

Blessed Sacrament School Newsletter

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"And so with the sunshine and the great bursts of leaves growing on the trees, just as things grow in fast movies, I had that familiar conviction that life was beginning over again with the summer."
-F. Scott Fitzgerald

Principal's News

Dear Families,
It has been another great year of academic accomplishment here at Blessed Sacrament School. Our year-end STAR testing is complete and I'm proud to report the overwhelming majority of our students showed substantial progress in both **math & reading**. It truly is a testament to the great job our faculty does day in and day out. So when you get a chance, don't forget to thank your favorite teacher for a job well done.

We have been welcoming a large number of interested families to "shadow" in our school for a day. I'm very encouraged by the interest shown from new families. I'm certain that the hard work of our faculty, and all of the positive developments in our classrooms over the past year have piqued the interest of many local students. Our preschool and middle school have enjoyed a strong enrollment. The four-year-old preschool classroom is nearing capacity, the

kindergarten class has a waiting list, and our middle school is filling up nicely, so if you have any friends with students in these age groups, please tell them to hurry, as the classes are almost full. Once again, thanks for all you do, and I wish everyone a happy, safe and enjoyable summer vacation.

God Bless,
Mr. Weber

P.S. **Camp Eagle** fees are due this Monday, June 3rd. Because we have to make commitments to camp counselors and service companies, no registrations will be accepted after June 3rd. Interested parents will be notified on the availability of camp during the first week of June.

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Enthusiastic, caring, knowledgeable, and friendly volunteers needed for the following after-school clubs:

1. Cross-Country (Fall)
2. Volleyball (Spring)
3. Robotics Club
4. Soccer
5. Math Club

Financial News:

Thank you to everyone who has returned their registration forms for the 2019-2020 school year. As of this writing, I am pleased to report that enrollment looks strong, so we have decided to keep next year's tuition rates at 2018-2019 levels. The average tuition rate in the Diocese for Elementary Schools is now above \$6,000.00 per year, so at \$4,400.00, it is clear to see that Blessed Sacrament remains the most affordable Catholic School in R.I.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ June 4, 2019: Mr. Robinson's music recital, PK-Gr. 3. 9:00AM
- ◆ June 6, 2019: Mr. Robinson's music recital, Gr. 4-8. 9:00AM

Upcoming Events

June 3, 2019-Middle School Final Exams Begin.

June 4, 2019-Grade 8 Class Trip to High Meadow: Bus leaves at 6:30AM!

June 7, 2019- Dress Down Day Sponsored by Preschool.

June 8, 2019-Graduation Mass: 4:00PM in the Church.

June 10, 2019-Grandparents' Day and Field Day. 10:30AM - 1:00PM.

June 10th-14th: **Uniform Swap** on the first floor: BSS Uniforms Only Please!

June 11, 2019-PreK3 Graduation. 9:00AM.-Dismissal after ceremony.

June 12, 2019- PreK4 Graduation. 9:00AM.- Dismissal after ceremony.

June 13, 2019- Kindergarten Graduation. 9:00AM

June 14, 2019- Last Day of School: 11:30 AM Dismissal.



Preschool Science

It's hard to believe this school year is almost over! We have had a lot of fun and learned a lot in **PK-4** this year! The children were very excited to release the butterflies last week that we had been observing since they arrived as caterpillars to our classroom. The last couple of weeks of school, we will review the skills we learned this year through fun summer time themed activities and on Friday, June 7, we will have a Teddy Bear Picnic. Our school year will culminate with our graduation program on Wednesday June 12th at 9:00. The children have been practicing their songs and are looking forward to singing them for you.

Pre-Kindergarten News

June will be filled with practicing for **Pre-K 3/4** graduation, and doing a review of the letters Q, M, H, and F. The numbers 1-20, colors, shapes, rote counting and cutting skills will also be reviewed. We will continue to focus on friendship with God and discuss that He loves all of us. Crafts, and tracing or writing of our names to show that God loves each one of us, will be taught. Each child will be tested and will receive a copy of their progress report as well as a sheet of what letters, numbers, and colors are known, or unknown, at this time. They both should be signed and returned, while you keep one copy for yourself.

