

Blessed Sacrament School Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ April 12th- 3rd Quarter Report Cards Go Home
- ◆ Spring Break-April 15th thru the 19th: No School

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,
High School acceptance letters have been mailed and I am proud to report that the great majority of our 8th grade class has been accepted to the high school of their choice; and many have been accepted to multiple schools. Five students from the Blessed Sacrament Class of 2019 have been accepted to LaSalle, six students to Classical, seven students to Saint Raphael Academy, and two to St. Patrick Academy. The number of students being accepted is truly a testament to everyone in our school community, including parents, faculty and parishioners. The teachers and staff at Blessed Sacrament provide a strong and affordable educational program with an emphasis on differentiated and small group instruction, year after year. Resource services are available to address the needs of every student, and the results for our 8th grade prove that Blessed Sacrament School continues to deliver a quality curriculum that provides an outstanding return on investment.

Parents: If you haven't already done so, please pick up your 2019-2020 registration forms in the office. Many of our classes are filling up and it is important that we know your intentions so we can plan for the year ahead. Thank you for your cooperation.

To our Grade 8 Parents- We are moving closer to graduation, and students have been measured for their graduation gowns. Please be aware that all financial obligations must be up-to-date for students to participate in the class picture, class field trip and graduation exercises. Thank you for your cooperation.

God Bless,

Mr. Weber

Upcoming Events

March 6th- Ash Wednesday School Mass: 9:00 AM-hosted by grade 5-All Welcome.

March 8th -Third Qtr. Progress Reports Go Home

March 9th- Saint Patrick's Day Parade 11:45AM-Meet at St. Pius V School

March 10th-St. Joseph's & St. Patrick's Day Celebration Dinner in the Church Hall. 3:00 PM until 7:00 PM

March 14th- Pi Day

March 18th-Teacher Professional Day: School Closed.

March 27th- Panera Bread Fundraiser 180 Smithfield Crossing, Smithfield, RI. 02917 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM.

March 29th-Dress Down Day: Grade 2.

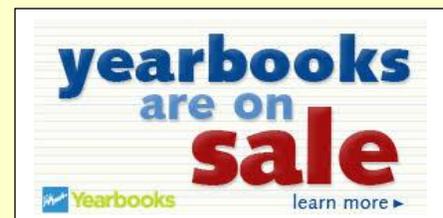
Yearbook News

Don't miss your chance to order your yearbook at:

ybpay.lifetouch.com

Our yearbook ID code is 4813319

Order deadline is March 29, 2019



Pre-Kindergarten News



During the month of March, our students will be learning about Lent, St. Patrick's Day and Easter. In **religion**, we will be planting seeds and watching them grow throughout the Lenten season. We will be learning about the colors of the rainbow and creating our own rainbows through **art projects**. As we continue to review our letters each day, we will also be working on **writing** in our journals. We will also be continuing to practice our numbers and finding new objects to count.

The first week in March, we will celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday by reading his books and doing lots of rhyming activities. In **Math**, we will be learning about 3-D shapes, and in **science**, we will experiment with ramps. Pet themed games will make working on our letters and letter sound recognition fun. In **Religion**, we will learn that Lent is a time of celebration and hope. We will also learn about St. Patrick this month.

Kindergarten News

Kindergarteners are ready to "march" into spring! We will begin our month coming in like a lion, and create paper plate lions. We will also celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday on March 2nd by creating a "hat word family." Please stop by to visit our *Cat In The Hat* and *March Comes In Like a Lion* bulletin boards. We will also begin Unit 4 in **Reading Street**. Our High Frequency words will be: are, that, do, one, two, three, four, five, here, go, and from.

Please check your child's **Friday folder** for this list. The children will also begin to learn consonant blends such as /sl/, /pl/, /bl/, /gl/, /fl/, and /kl/. At home, you can practice these beginning sounds with words such as clock, blue, playground, glove, flashlight, and slipping. In **math**, we will continue with addition and subtraction. Our vocabulary will include the terms plus, minus, and equals. Your child may enjoy adding and subtracting household items and using these terms when doing so.

