

# Blessed Sacrament School Newsletter

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## Principal's News



Dear Families,

Blessed Sacrament School is a busy place and we are off to a great start to the new school year. All of the teachers have been working very hard to prepare engaging lessons for your students. Please make sure they come to school well-rested and prepared for class. Parents are the single biggest support system, and factor, in student success. Please keep that in mind as we continue to work toward preparing your students for the complexities of the world in which we live.

On the topic of being prepared, it is very important that we receive everyone's "back-to-school" forms. These include: the Acceptable Use of Technology form, the Emergency Care Card, the Handbook Highlights form, and the photo permission form. Your student may be excluded from important lessons or even worse, we may not be able to get in touch with you if there were an emergency. So please return all forms promptly. Thank you for your cooperation.

Once again, I am happy to announce that several PC students will be joining our **after-school** program to offer free tutoring to our daycare students. They will be here Monday through Thursday, from 2:30-4:00 PM, to offer homework help and tutoring services. I know our daycare students will be happy to have the help! Thank you to the FriarServe community for making this happen.

## Financial Aid News

Congratulations to everyone who completed the application process for the **school endowment**. In order to receive this award, families must have filed an application with FACTS Grant & Aid, and completed the school endowment application. 44 students received a tuition credit of at least **\$650.00** for the 2018-2019 school year!

## High School Entrance Exam!

Classical High School Entrance Test:  
Saturday, October 27, 2018 @ 8:00AM

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Blessed Sacrament School is now accepting families into our preschool programs who qualify for the **DHS Childcare Assistance Program**. This program can help pay tuition expenses for students up to entry into 6th grade, and daycare expenses for all students up to age 13. If you think you may qualify, apply online at:

<http://www.dhs.ri.gov/Programs/CCAPProgramInfo.php>

## Upcoming Events

October 4<sup>th</sup>-School Mass hosted by grade 8: 9:00AM All are welcome.

Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>- Progress reports go home.

October 8<sup>th</sup>- Columbus Day-No School

October 11<sup>th</sup>- Grades 6 & 7 Field Trip to PPAC- "Toying with Science."

October 15<sup>th</sup>- Gourmet Pie & Cookie Dough Fundraiser Orders are due.

October 19<sup>th</sup>- Dress Down sponsored by Grade 7.

October 26<sup>th</sup>-October Bash in the Church hall-6:00PM-8:00PM

October 26<sup>th</sup>-Parent/Teacher Conferences-**No School**

October 30<sup>th</sup>- Flu Clinic: 8:00 AM until 10:00 AM-Church Hall

October 31<sup>st</sup>- Halloween Stroll for Pre-K & Kindergarten-in costume!

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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ School Mass: November 1st-9:00AM
- ◆ RI Food Bank Spooktacular Food Drive Begins-Oct.2nd
- ◆ School Pictures: Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>- School Uniforms

## Pre-Kindergarten News



We are off to a great start in PK-4 this school year! During October, we will be exploring pumpkins and learning about farm animals through stories, activities and art projects. We are working on letter identification and letter sounds as well as fine motor skills through fun whole group and small group activities. In **math**, we are practicing numeral identification, counting and adding sets of five. "Have You Filled a Bucket Today" by Carol McCloud will be read in religion before discussing how we can love and care for others. There will also be some Halloween activities including our annual Halloween stroll through the school in costume.

Pre-K ¼ is finishing up the colors red, blue, yellow, and green. We have also been learning recognition of the numbers 1,2,3, and 4. We have made them out of playdough, traced them on paper, and used many manipulatives to count and recognize the colors that we have studied. The students did a wonderful job with all these activities. What a fantastic job all the students are doing at this time, even following classroom rules that are introduced every day! All your children are starting off the year with a great attitude! Keep it up Pre-K!

