

Blessed Sacrament School Newsletter

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Mission Statement

The mission of Blessed Sacrament School, a Catholic School and ministry of Blessed Sacrament Parish, is to educate preschool through grade 8 students in a safe, nurturing, and academically challenging environment that instills the knowledge of God's great love for us. We empower students to become well-rounded individuals who are lifelong learners and joyful witnesses to Christ's teachings.

Principal's News

Dear Families,
Spring has sprung! The days are getting brighter and longer, and the landscape is already starting to green up. It's a sure sign of warmer weather ahead and the students are starting to dream of those long lazy days of summer. Those days are truly a blessing and a great time for family get-togethers, but there is still a long way to go before the end of the school year. Please make sure your student knows there is still plenty of time to bring up those grades, so it is very important to be ready for learning each and every day.

March Madness was a great success for our CYO basketball teams. **Our Middle School Girls' Team finished in 2nd place in the CAL Tournament, and our Junior Boys' Team won their tournament in a hard-fought victory over Sacred Heart School.**

As I reflect on the accomplishments of our basketball program, I think it is fitting to take some space to properly thank the volunteers who make our program successful. Mr. Anthony

Voccio and Cheryl Nacci, along with coaches Amanda Voccio, Jerome Correy, Robert Cappucilli, Benjamin Weiner, and Eddie Tarty, who all gave countless hours of their time, deserve our heartfelt appreciation and thanks. They all did a great job and I know the teams are looking forward to next year. Thank You!

Please remember to log-on to our FACTS

Page:

<https://online.factsmgmt.com/signin/3HRDF>
to apply for financial aid for the 2018-2019 school year. Although the initial deadline for applications has passed, it is not too late to apply for financial assistance. Please call the office if you have any questions.

God Bless,
Mr. Weber

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ April 2nd- Professional Development-No School
- ◆ May 6th: First Communion-10:30AM Mass in the Church.

Upcoming Events

April 1st -Easter Sunday

April 2nd - No School: Teacher Professional Development

April 2nd-6th- Reading Week

April 10th-School Mass: 9:00AM Hosted by Grade 1

April 11th -First Reconciliation: 1st Communicants @ 9:00AM in the Church.

April 13th - Third quarter report cards go home. Please return signed copy ASAP.

April 15th- Family Fling: 6:30PM-11:00PM. Rosario's Catering in Providence

April 16th through April 20th-Spring Vacation: No School

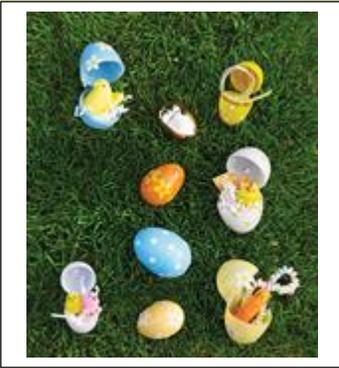
May 2nd - First Communion Rehearsal: 3:30PM-4:30PM in the Church

Parents: Thank you very much for enrolling your student(s) for the 2018-2019 school year. Many of our classrooms are filling up nicely. Please make sure to log on to the FACTS Tuition link on our website to select an appropriate payment plan for next year. Agreements will be finalized in early July and no fees are due until then. Thank you for your cooperation.

Happy Easter!



Pre-Kindergarten News



Happy Spring! In April, the **PK-4** children will be meteorologists as we learn all about weather this month. Some fun **science** experiments will include a "cloud" in a bottle and coloring mixing. In **Religion** we will read Noah's Ark and learn all about rainbows.

After Easter, our **prek-3** students will be focusing on a spring theme and creating projects. In **math**, we are still reviewing recognition of numbers. The students are growing and I can see their progress each day. Please reinforce skills like zipping coats, tying shoes, and recognizing letters and numbers.

Kindergarten News

April showers bring May flowers! The kindergarteners will create a bulletin board to illustrate what this saying means. We will also design a bulletin board to celebrate **Reading Week**, which begins on April 3rd. Stop by to find out who your child's favorite author and/or book is! We planted our pumpkin seeds we saved from October when we carved our pumpkin, and are hopeful that we will see sprouts soon! In

Reading, please continue to practice all high frequency words. They represent a necessary foundation for grade one. In **math**, we will continue to compose and decompose numbers to 10. Most of the children have learned to make the sign of the cross. Please continue to practice if your child has not mastered this. Our goal is to learn *The Hail Mary* by the end of the month.

First Grade News

To welcome spring in first grade, the children wrote stories about our new season. Their **writings** are on display in our classroom. I am so proud of the boys and girls. Their **writing** skills are developing very nicely. Please stop by to read our first grade spring stories. We would also like to invite you to come to the school Mass on April 10th at 9:00 AM. Our class will be hosting the Mass. The children will be reading on the altar, presenting the gifts at the offertory procession, and singing after communion.

