

# 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

Catholic Schools Week is a clear reminder that the school year is moving along at a rapid pace and before we know it, Spring will be here. To kick off Catholic Schools Week, Blessed Sacrament honored distinguished alumni, Lt. Patrick G. Reddy, class of 1974. Lt. Reddy, the recipient of numerous law enforcement awards, reminded our students of the importance of Catholic values in education. I am confident that our students are not letting Lt. Reddy down.

I am so impressed with all of our faculty and students because I have witnessed steady and sustainable progress in academics, spirituality, and athletics. Indeed, our latest round of STAR testing is underway, and I'm pleased to report that a great majority of our students are making solid gains in the National Percentile Rankings. When comparing Blessed Sacrament's student percentile growth rates, it is obvious how lucky we are to have such great teachers and students!

**Reminder: Please remember to ask your child for their Friday Folder. At the end of every week, your student's teacher sends home a folder with all the news, tests, and assignments from the previous week. It is vital to your child's success that you review and discuss its contents with your child. Thank you for your cooperation.**

God Bless,

*Mr. Weber*

P.S. If anyone needs a tuition statement for their taxes, please contact Mrs. Fioravanti in the office. She will be happy to help you.

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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ February 15<sup>th</sup>: FACTS financial aid early application deadline.
- ◆ February 25<sup>th</sup>: Classes resume.

## PTO News

Our PTO has been very busy. Several parents have been chipping in at Open Houses, the Bake Sale, and Drama Club, and we raised over \$80.00 at the **UNO Pizzeria** fundraiser in December. We are still welcoming your participation in upcoming fundraisers like, United Skates of America, and the Valentines Dance ! **Thank you to everyone for your support!**

## Financial Aid:

**Dear Families: Please remember to log-on to our FACTS Page to apply for financial aid for the 2019-2020 school year. Priority is given to families who apply on-time and verify early!**

## Upcoming Events

February 1, 2019- Grade 8 Super Bowl Sundae. \$3.00 per sundae.

February 5, 2019: ACRE Testing-Grade 8.

February 7, 2019: Bwana Iguana-9:30 AM in the Church Hall.

February 8, 2019- 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School Celebration.

February 11, 2019-Animal Experiences: Preschool.

February 14, 2019- School Mass hosted by Grade 4. All are welcome.

February 15, 2019 - Snack Sale, Dress Down sponsored by Grade 3. \$2.00

February 18-22, 2019 -Winter Vacation; No School.

February 25, 2019- Hearing Screening: Pre-K -grade 3 and new students.

## Pre-Kindergarten News



"I have always found that mercy bears richer fruits than strict justice." – Abraham Lincoln

The children are very excited to celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> day of school on Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. We have been counting the days we have been in school by ones and tens since our first day in August. In our **science** center, we will be exploring and experimenting with magnets. In **math**, we will be working on 2 dimensional shapes through many activities including shape hunts and shape collages. Lowercase letters will be our focus this month as well as sight words for those children who can already identify the uppercase and lowercase letters.



George Washington  
"The Father of Our Country"

## Kindergarten News

This month we will celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> day of school by making special projects, and visiting grades 1 and 2 to see what they created for this special day! It's also the middle of winter, and we will designate each Friday as "**Fun Filled Friday**." The Kindergarteners will enjoy discovering how snow is made, experiment with ice, and create "a snow building" with various materials. Please stop by to see what's happening in our classroom! The children seem to be enjoying the "Lending Library" and "Mystery Bag." They are very creative with their clues. It's a fun way to learn

beginning sounds, ending sounds, and rhyming. Great job! In **Reading Street**, please continue to practice blending words with short "o" in the middle. For example, "pot, hot, cot, cod, got, etc. Your student may like to try **writing** words by listening to the sounds each letter makes. In **math**, we have been counting to 100 by 1's, 5's, and 10's. The students will continue to practice addition and subtraction this month. In **Religion**, we will read about, discuss, and create projects that illustrate how we can love others as we are followers of Jesus.

## First Grade News

February is an eventful month! We will be celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School and Valentine's Day! Look for letters about these special events.

We will begin Unit 3 in **Reading Street**. This unit focuses on seasonal changes over time. The children will be working on developing their **reading** fluency skills and increasing reading comprehension as well. The spelling for this unit will introduce the first graders to two syllable words and "bossy r" words.

For **math**, we will be learning about be working with tens and ones up to 100. One way you can help your child at home is by counting dimes and pennies together. Remember to keep the Home-School Connection sheet, which introduces each new **math** Topic. This little paper has great ideas to help your child, book suggestions and all the important **math** vocabulary we use in class too.