First Grade News

We are *Marching* right along in first grade and I am so proud of how much the children are learning! This month, the boys and girls will continue with Unit 3 in our **Reading Street Series**. The children are working hard on their reading fluency and further developing their comprehension skills. Simply talking about books you read together at home is a great way to help your child understand stories, characters, learn about our world, and another plus; it's fun! Enjoy the book talk. In **math**, we have worked on understanding what numbers mean. For example, how the number 28 has two tens and is less than 82 because it has eight tens.

These types of lessons are all part of our place value topics. Now the children will be learning to add with tens and ones with regrouping. These concepts can be difficult for little ones. You can help at home by adding with pennies and dimes. This month is the start of Lent. The children will be making footprints to follow Jesus during this special time of the Church year. We will be reading Bible stories about the Passion of Christ and attending the Stations of the Cross at church with other classes. Our class will also be making Easter cards for members of Blessed Sacrament Parish who are homebound.

Second Grade News

March is upon us and the school year is more than half over. It is very important to take a look at how your child is doing in school. It is necessary for the students to meet with grade level expectations in reading, writing, and math. If they are not, I recommend extra help at home. The work becomes more challenging with each new grade. The theme for our next unit in **reading** is *Our Changing World*. The children will read about changes that can take place in their lives as well as on Earth. They are excited about receiving new reading books. They will work with vocabulary words now instead of sight words. All children benefit by being read to, and reading independently each night. I am pleased with their progress in **math**. We finished two-digit subtraction with regrouping. We will work with place value to 1000 next. Memorizing math facts is vital to the success of mastering new concepts. Visit www.pearsonsuccessnet.com to reinforce reading and math concepts taught in school.

I was very impressed with the children's presentation of their inventions. It was great to see the support they received from home. Grade 2 has been working on an ongoing **STEM** project involving windmills. They are anxiously awaiting the results of their final designs. Our next project involves the life cycle of a frog. The students will research frogs during computer class. Most importantly, the children are learning about the season of Lent. They are trying to do a good deed each day. They will also attend **Stations of the Cross**. We will continue to prepare for the Sacrament of Penance, which will take place in April. Please have your child review the rites for this sacrament at home. This will lead us into the preparation for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. First Holy Communion will be celebrated on May 5, 2019 at the 10:30 Mass. As always, please contact me with any questions or concerns you may have regarding your child.

Third Grade News

"Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid." –Albert Einstein

During the month of March, our third grade class will attend mass on **Ash Wednesday** and will contemplate the things we could do to help us become closer to Jesus during this Lenten season! We will symbolically trace our feet to show that we are ready to follow in Jesus' footsteps. We will think about his journey as we read about and draw the Stations of the Cross and the Sorrowful Mysteries. In **math** class, we will focus on division

and how it relates to multiplication. We will be **writing** about and drawing our dream houses in **language arts**, creating spring poems, and finishing up our unit on verbs. During **science** class, the third graders will begin their study of living things, starting with plants. We will examine bean seeds and observe the changes that take place when we add light and water to them.

Fourth Grade News

Hello from Grade 4. We just finished up the chapters on the Northeast and Southeast Regions in **Social Studies**. The students are really excited about our upcoming 3D project, due on March 15th. All the instructions for the project went home already via backpack. Ask your child all about it. In **Science**, we will be starting Unit D. Throughout the month of March, we will be studying about the atmosphere, the stars and beyond.

I will introduce the students to Dioramas. It is a model representing, in our case, the Solar System. This is another hands-on project the students will design and create. More information coming soon. In **math**, the students still need to practice their multiplication facts everyday. We have timed math drills to reinforce our times tables. Please practice these math facts with your child. In **ELA**, we will start Unit 4 for the month of March. We will be strengthening our writing skills, sentence structure, and expanding our vocabulary. Our first book report will also be due. More details to follow. Thank you for your continued support.

