

# Blessed Sacrament School Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ April 9th- Stations of the Cross: 1:00PM Grades 5-8
- ◆ April 13<sup>th</sup>- CYO Basketball Banquet. 6:30 PM at St. Matthew's 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,  
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.

As many of you may be aware, we have made a change to our middle school team. Mr. John Medeiros, OFS, is taking over the grade 6 homeroom, middle school science classes, and the technology lab. We are very lucky to be able to add Mr. Medeiros to our staff. He holds a Bachelors Degree in education and a Master's Degree in School Administration. He has also served as a middle school science teacher at St.

Kevin's School in Warwick, as well as a very reliable and outstanding substitute teacher right here at Blessed Sacrament. Mr. Medeiros is very excited to be back involved in Catholic education, and I'm sure he will only enhance the middle school programs. We are also very lucky to have Mrs. Laura Murphy joining our staff as a mathematics enrichment teacher. Mrs. Murphy is a retired chiropractor, and is currently pursuing a teaching Masters at Providence College. She loves Blessed Sacrament School and we are thrilled to help her in pursuit of her certification!" Welcome Mrs. Murphy!"

**Please remember to log-on to our FACTS Page:** <https://online.factsmgmt.com/signin/3H> **RDF to apply for financial aid for the 2019-2020 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

## Lenten Drive

This Lent, we will be filling Easter baskets with hair accessories, spring outdoor toys, non-perishable food and art projects for St. Mary's Home for Children in North Providence, RI. Donate items you would enjoy during the Easter season! St. Mary's provides residential and outpatient services for children ages six through eighteen. Please donate items between March 6th and April 11th.

## Happy Easter!



## Upcoming Events

April 1<sup>st</sup>- World's Finest Chocolate Bar Fundraiser Orders are due.

April 4<sup>th</sup>-School Mass: 9:00AM Hosted by Grade 1

April 8<sup>th</sup>-Stations of the Cross: 1:00PM Grades 1-4.

April 9<sup>th</sup> -First Reconciliation: 1<sup>st</sup> Communicants @ 9:00AM in the Church.

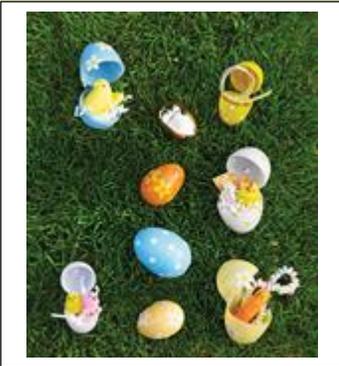
April 12<sup>th</sup> - Third quarter report cards go home. Please return signed copy ASAP.

April 15<sup>th</sup> through April 19<sup>th</sup>-Spring Vacation: No School

April 21<sup>st</sup> -Easter Sunday

April 30<sup>th</sup> - First Communion Rehearsal: 3:30PM-4:30PM in the Church

## Pre-Kindergarten News



Happy Spring! **Easter** will be Pre-K4's main focus before our spring break. We will continue to work on our **literacy** and **math** skills using Easter/spring themed activities. An Easter egg hunt is planned for Friday, April 12th! After our break, we will learn all about plants. We will do some experiments and plant seeds. We will also learn how fruits and vegetables are plants too. We will even taste some plants. Yum! In preparation for Kindergarten, we are working hard on our **listening** skills.

In April, Pre-K 3/4 will be continuing to learn more about **Easter** through **religion** and **art** projects. We have been focusing on sensory activities to help students with their fine motor skills. Our classroom plant has been a symbol of growth for us through this Easter season as well as providing excitement for our students each and every day. The students have been progressing tremendously, but please continue to practice letters and numbers with your children at home to help with his or her progress.

## Kindergarten News

Spring into reading! This month, we will celebrate by creating a bulletin board illustrating our favorite books and/or authors. Stop by to see! 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

Happy Spring to everyone! Grade one is very busy as we prepare for our school Mass on, Thursday April the 4<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM. The boys and girls will be in charge of the readings, and will be singing a song for the Communion meditation. We hope you will be able to join us. We have begun Unit 4 in our **Reading** Street series. These stories focus on what we treasure in life such as family, friends, pets, places, things and even our national treasures. In our class discussions, we also talk about why and how we cherish what is important to us. Just as our class discussions are becoming more challenging so are our **spelling** lists. In the beginning, the children were spelling three letter words.