The boys and girls will be learning about parishes as important places in our communities. We will also learn about the **Seven Sacraments**.

## Second Grade News

The students in Grade 2 have begun to enjoy the fun activities planned for Catholic Schools Week. It was nice to see many of the families at Mass on Sunday, which kicked off our week. We are preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation by learning about the Ten Commandments and the Act of Contrition. We continue to work on Unit 3 in **reading**. The stories show how people communicate and solve problems in creative ways. The children will share their creative ideas with each other on Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. I can't wait to see their inventions. New goals have been set for the **Accelerated Reader** program for the third quarter. Please help your children reach

their goals by having them read at home nightly. The children are learning about letter writing. They will **write** letters to family and friends about their school. Our **phonics** lessons are on the long I sound (i, ie, igh and y) and comparative endings, (er and est). I am so proud of the children for successfully learning to add two-digit numbers with regrouping. We will begin subtraction next, which can be a bit tricky, but with extra practice they will succeed. **Social Studies** and **science** are always fun. We will read about Rosa Parks and Harriet Tubman in honor of Black History month. The children are looking forward to **science** lessons presented by Providence College students. February will be a fun filled and informative month. Happy Valentine's Day!

## Third Grade News

February will be a short, but busy month in grade 3. We will be starting our multiplication speed drills in **math**, and will be learning about how division relates to multiplication! In **religion**, we will be looking at what makes each of us special and unique. Each child will be creating

their own family flag. We will be **writing** about why we love Blessed Sacrament School, and creating our own sundae recipes in **language arts**. In **social studies**, we will be studying latitude and longitude, which will relate to our study of the climate zones in **science**, and we will try to turn grapes into raisins!



## Fourth Grade News

Multiplication facts are essentials in grade 4. We have been working hard to memorize our facts in order for us to make a smooth transition into division. Please practice the multiplication facts at home, in the car, or around the dinner table. In **ELA**, we are moving along through our **Reading Street** book, and the students are progressing nicely in fluency, comprehension and building their vocabulary. We are working on our writing skills in

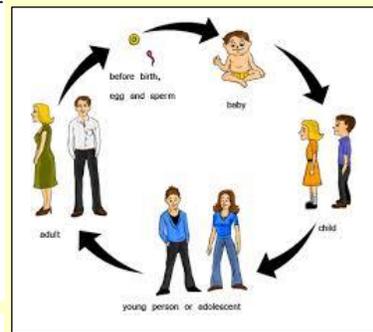
order to develop details in our paragraph writing. We have a spelling test every Friday. Please practice those spelling words at home. In **Religion**, we are learning about the Ten Commandments. There is a quiz after every commandment we learn about. In **Science**, we just wrapped up the unit on the Human Body and we are moving on to The Life Cycle. We will be growing plants very soon! Think Spring! **Social Studies** has been fun. The children love exploring the country and different regions of America. We just finished the Northeast region and we are moving on to the Southeast region. Since the children love doing poster board projects, they have requested if they could do one in **Social Studies**. Stay tuned for more information on that.

We had a successful snack sale. Thank you to all who donated items for the sale!

## Fifth Grade News

We have been stretching our brains in 5th grade! We are working hard as we identify different text purposes and decompose different **mathematical** concepts. In **math**, we are solving problems using the order of operations. We are delving into **literature** as we identify strategies that support us as readers. Do you put a picture in your head as you read? In **science**, we have been learning about inherited traits and environmental traits.

Did you know that flamingos are pink because of their diet of fish? This is an environmental trait. In **Social Studies**, we continue to explore the different Native American tribes. We are growing in our faith as we learn about the sacraments. What is on the horizon for grade 5? **Math** computations involving 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 Spanish

**GRADE 6:** We have started Chapter 2. The major theme is, "School."

**GRADE 7:** We have started Chapter 5. The theme is "Family". There will be conjugating of some irregular verbs.

**GRADE 8:** We are working on some expressions using the verb "tener." We will conjugate two irregular verbs.



Se habla español

## Middle School Social Studies

**Grade 6:** Students are continuing to work in Chapter 5, *Ancient China*. Students have been taking section quizzes and working on guided reading worksheets leading up to their test. Next, students will be learning about *Ancient India*.

**Grade 7:** Students are finishing up the **American Revolution** and are beginning to learn about the **Declaration of Independence and the US Constitution**. Students are working in their textbooks and in a workbook in the classroom.

**Grade 8:** Students are finishing up the Progressive Era where they will be having section quizzes and a chapter test. Next, students will be learning about World War I.