Fifth Grade News

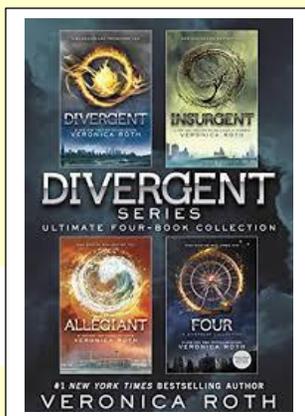
5th grade never stops learning! We are working hard as we read nonfiction passages and decompose different mathematical concepts. In **math**, we are working with computations involving mixed numbers. Would you rather have $\frac{1}{2}$ of a pizza or $\frac{3}{4}$? We are delving into **literature** as we identify deeper meanings in literature. We are enjoying our class novel: *A Wrinkle In Time* by Madeleine L'Engle. Meg is determined to bring her father home. Talk with your child about the decisions Meg has to make while she is traveling.

We are growing in our faith as we learn about what it means to be a disciple during the season of Lent. We will be praying for the ill as we learn about the anointing of the sick. What is on the horizon for grade 5? **Math** computations including geometry and algebraic expressions, **science** experiments and the use of technology in learning. Sounds exciting, doesn't it? We will accomplish all this and more while being held 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 reading the novel *The Thieves of Ostia*, and working on a Guided Reading packet. Once the novel is complete, we will begin *The Giver* series and the class will complete a power-point project where they create a Utopian community based upon the book. Then they will present to the class. After presentations end, they will watch the movie. They are then going to read the remaining three books in the series. **The 7th grade** is reading the novel *Divergent*, and upon completing the book, they will also work on a project that they will present to the class. **The 8th grade** is reading *Something Wicked This Way Comes*, and they will work on several projects over the next few weeks. Rehearsals for *"The Wizard of Oz"* are moving along well, and we are now practicing in the church basement. The students are impressing themselves, and all the adults involved, with their acting, singing, dancing and comedic talents.



Middle School Spanish

Grade 6 will learn how to tell time, study personal pronouns, and conjugate 'ar' verbs.

Grade 7 will learn words for family members and conjugate some irregular verbs.

Grade 8 will be doing some reviewing of vocabulary and grammar that is important in order to continue the study of Spanish. We will be conjugating the verbs, *Ser* and *Tener*, as well as studying possessive adjectives.

Middle School Religion

All classes are in the Family Life book.

Grade 6 is in the unit called, *"God's Gift of Love."* (Unit 4)

Grade 7 is in the unit called, *"God's Gift of Love."* (Unit 4)

Grade 8 is in the unit called, *"God's Gift of Self."* (Unit 2)

All the tests in Family Life are open-book.

Middle School Skills

6th Gr. Skills - Students will work on Units 9 & 10. They are continuing to work within the workbook and worksheets where they read a particular text, then highlight and answer questions. This helps guide and help them on Star tests.

7th Gr. Skills - Students will work on Units 12 & 13. Continuing to work within the workbook and worksheets where they read a particular text, then highlight and answer questions. This helps guide and help them on Star tests.

8th Gr. Skills - Students will work on Units 10 & 11. Continuing to work within the workbook and worksheets where they read a particular text, then highlight and answer questions. It's the home stretch for 8th Grade!!!! Finish strong!

Middle School Mathematics

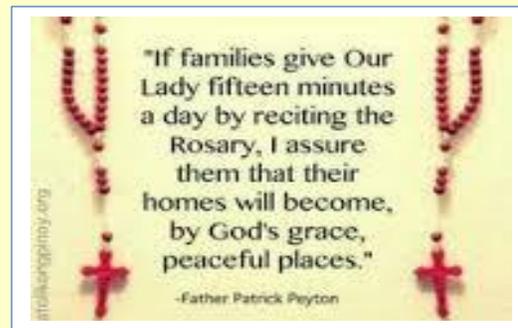
March 14th (3/14) is Pi Day. All middle school classes will be working on circle activities that week in celebration of Pi Day!!!!!! We will also be eating pie!

