet this year will be in our school gym on March 28<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-7:30 p.m. A very special "thank you" to Jim Crisafulli and Matt Cole who have been instrumental in running our basketball program for too many years to count and to all our coaches who have worked hard on promoting good sportsmanship and for sharing their time and talent with our students. I would also like to thank all those parents who so graciously give up their weekends to volunteer their time to our concession stand, door, raffle and hall monitoring. You truly do help make our sports program a success without you, there would not be a program.

**TUITION PAYMENTS** - I appreciate all those families who have recently made payments to bring their tuition up-to-date. It is very important in order for us to meet our school payroll and bills. A "special" thank you to all those who are always current in making payments by the first of each month. **It is imperative that any account in arrears be brought up-to-date as soon as possible.**

As of March 1, we should have **(8)** months of tuition payments completed ~ summer payment and September through March for parents with children in grades K-8. Your last tuition payment for this school year is May 1<sup>st</sup>.

For all parents with students in our Nursery and Pre-K programs, we should have **(7)** months of tuition payments completed ~ September 1 through March 1. Your last tuition payment is due on June 1<sup>st</sup>. If your tuition is presently in arrears, please contact Sr. Patricia as soon as possible!!

**Nursery, Pre-K, Kindergarten and Grade 8 students will not be allowed to participate in graduation ceremonies, if tuition is not paid in full by the end of the school year.**

### **TUITION PAYMENTS FOR THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR**

**The first tuition payment for the next school year (2009-2010) will be due on June 1, 2009.** This will hold your child's spot for the next school year. The remaining payments (9) will be due on the first of each month starting in September and ending in May with all fees due by August 1, 2010. This applies to all parents with students in Grades K-8.

**For all those parents with students in our Nursery and Pre-K program, we are asking for ½ months tuition in July and the other ½ in September. This will hold your child's spot for next year.**

**SERVICE CONTRACTS** - For all parents who requested a service contract, we will be checking to see if you put in the minimum 20 hours of service. Your tuition will be adjusted downward on April 1, 2009, if you completed your service contract. It was your responsibility to notify school if you have not been called for a service.

**REMINDER** - Our dismissal time is 2:50 p.m. for grades Nursery-4 and 2:55 p.m. for grades 5-8. There are a very large number of families who are not picking up their children on time. As a result we end up with children sitting between the two front doors impatiently waiting for a pick-up. **As mentioned in previous Newsletters, children who are not picked up by 3:10 p.m. will be sent to our After School Program at a drop-in cost of \$10.00 . We ask that you give this matter your attention!**

**OPEN HOUSE** - We will be hosting a **Spring Open House on April 22, 6:00-7:30 p.m.** If you have friend, family or co-workers looking to enroll their children in school, please pass the word.

**LENT** - We have chosen a few activities to work on during Lent~praying, sacrificing and given alms. We have a lenten prayer each day over the PA system. We also will have Reconciliation Services for Grades 3-8 in Church. The eighth grade will present the Living Stations of the Cross at 1:45 p.m. on Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.

**SPELLING BEE** - Grace Thomson will be representing Blessed Sacrament School at the Regional Spelling Bee at Proctors. Congratulations to all students who participated in the Spelling Bee this year. A special "thank you" to Mrs. Susan Albright and Ms. Kim Kellogg who have graciously dedicated their time to coordinating the Spelling Bee.

**BOY AND GIRL SCOUTS** - I would also like to express my thanks to all the parents who work with our students in boy and girl scouts and brownies. Without their willingness to volunteer their time, these programs would not be possible. It is indeed, a wonderful service to our children.

**TRANSPORTATION FORMS** - Albany City Bus Transportation forms were sent home with your children in February. Please follow the directions on the letter that was attached with your application. **All transportation forms must be in the Transportation Office NO LATER THAN APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> TO GUARANTEE YOUR CHILD A SEAT ON THE BUS. PLEASE SEND ALL COPIES TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE.**

**OUT OF DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION STUDENTS** - All bus forms are due to your school districts by APRIL 1, 2009. Please make sure your child's form is sent directly to your school district.

**TRAFFIC PATTERNS** - As always, we are quite concerned about the safety of our students in the parking lot, especially at pick-up time in the afternoon. **PLEASE PARK YOUR CAR. IF NOT IN THE PARKING LOT , PARK ACROSS THE STREET BY THE PARK AND WALK TO THE BACK OF CHURCH AND PICK-UP YOUR CHILD(REN). PLEASE DO NOT DOUBLE PARK OR TRIPLE PARK ACROSS THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC.**

**WE ASK ALL PARENTS TO PLEASE OBSERVE THE SCHOOL BUSES AT THE END OF THE DAY AS THEY LEAVE THE PARKING LOT. THE BUSES HAVE THE RIGHT OF WAY UNTIL ALL OUR CHILDREN ARE SAFELY ON BOARD. AS ONE BUS LEAVES, THE REMAINING BUSES MOVE UP, PLEASE DO NOT TRY TO DRIVE IN-BETWEEN THE BUSES. WE ASK FOR YOUR PATIENCE.**

## **PICK-UP PROCEDURES**

**Car Line - Church Parking Lot** - If your child is picked up in the parking lot at the end of the school day, you must again enter the parking lot at the Colby St. side and park your car. If parking spaces are not available, please park across the street by the park and proceed to the back of Church to pick up your child(ren). Children will not be released unless a parent is present, they will be brought back to school to wait for their ride. Remember that the parking lot is designated for one way traffic (right from Colby St.~ out to Hunter Ave.).

**Car Line - Central Avenue** - For those parents who pick up their children in front of school at dismissal, you may continue to do so only if parking is available. Absolutely no “double parking” in front of the school. If you consistently find it necessary to double park at dismissal, we feel it would be safer for the children if you would change their dismissal line and pick them up in the parking lot.

**PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT THESE PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN SETUP TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF YOUR CHILDREN!**

**CANDY SALE** - Our candy sale fund raiser will begin on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and end on April 6, 2009. Blue forms were sent home to all parents requesting that each family sell one box of candy or donate the profit we would make for each box sold of \$32.00.