## Middle School Skills

**Grade 6:** Students will be working on Unit 8 & 9. Working daily in their workbooks and learning how to draw information from articles they are reading. Homework is posted on **google classroom**.

**Grade 7:** Students will be working on Unit 9 & 10. Working daily in their workbooks and learning how to draw information from articles they are reading. Homework is posted on **google classroom**.

**Grade 8:** Students will be working on Unit 8 & 9. Working daily in their workbooks and learning how to draw information from articles they are reading. Homework is posted on **google classroom**.



## Middle School Literature & Creative Writing

Middle School English Language Arts continues to work on various works of Literature and Writing Skills. The **6th grade** is about to start reading the novel "*The Giver*," that will include a power-point project, where they create a Utopian community based on the book. They are then going to read the remaining three books in the series. The **7th grade** is beginning "*Divergent*," and upon completing, they will continue work on improving their writing skills with a writing assessment.

In keeping with the same theme, **8th grade** will begin "*The Hunger Games*" series. Rehearsals for "*The Wizard of Oz*" are about to begin, and like last year we will be practicing in the church basement. The whole school will be involved, so please be on the lookout for upcoming information and flyers!

## Middle School Religion

**GRADES 6, 7, & 8:** We are all in the Family Life book. There are five themes in these books: God's Gift of Family, God's Gift of Life, God's Gift of Self, God's Gift of Love, and God's Gift of Community.

## Middle School Mathematics

**Grade 8 Algebra:** The students in this class are finishing up with solving more complex equations/inequalities in Chapters 2 and 3. We will then learn about Functions in Chapters 4 and 5.

**Grade 8 Pre-Algebra:** Eighth grade pre-algebra students are finishing up their review of rational numbers. We will work on scientific notation before moving on to solving equations and inequalities in Chapter 6.

**Grade 7 Pre-Algebra:** The 7<sup>th</sup> graders will do a brief lesson on Roman Numerals as we look forward to Super Bowl LIII. We will then continue to work on exponents, order of operations, and reviewing fraction operations.

**Grade 6 Math:** Grade 6 students will quickly look at Roman Numerals in anticipation of Super Bowl LIII. We will then work on solving equations in Chapter 3.

## Students of the Month-February

Pre-K3: Zahir Jimenez

Pre-K4: Tania Rocha-Creus

Kindergarten: Manuel Monclu

1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Gabriella Almanzar

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Elisha Johnny

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Jill Banka

4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Jayda Isom

5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Liam Liassou

6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Gorette Mendes

7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Jianna Caines

8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Elizah Moyet

**Congratulations to All!**



## Middle School Science

**Grade 8-** Students will begin to study how events in Earth's past are organized based on determining the ages of rocks, major events in Earth's history, and looking at the Geologic Time Scale.

**Grade 7-** Students will learn about food chains and food webs, while examining how energy plays a role in ecosystems. They will also study how energy is conserved in various ecosystems.

**Grade 6-** Students will be introduced to the Earth's systems. They will learn the differences between the Earth's spheres, which include atmosphere, geosphere, hydrosphere, and biosphere.

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Harvest is in the  
Seed.**

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**Grade 3: High Honors-** Daniel Burton (with distinction), Jill Banka, William Carter, Sandra Gonzalez, Lorenzo Knight, Almely Polanco, & Mariska Poldor. **Honors-** Sofia Avakian, Jeremie Charles Jr., Sofia Concepcion, Cullen Dempsey, & Joel Rocha-Creus.

**Grade 4: High Honors-** Rayannah Flowers (with distinction), Dariel Justiniano Chavez (with distinction), Ruby Bastan. **Honors-** Kate De La Cruz, Abby Jennings, & Kaylee Smith.

**Grade 5: High Honors-** Samuel Weiner (with distinction), Jaden Givens, Dominic Correia, Dominic Alarcon, & Gabriel Mejia. **Honors:** Genesis Monzon, Liam Liassou, Deryan Gonzalez, & Haymi Miranda-Garcia.

**Grade 6: High Honors-** Ayana Guzman, Siena O'Connell, & Melanie Sanchez. **Honors:** Yvonne Hernandez, & Gorette Mendes.

**Grade 7: High Honors-** Amira Beltrand, David Demelo, Destiny Joa, Arlisenny Rodriguez, Jayla Smith, Valeria Tudela, & Kailey Vicente. **Honors:** Jianna Caines, & Sarah Gonzalez.

**Grade 8: High Honors-** Ralphletha Flowers, & Radley Dorcelus. **Honors-** Yailly Camacho, Justin Castillo, Ciara Johnny, Yesenia Leon, Angelina Luna, Anderson Ortega, Alyssa Pierre, & Ambar Torres.

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