Grade 8 Algebra: Grade 8 students will work in Chapter 5: Linear Functions. We will be looking at rate of change, slope, and direct variation, as well as the different forms of linear equations.

Grade 8 Pre-Algebra: After finishing with Solving Equations and Inequalities (Chapter 6), we will work on Functions in Chapter 11.

Grade 7 Pre-Algebra: Students will be working on Chapter 8 including area and perimeter, circumference, the Pythagorean Theorem, and three-dimensional figures.

Grade 6 Math: Students will be studying Chapter 9: Geometry and Measurement. This includes perimeter and area.



Students of the Month-March

Middle School Social Studies

Grade 6: Students are still working in Ancient India. In class, they continue to work with their guided reading worksheets. Section quizzes and a test will conclude the Chapter. Students will begin a New Social Studies book, *Medieval Times to Today* and begin Chapter 1 - *Byzantine and Muslim Civilizations*.

Grade 7: Students will continue to work in Chapter 8, *Launching a New Nation*, where students will learn about the first Presidents and how political parties formed. Students will work on worksheets, section quizzes and have a chapter test.

Grade 8: Students are concluding WWI. Their propaganda poster project is due March 4th. They have had 2 ½ weeks to work at home and in school. They will also be presenting and explaining their poster to the class. Next, students will begin working in Chapter 22 - *The Roaring Twenties*. Students will learn about peacetime and changes in American society.

Pre-K ¾: Serenade Dure

Pre-K4: Jason Dorival

Kindergarten: Jeffrey Gutierrez

1st Grade: Jeremy Duarte

2nd Grade: Andrea Piril

3rd Grade: Mariska Poldor

4th Grade: Kate De La Cruz

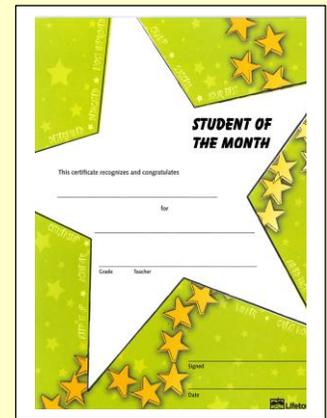
5th Grade: Dominic Alarcon

6th Grade: Malaysia Larngar

7th Grade: Valeria Tudela

8th Grade: Yesenia Leon

Keep up the good work!



Middle School Science

Grade 6: Students have been working on Topic 5, *Introduction to Water in Earth's System*. They are currently completing Lesson 3, *The Hydrosphere*, where they are learning the importance of the water cycle, and how it helps regulate our planet's climate.

Grade 7: Students have been working in Topic 5, *Populations, Communities, and Ecosystems*. In March, they will be learning about interactions in ecosystems, dynamic and resilient ecosystems, and biodiversity.

Grade 8: Students have been working on Topic 7, *Energy in the Atmosphere and Ocean*. In March, students will be doing activities on energy in the earth's atmosphere, patterns of circulation in the atmosphere, and patterns of circulation in the oceans.

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Fine Arts

Music:

1st Grade has begun to learn about rhythm in music, and the basics of understanding how to read music.

2nd Grade has been working hard on Boom-whackers and solfege, and are beginning to put the two together.

3rd Grade will begin working on looking into the songs of all 50 states, starting with our own, *Rhode Island It's For Me*.

4th Grade has been working on learning patriotic music for flag day, and will begin looking into classical music starting with Gustav Holt's orchestral suit, *The Planets*.

5th Grade continues to work on our recorder *Karate* unit. As a reminder to parents, students need to get to the Orange Belt by the end of the 3rd quarter.

Middle School has begun, for the first time at Blesses Sacrament School, learning how to play ukuleles! Students will eventually accompany themselves by singing and writing their own music. **Choraliers:** The Choraliers have been working extremely hard on their music for our concert in late May. We recently have been invited to sing at a Pawsox game, be on the lookout for that.

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