Academically we continue to work very hard. During April, we will learn how to add and subtract two-digit numbers in Topics 10 and 11. We will also be working on **mental math**. Reviewing all the ways to make ten with your child will help a lot. The boys and girls have finished Unit 3 and we are moving on to the next unit in **reading**. These stories will focus on treasures, from families, nature, art, holidays and national monuments. During our readings and discussions, the children will explore more of the world, and how to value things that are truly important and close to their hearts.

Second Grade News

Our theme for **reading** is *Our Changing World*. We have been studying the life cycle of a pumpkin, the changes that occur underground, and we are now investigating soil. We will plant flower seeds and observe the changes that take place over time. The children have been researching frogs in computer class and are working on a report about their chosen frog. **Reading Week** will be celebrated this month and I hope to see lots of extra reading take place. Along with doing some fun activities that week, I would love to have some parent volunteers come in and read to our class. Please let me know if you would like to help out.

In **math**, the students are working with place value to 1,000 and will soon be adding and subtracting three-digit numbers with regrouping. They are doing an amazing job. The children should continue to practice basic **math** facts to increase proficiency. Our focus in **religion** has been on the Lenten season and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Soon, we will learn about the resurrection of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, and the celebration of the Eucharist. Some of the children will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on April 11th during the school day. They will receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 6th at the 10:30 Mass. Please remember these children in your prayers. Happy Easter!

"Learning is the beginning of wealth. Learning is the beginning of health. Learning is the beginning of spirituality. Searching and learning is where the miracle process all begins."

-Jim Rohn

Third Grade News

As we begin the month of April we are celebrating the Easter season and remembering Jesus' Resurrection! We will continue to learn about the important events in Jesus' life during Holy Week, with a special focus on the Triduum. We will create our own Pascal candles and Resurrection

butterflies! During April we will continue the theme of new life in **science**. Our students will study animal life cycles, and will plant green bean seeds and observe the plant's life cycle. Our third graders will be reading biographies, as well as writing a book report on one. We will also be **writing** our own autobiographies! We will be **reading** about Roger Williams and learning facts about the state of RI in **social studies** and learning about fractions in **math** class.

Fourth Grade News

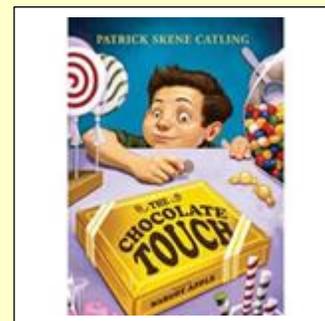
April is here and Grade 4 welcomes it! The In-Class Novel Study on Biographies in March was a great success! The students read biographies of famous people in history. They presented their speeches, as the person they read about, in character, and in costume at **The Living Biography Museum**. See the Blessed Sacrament School Facebook page for pictures of the event! In April, the

students will read a selection from the fantasy genre. Our selection is *The Chocolate Touch* by Patrick Skene Catling. In **Math**, the students finished Topic 10-*Developing Fluency in Dividing by 1-Digit Divisors*, and are moving onto Topic 11: *Fraction Equivalence and Ordering*. In **Religion**, the students will continue to learn about the Fourth and Fifth Commandments. In **Social Studies**, the students completed with the Northeast region chapter, and will be moving on to the Southeast region. They are discovering what makes the different areas of our country so special, in history, landscape, and population. In **Science**, the students continue to learn about ecosystems.

Fifth Grade News

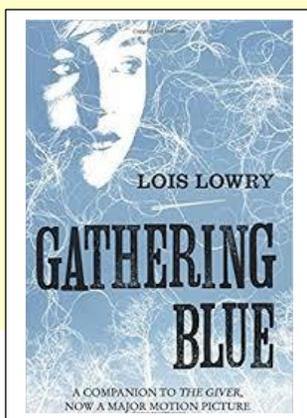
We are an Easter people and alleluia is our song! 5th grade is working hard as we become strong thinkers! We are exploring many different genres and calculating complex **mathematical** problems. In **math**, we are continuing our work with operations involving decimals. Have your child divide the bill at the restaurant and calculate each person's share to practice using operations involving decimals. We are becoming comprehension champions as we ask questions.

Higher order questions help us bring meaning to what we read. Ask your child to evaluate a character's solution in a text they might be reading. What is on the horizon for grade 5? **Math** computations, including geometry and fractions, **science** experiments, and the use of **technology** in learning. Sounds exciting, doesn't it? We will accomplish all this and more while being in our heavenly Father's loving care.



Middle School Literature & Creative Writing

Middle School English Language Arts has continued working on various works of Literature and Writing Skills. **The 6th grade** is almost finished reading the novel "*Gathering Blue*," the second in "*The Giver*" series and will begin working on a writing project about the book. They are then going to read the remaining two books in the series. **The 7th and 8th grades** have just finished reading the novel "*Divergent*," and are working on a power-point project where they will create a Utopian community based upon the story that they will then present to their classes. Rehearsals for "*The Lion King*" are moving along well, and we are now practicing four afternoons a week in the church basement. The students are working very hard and we are all hoping for a great show. The play will be May 11th and 12th at Bishop Hendricken High School.