Now they are spelling words with different consonant blends and long vowel patterns. I highly recommend having your child use the Spelling City web site sent home already. Each week, the new words will be posted for your child. For **math**, we have begun topic 11, which teaches the children to subtract with double-digit numbers. There will be regrouping just as there was for addition. Lego blocks, or any blocks that interlock, would be helpful for your child to work with regrouping. Your interest and support is extremely important to your child's success in school and thank you for all you do.

## Second Grade News

I can hardly believe April is upon us. The children are working hard in all their subjects. I have witnessed so much growth academically, socially, and spiritually. Now that the days are longer and the children want to stay up later, it is important to keep them on a regular schedule so they can continue to do their best. We are nearing the end of the third quarter. Homework and reading nightly should remain a priority. Our theme for **reading** is *Our Changing World*. We have been studying the changes that occur underground, and are now investigating soil. We will plant flower seeds and observe the changes that take place over time. We are researching frogs in **computer** class and the students will work on a report about their chosen frog.

In **math**, the children are ready for the challenge of subtracting three-digit numbers with regrouping and will then begin **geometry**. 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. Some of our second graders will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Please remember these children in your prayers. Soon, we will learn about the resurrection of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, and the celebration of the Eucharist. As always, it is a pleasure working with your children and watching them meet with success. Thank you for your continued support. 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

Hello from Grade 4. We are excited to see that spring is here! We have started all the new chapters and units in all our core subjects. In **ELA**, we have been perfecting our paragraph writing, continuing to learn new spelling words and vocabulary words. The students are practicing their Multiplication tables in **Math** for our daily Mad Minute Math drills. Every student has moved up at least 2 levels. Ask them about it!

We just wrapped up our **Social Studies** Unit where the students created a 3D project. I was thrilled to see these outstanding projects come to life. Fantastic job by all! Our next project will be in **Science**. There is lots to explore in the atmosphere, and the students are looking forward to re-creating the Universe! Enjoy this special Lenten season while we pray to our Heavenly Father for all the blessings of each day. Amen.

## Fifth Grade News

5th grade is walking with the Lord as we journey through the season of Lent. We were very blessed to host Ash Wednesday Mass for our school community. In our academics, we are exploring many different genres and calculating complex **mathematical** problems. In **math**, we are continuing our work with operations involving fractions. Have your child help cook a family recipe to use our fraction knowledge. We are becoming deeper **readers** as we predict, infer and connect to passages. Visualizing what we read helps us understand a text. Ask your child, "What did you see?" after reading at home.

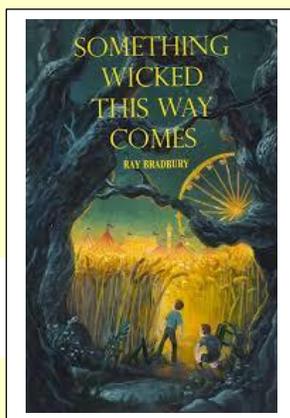
We are growing in our faith as we learn about the Sacraments of healing. During the season of Lent, we have been visiting Jesus in the Adoration chapel. We know that Jesus is there waiting for us. May we turn to him in prayer and thanksgiving. What is on the horizon for grade 5? **Math** computations including geometry and data, **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.



World's Finest Chocolate Bars on Sale!

## Middle School Literature & Creative Writing

Middle School English Language Arts has continued working on various works of Literature and Writing Skills. **The 6th grade** finished reading the novel "*The Thieves of Ostia*," along with Guided Reading questions. Next week, they will have a test, and a writing assignment, and then we will begin the "*The Giver*" series. They will also work on a writing project about the book. They are then going to read the remaining two books in the series. **The 7th grade** is almost finished reading the novel "*Divergent*," and they will also have a test, and a writing assignment. **8th grade** has just finished "*Something Wicked This Way Comes*," and will have a test, a writing assignment and an art project. The next work they will do will be to read a book of their choice, and do a high school style book report.



## Middle School Spanish

**GRADE 6:** We are working on nouns, pronouns, and agreement in number and gender.

**GRADE 7:** We are finishing Chapter 5 and will take a test the first week of April. Chapter 6 is all about clothing and shopping.

**GRADE 8:** We have started Chapter 6. It is all about clothing and shopping. During the last quarter, we will go over conjugating regular verbs in the present tense as well as some important irregular verb conjugations.