## Kindergarten News

Time flies when you are having fun! It is difficult to believe October is here. This month, the students will learn the following **High Frequency words**: *The, little, a, to*. We will also learn the consonant /m/ spelled Mm, and consonant /t/ spelled Tt. Please practice rhyming, counting syllables, and initial sounds. A fun way to practice these skills is to make up games, especially when riding in the car.

In **math**, students will learn to write numbers to 10. Practice counting and grouping objects into sets of 10. When writing both letters and numbers, please remember to start at the top! In **Religion**, students will learn that God gave us the land and filled it with many gifts. We will make applesauce, and carve pumpkins to celebrate the Fall Harvest.

## First Grade News

We are off to a busy start in grade one. The boys and girls are getting into their new routine and working hard. Everyone begins the day with **Journal Writing**. Some children are writing several sentences and others are trying to write a few words. I am proud of their efforts because everyone is trying their best. You will be amazed at how much your child will grow as a writer this year. We will be completing Unit R and beginning Unit 1 by mid-October. Unit 1 focuses on how animals and people are important to one another. There are fiction and nonfiction stories. Continue to use the Family

Times sheets I send home every week. The activities are fun and you're reinforcing what your child is learning in class. In **Math**, we are beginning Topic 2, which is all about understanding subtraction. Math homework will start the first week of October. Homework will be going home Monday – Thursday and the papers are due the next day. The children are learning how much God loves us and that God wants us to love others and ourselves. We are all children of God and we live in God's Circle of Grace, surrounded by God's love and God's goodness.

## Second Grade News

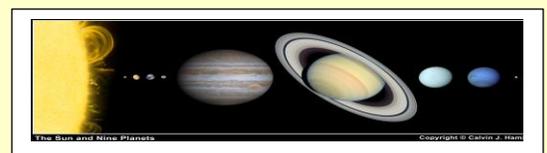
The children in Grade 2 have settled in and are adjusting nicely to their new routine. They have completed most of the beginning of the year assessments and have begun working in **reading** and **math** groups. The students' eagerness to learn is remarkable. Our current theme for **reading** is Exploration. The children were excited to read about a female astronaut, Eileen Collins, and love the idea of no gravity. They wrote stories about space, and they are making mobiles of the planets. Next, the children will learn about the desert and find out what plants and animals live there.

The children are reviewing fundamentals in subtraction and addition in preparation for regrouping. Be sure to have your child visit [www.pearsonsuccessnet.com](http://www.pearsonsuccessnet.com) for additional practice in **reading and math**. Their passwords will be sent home soon. It is a great tool. We are lucky enough to be premium members of Spelling City. Here your child can play games, write sentences, write stories, and even take a spelling practice test to prepare for weekly spelling tests. Please visit [www.spellingcity.com](http://www.spellingcity.com). Most importantly, the children are learning to become **disciples of Jesus**. They listen to Bible stories, sing, and learn about the Golden Rule. This is at the heart of our education here at Blessed Sacrament School.

## Third Grade News

Grade 3 has gotten off to a great start! Our third graders are settling in to the new school year very nicely! Since October is the month of the **Rosary**, we will be making a set of class rosary beads, learning and drawing the Mysteries of the Rosary, and praying a decade of the rosary each day! We will continue to study addition, subtraction, and place value in **math** class. We are learning about the Solar System in **science**; and maps, globes, and directions in **social studies**. Soon, we will be

starting a unit about **the Pilgrims**, Wampanoag, and the first Thanksgiving. Our creative writing will include sensory descriptions, acrostic poems, and scary stories!