The whole school will be involved, so please be on the lookout for upcoming information and flyers! We hope to see you all there!

Middle School Spanish

GRADE 6 will be conjugating 'AR' verbs. We are nearing the end of the chapter. The test will cover 'AR' verbs, personal pronouns, articles, and vocabulary.

GRADE 7 will be learning the conjugations for some irregular verbs.

GRADE 8 is continuing the review of Book A vocabulary and grammar.

Middle School Religion

GRADE 6 will continue to learn about the struggles of the Israelites to remain faithful to God and how God sent the prophets to call them back to the Covenant. We will keep using the KWL charts as long as they are helpful.

GRADE 7 is continuing the study of the sacraments. We will be looking at the Eucharist the first week of April.

GRADE 8 will be studying the Church after the World Wars.

Middle School Skills

6th Gr. Skills - Students will be working on Unit 11 and 12 this month. Students are working in their workbooks and have homework assignments. (3x each, sentences, and a writing component) Each student has access to the Sadlier website for additional tools.

7th Gr. Skills - Students will be working on Unit 11 and 12 this month. Students are working in their workbooks and have homework assignments. (3x each, sentences, and a writing component) Each student has access to the Sadlier website for additional tools.

8th Gr. Skills - Students will be working on Unit 11 and 12 this month. Students are working in their workbooks and have homework assignments. (3x each, sentences, and a writing component) Each student has access to the Sadlier website for additional tools.

Middle School Mathematics

Grade 8 Algebra: Students will continue with Chapter 5: Linear Functions. This includes working with equations in slope-intercept form, point-slope form, and standard form.

Grade 8 Pre-Algebra: Students will be working on solving multi-step equations (Chapter 6).

Grade 7 Pre-Algebra: After studying the Pythagorean Theorem, students will begin working in Chapter 4: Equations and Inequalities.

Grade 6 Math: Sixth graders will finish up geometry by calculating surface area. We will then work on Rates, Proportions, and Percent in Chapter 7.

POINT-SLOPE FORM

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

given $m, (x_1, y_1)$

$$m = -1 \quad (3, -2)$$
$$y - -2 = -1(x - 3)$$
$$y + 2 = -(x - 3)$$

Students of the Month-April

Middle School Social Studies

6th Grade: A Mini-unit on the Holocaust has been completed with students. Students are continuing to work on Chapter 5, *Ancient China*. RWU students will be coming in to teach street law.

7th Grade: A Mini-unit on the Holocaust has been completed with students. Students are continuing to work on Chapter 5, *The Road to the Revolution*.

8th Grade: A Mini-unit on the Holocaust has been completed with students. Students are continuing to work on Chapter 19, *Political Reform and the Progressive Era*. RWU students have started working with students on Street Law.

Pre-K3: Juan Lux
Pre-K4: Luiseiris Saldaña
Kindergarten: Jorge Pimentel
1st Grade: Esther Demelo
2nd Grade: Sandra Gonzalez
3rd Grade: Kaylee Smith
4th Grade: Charles Johnson
5th Grade: Marianna Kollie
6th Grade: Raul Almanzar
7th Grade: Jessica Lebrun
8th Grade: Madeline Rodas

Keep up the good work!



Middle School Science

Grade 6: Earthquakes and volcanoes were the topic of discussion for the last few weeks, with special guest appearances from Providence College student teachers, who created and taught 3 lesson plans for the kids. Unfortunately the PC students only have 1 more week with Grade 6. We will continue finishing up the chapter on volcanoes, and then a group project will be due after Spring break. More to come on that later next month.

Grade 7: has been studying Human Genetics, DNA and Human Genetic Disorders. The students finished a project where they had to pick a Genetic Disorder and design a pamphlet to present to the class. I was very pleased with their projects. We will finish up the unit with a study of Charles Darwin's *"Evolution Theory,"* better known as *"Survival of the Fittest."*

Grade 8: The students did a great job mastering atoms, elements, chemical bonds, periodic table and molecules. Now, we are on to fun experiments and hopefully we will go outside to test our theories. Force in motion, wind, gravity, velocity & speed, will round out the top experiments. The students have expressed interest in "launching something" in the air to test speed and distance.....stay tuned!
I am building a greenhouse in class next week and planting our FREE seeds from URI.....crossing fingers we will have some veggies and flowers for the Spring!

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Music:

In **music** we are doing some very fun things. All Grades have begun prepping music for the *Lion King* to sing during the show. Grades 1-4 have begun to delve into classical music. Grade 5 is working hard on recorders. All students are meeting or surpassing the goals we have set as a class. Middle School has begun to discuss modern music genres and artists. The Choir is working very hard on music for our concert *"We Sing of America."* Please be on the lookout for a date to join us!

I am very pleased to announce that Blessed Sacrament has joined an international program called the Tri-M Music Honor Society. Seven of our middle school students have been invited to join and will be inducted following the 9am Mass on April 10th. Please join us on this momentous occasion!

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The Hope of the Harvest is in the Seed.