## Middle School Religion

**All classes are back in the original religion book. We have finished Family Life for the year.**

**GRADE 6:** We start Unit 3 with the division of Solomon's kingdom. The unit continues through Judea losing its independence to Rome.

**GRADE 7:** Unit 3 is an in depth coverage of the sacraments.

**GRADE 8:** Unit 3 begins with the challenges the Church faced through the 1790's. The unit ends with the Church's call to evangelization in the modern world.

## Middle School Skills

**6th Gr. Skills** - Students will be working on Unit 10 and 11 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 14 and 15 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.

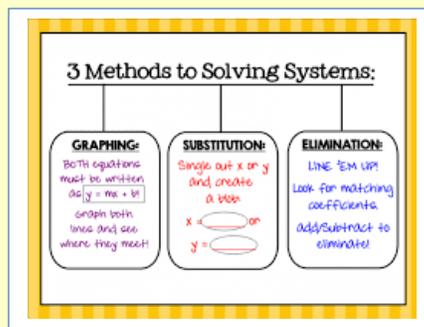
## Middle School Mathematics

**Grade 8 Algebra:** Students will continue with Chapter 5: Linear Functions. We will then work on Systems of Equations in Chapter 6.

**Grade 8 Pre-Algebra:** Students will continue to work on Functions in Chapter 11.

**Grade 7 Pre-Algebra:** Students will finish working on Chapter 8, Measurement. We will then review Operations With Fractions in Chapter 3.

**Grade 6 Math:** Students will review Number Theory and Fractions in Chapter 4. We will then study Fraction Operations in Chapters 5 and 6.



### Students of the Month-April

## Middle School Social Studies

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Students are in a new SS book - Medieval times to today. They are continuing to learn about the Byzantine Empire. Within the chapter, students are working on guided reading worksheets, notes, section quizzes and a chapter test. Students are advised to study for all quizzes and tests.

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Students are finishing up Chapter 8 - Launching a New Nation. Students will be having their chapter test soon! Next, students will be learning about The Era of Thomas Jefferson (Chapter 9).

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Students are working on their Roaring Twenties project (which is due April 7th). This is a project that will be presented to the class lasting 5-10 minutes for each student. After April vacation, students will begin the Great Depression!

Pre-K3: Rufus King

Pre-K4: Yoliris Rodriguez

Kindergarten: Michael Reynoso

1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Theodore Weiner

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Ava Cecilia-King

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Jacob Rocha

4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Gabriel Francisco

5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Johnn Vargas

6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Daniel Mancebo

7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Nathan Rivas

8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Josaun DeLawrence

**Keep up the good work!**



## Middle School Science

**Grade 6:** Students are studying Topic 6, *Weather in the Atmosphere*. We will be learning about the earth's atmosphere, water in the atmosphere, and air masses. There will be vocabulary exercises, reading assignments, online investigations and quizzes. All students have an online account and the website URL is [www.pearsonrealize.com](http://www.pearsonrealize.com).

**Grade 7:** Students have begun a unit on *Distribution of Natural Resources*. They will be learning about nonrenewable and renewable energy sources, mineral resources, and water resources. There will be reading assignments, online investigations and quizzes. All students have an online account and the website URL is [www.pearsonrealize.com](http://www.pearsonrealize.com).

**Grade 8:** The students are busy studying Topic 8, *Climate*. Students are learning about factors that effect climate, climate change, and the effects of a changing climate. There will be reading assignments, online investigations and quizzes. All students have an online account and the website URL is [www.pearsonrealize.com](http://www.pearsonrealize.com).

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### Music:

- Grades Pk-5 are working on music for our Spring Concert. The date is tentatively set for 9:30 am, Thursday, May 23rd in the church.
- Middle School is doing very well with ukuleles and they are beginning to delve into music theory in relation to the instrument and songwriting.
- The Choraliers are working very hard towards our spring concert, Music of Screen and Stage. They are also rehearsing *The Star Spangled Banner*, which they hope to perform on April 14th for the Pawtucket Red Sox.
- Tri-M recently had our honors induction. Congratulations to those inductees. We will begin holding after school Tri-M meetings with all members on select Tuesdays, starting April 2nd from 2:30 to 3:15 in the music room.

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**The Hope of the Harvest is in the Seed.**