*"Imagination is the beginning of creation.*

*You imagine what you desire, you will what you imagine and at last you create what you will."*  
-George Bernard Shaw

## Fourth Grade News

We have been working really hard on daily routines and I think the children have mastered the task. Very proud of them! In **Language Arts**, we have been applying new comprehension skills to better understand the stories we read. Every week, the children have 20 **spelling** words on which they will be tested every Friday. Please help them study those words at home. The new spelling words go home every Monday, so check their backpacks! The first **writing** piece they will be working on will be an autobiography. It will be "All About Me." They will start a rough draft or

"sloppy copy" next week. In **Math**, we are practicing our multiplication tables and working on word problems using those skills. Please feel free to practice the multiplication tables at home. Index cards from the Dollar Store to make flash cards is a great, effective way to master the tables. In **Science** and **Social Studies**, we just finished our first chapter in the books and had our first tests. In **Science**, we are learning about Plant and Animal Cells and in **Social Studies** we are learning about the different regions in the United States. I see a "hands-on project" in the near future! We have been invited to join a "Pen Pal" group. A 4th grade class from Idaho mailed us a letter and asked our class if we would like to correspond with them throughout the year. The children are really excited about this. The 4th grade class encouraged us to extend the invitation to other 4th grade classes around the United States. We will be working on drafting a class letter, using the internet to find schools and mailing our letters. We will be tracking our correspondences using a map of the United States. The children can't wait to see who replies back! Stay tuned!

## Fifth Grade News

Fifth grade is off to a great start! We began the school year by setting goals for our learning and identifying what we need to do to meet our goals. We are aspiring to be **mathematicians** as we work with decimals and place value in math. We are diving into **literature** as we make predictions, identify story elements and ask questions. We are expanding our **vocabulary** as we write with detailed sentences. As we travel through time in **social studies**, we are learning about the land we call home. We are traversing river systems and plateaus as we journey across America. We become **biologists** as we

learn about human life. We grow in our faith as we identify what it means to be a disciple. We will grow in our understanding of the 7 Sacraments given to us by Jesus Christ. What is on the horizon for grade 5? **Literature** that explores making choices, **math** computations including division, multiplication and multi-step problems, **science** experiments to bring meaning to **vocabulary** words and **history** lessons to connect us to the world of the Native Americans and the original American colonies. Sounds exciting, doesn't it? We will accomplish all this and more while being in our heavenly Father's loving care.



Orders Due October 15th

## Middle School Literature & Creative Writing

**Middle School English Language Arts** is off to a busy start to the school year. **The 6th grade** has been reading and working on their comprehension of several Greek myths, as well as working on Grammar for Writing. They will be working on a final Power-point presentation about one of the myths that they read, and a Newsletter combining all the stories. We will then review the story of Troy and they will begin reading "*The Adventures of Ulysses*." **The 7th grade** has been learning about the Renaissance and Renaissance art to build upon their summer reading, and we combined some of their literary study with science, where they learned to construct a dome, after the Il'Duomo in Florence, and we will also bring some math into their lessons. They are reading excerpts from "*The Prince*" and breaking down the language of the time. Next week they will begin to read *Romeo and Juliet*, and they also have worked on their writing skills in their **Writers Workshop workbook**. **The 8th grade** year began with a World War I lesson to build upon their summer reading. We also have begun to prepare them for the Classical and Catholic school tests in reading and grammar, they also have worked on their **writing** skills in their Writers Workshop workbook. They are now reading the second book in the *Leviathan* series, "*Behemoth*."

## Middle School Spanish

There is a test every time Spanish class meets. There is a web site for this book too. ([PASO A PASO.com](http://PASOAPASO.com))

**GRADE 6:** begins with some basic vocabulary for use in a school.

**GRADE 7:** begins where we left off. The theme of chapter 3 is Sports and Leisure Activities.

**GRADE 8:** we are reviewing before we move to the last chapter in the book.

## Middle School Skills

Students have already completed Units 1 & 2 in their workbooks! Students will be working on Unit 3 & 4. Homework goes as follows: 3x each in notebooks & on google classroom students complete sentences & a writing component for each unit.

## Middle School Social Studies

**Grade 6:** Completed Chapter 1- *The Beginning of Human Society*. Students have started Chapter 6 *Ancient Greece*. There will be quizzes and a test completed in this chapter.