Kindergarten News

It's difficult to believe our year is coming to an end. I have truly enjoyed watching your children flourish! Thank you for all of your support! Please join us on **June 13th at 9:00am** for the kindergarten graduation. This year, we have learned forty high frequency words, and are able to blend many, many more! Your child has also learned to count to 100 by 1's, 2's, 5's, and 10's. He or she can measure, identify shapes, add, subtract, and solve various **math** problems!

Spiritually, we enjoyed stories from our Children's Bible, learning that God made all living things, and practicing being followers of Jesus. We know how to make The Sign of The Cross, say The Lord's Prayer, and The Hail Mary too! This summer, please continue to **read**, practice **math** skills, and **pray**. As with any skill, the more you practice, the easier it becomes. God Bless You, and have a happy and safe summer!

First Grade News

The children have made a great deal of progress this year. They are now **reading** for at least twenty minutes every day from our **Accelerated Reading Book Bins**. The boys and girls are also doing a great job with their **writing** skills too. In **math**, the children continue learning and are busy with **geometry** and will end the year with the introduction to fractions. It's truly amazing when you think of how far they have come during first grade. Unfortunately, much of what children learn during the course of the school year can be lost with what is called the, "summer slide." In order to assure this doesn't happen to your child, there are some simple things you can do during the long summer vacation and here are a few suggestions.

Sign your child up with your local library's summer program. These programs are free and offer a wide variety of activities and special events that keep children excited about learning. Plus, your child will be able to get lots of new books to read. As always, the best way to learn how to **read** is simply to read, and the more children read the better they get. So build that time into your summer schedule. To keep **writing** skills sharp, you could have your child write letters to family members, write in a journal like we have in school or write about places and things they do during the summer. You might also want to visit the Lakeshore store which has lots of educational games and toys. The staff there is very knowledgeable and will be able to assist you with age appropriate activities. May God bless you all with a very happy and safe summer.

Second Grade News

As we head into the last month of the school year, it is obvious the students are ready to soar and move on to Grade 3. We will finish up the year in **math** working on graphs and time. Our Benchmark Test will be on Topics 9-12. We are completing Unit 5 in **reading** and will prepare for our final Benchmark Test. Sharing God's love with others is our topic for **religion**. The children will complete their plant observation booklets in **science** and we will learn about the State of Rhode Island for **social studies**. Remember to visit

www.pearsonsuccessnet.com to review for the **math and reading** benchmark tests. It has been my pleasure working with your children, and I will miss them. Thank you for your support during the school year. I would also like to thank Mrs. K. and Mrs. Lucas for volunteering in our classroom. They have been a tremendous help to me and the children. Have a great summer!

"It was unknowable then, but so much of the progress that would define the 20th century, on both sides of the Atlantic, came down to the battle for a slice of beach only 6 miles long and 2 miles wide."

-Barack Obama, on D-Day, June 6,

It's hard to believe that we are entering the month of June, and we will soon begin our summer vacation! However, there are still many activities going on in Grade 3! We continue to learn more about RI in **social studies** and life cycles in **science**. Our caterpillars made it through metamorphosis, and we set our beautiful butterflies free!

Third Grade News

Our bean plants are beginning to flower, and we should see some beans before vacation. I am very proud of the amazing job the third graders have done learning their **multiplication and division** facts this year! Grade 3 will partner with grade 2 in the month of June for a field trip to Roger William's Park Museum of Natural History for a visit to their planetarium, and to participate in a space workshop!

Fourth Grade News

We made it to the final stretch of Grade 4. What a great year it has been! We are wrapping up all the loose ends in every subject. We have come a long way with our **writing** skills. I am confident the students will have no problem carrying these important **writing** skills into Grade 5 and expanding their writing into short stories. The students continue to work hard in **Math**, learning about long division, fractions, and problem solving. I hope they will continue to practice their math facts over the summer. It will be very beneficial for them. Our last and final projects for

Science and Social Studies started this week, and the students will continue to work on them for the next 2 weeks. We have just completed our Unit on our Solar System. I can't wait to see what they come up with. They are a very creative group! In **Social Studies**, we just finished our last region of the United States. The students have gained knowledge about all our 50 states. They chose one of their favorite states and did an extensive report, complete with diagrams, maps and pictures. This should be a busy last few weeks for all of us. *Reminder, as the weather gets warmer, please make sure your child has a water bottle to use and refill. Any chance we get, I love to take them outside.