**Grade 7:** Students completed chapter 2 on European Exploration, and they completed their first project. Students will begin Chapter 3 - *Colonies take Root* this month. They will be working on a brochure project and there will be quizzes and a test.

**Grade 8:** Completed Chapter 14 *The Nation Divided*. Students are now on Chapter 15 - *The Civil War*. Students will have a project due October 4th, quizzes and a test.

# Grade 6-8 Religion

# Students of the Month

All religion classes have a chapter or vocabulary test every week. There is a test online that the students can use to help them study. If they pass in a copy, they receive **five extra points**. ( Sadlier Religion.com/Study Guides)

**GRADE 6:** is a study of the Old Testament. We begin with the Book of Genesis and the creation stories.  
**GRADE 7:** is a study of the New Testament. Unit 1 deals with the Blessed Trinity.  
**GRADE 8:** is Church history. Unit 1 deals with the gift of faith.

- Pre-K3: Tori Witherstone
- Pre-K4: Zivah Gudiel
- Kindergarten: Gabriel Medina
- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Theodore Weiner
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Lizeth Aquino
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Lorenzo Knight
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Ariana Perdomo
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Samuel Weiner
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Ayana Guzman
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Danaja Baptiste
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Yohani Cortez



**Congratulations and keep up the good work!**

## Middle School Mathematics

**Grade 6:** Students are working on Chapter 1, which includes properties of numbers, order of operations, and operations with decimals. Chapter 2 includes measures of central tendency – mean, median, mode, and range – as well as different types of graphs.

**Grade 7:** Students are working on ratios, rates, and proportion in Chapter 5. We will then study percent in Chapter 6.

**Grade 8 Pre-Algebra:** Students in this class are preparing for the high school placement tests by working on practice problems covering various skills and concepts. We will be doing a lot of review prior to the Classical High entrance exam on October 27<sup>th</sup>. After that, we will begin with

variables and expressions, order of operations, and real number operations in Chapter 1.

**Grade 8 Algebra:** Students in this class are preparing for the high school placement tests by working on practice problems covering various skills and concepts. We will be doing a lot of review prior to the Classical High entrance exam on October 27<sup>th</sup>. After that, we will begin working in Chapter 1 on integers and algebraic expressions.

**ALL GRADES:** Students have homework most week nights. In addition, Khan Academy provides instructional videos and practice sets for all topics. Every student has an account. Please encourage your student to utilize this valuable resource.

## Middle School Science

The middle school has been busy integrating our brand new digital, and hands-on science curriculum. The *Elevate Science* Middle Grades program puts exploration at the heart of science. Scientific inquiry encourages investigation, collaboration, and creativity. The blended print and digital curriculum applies scientific and engineering practices in problem-based scenarios. Students are focusing on analysis, critical thinking, and designing solutions as they explore real-world topics and everyday phenomena. *Elevate Science* deepens students’ conceptual understanding of science and prepares them for high school and beyond. Look for the new consumable workbooks in your student’s backpacks and be sure to ask your student about their online Elevate Science account.

## Fine Arts

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**Music:** We have begun the year strong, and are working on our music for the Christmas Production of *The First Leon*, as well as the Living Nativity. In addition to this, Grade 5 has begun to delve into other genres of music, starting with opera. In Celebration of Leonard Bernstein’s 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, middle school has begun to delve into the Great American Classic *Westside Story!*

**Choraleirs Concert Chorus:** Rehearsals are under way for our winter concert. Please be on the lookout for the date of that performance. As always, more voices are welcome into the ensemble!

**Drama:** We are starting this year’s drama program with a Christmas Show, *The First Leon*. Auditions have taken place, and the cast list has gone out. Rehearsal will begin after school on Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2:30-3:30! This production is being directed by Mr. Pariseau. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out at [apariseau@blessedschoolpvd.org](mailto:apariseau@blessedschoolpvd.org) “See the Christmas story through the eyes of Leon.”

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**Art Club Begins on Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 PM. Make sure to get your registration and fee to the office ASAP.**