Thank you for allowing me to spend the day with your child. They are a great group of kids. It makes it very easy to come to work everyday. It's been a pleasure! God Bless and have a great summer!

Fifth Grade News

St. Anthony of Padua, pray for us! As we prepare for the end of our 5th grade journey, we are reflecting on the content we have acquired. In **math**, we have finished our work with fractions and solving problems using the order of operations. We are finishing off the year with some geometry and units of measurement. Do you know how to find the volume of a container? As the weather warms up, ask your child to make the lemonade using what we know about volume and fractions. As we become strong **readers and writers**, we are

analyzing the different text structures in passages we read. We enjoyed writing about how to make caramel and apples. This was a phenomenal sequential piece that we even acted out in the classroom. Make sure to ask your child one of the steps in the sequence. Our **Healing Mass** was the highlight for May. Many thanks for all who attended and received the healing! We are currently preparing for our final exams during the week of June 3rd. As we close out our year together, my prayer for you is that we remember how much our heavenly Father loves and cares for us. Remember to visit him in the Adoration chapel, and share your intentions with him. May the almighty bless you as you go into middle school! Don't forget to stop by and say hello!

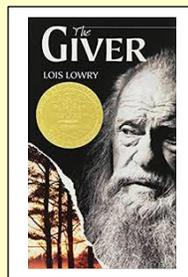


Middle School Literature & Creative Writing

Middle School English Language Arts is working diligently during the last few weeks of the school year. **The 6th grade** finished reading the novel "*The Giver*." During summer reading, they will read the next novel, *Gathering Blue*. I think they will enjoy seeing connections between the books, and we will read the next two in the fall. Their final exam has been posted in GoogleClassroom. Some of it they will do at home over the weekend so that they have time to give their best effort. I am looking forward to having them as my homeroom next year.

The 7th grade is reading a fantasy book from the Harry Potter series, the *Chamber of Secrets*. My plan for the fall is to assign the next two books in the series. Perhaps we will read them all if they are enjoying them. If not, we will move to other books. As a side note, I have enjoyed having your children as my homeroom for two years, and the end of the year will be bittersweet for me, but they are in great hands with Mrs. Scaramuzzo! Their final exam has been posted in GoogleClassroom and some of it they will do at home over the weekend so that they also have time to give their best effort.

The 8th grade has turned in their book reports, and their Research Projects are due next week. After they submit the project, they will present them to the class, two students per day, until their graduation. Thank you everyone for your support and I do hope that we will be able to have a play next year.



Middle School Spanish

GRADE 6: The final exam is on identifying common and proper nouns, pronouns, past and present tense verbs, and writing the plural of given words.

GRADE 7: The final exam is on conjugating ar and er verbs.

GRADE 8: The final exam is on conjugating ar and er verbs and ser and estar

Middle School Religion

All students have a STUDY GUIDE.

GRADE 6: The final exam is on Unit 3 test.

GRADE 7: The final exam is on Unit 3.

GRADE 8: The final exam is on Unit 3 test.

Middle School Skills

Grade 6 Skills : Students are working in unit 13. Students are working in the Sadlier workbook and writing assignments in class. Their final exam is June 7th.

Grade 7 Skills : Students have finished their Sadlier Vocabulary workbook. Students are now working on articles that will be grouped together for a final project. Their final is June 7th.

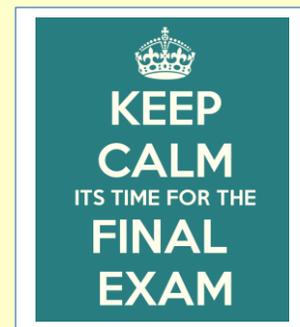
Grade 8 Skills: Great job this year! All students worked extremely hard this year! I wish them nothing but the best in HS and their future to come. Students will be practicing for Mass and Graduation!

Middle School Mathematics

Grade 8: Eighth graders will be continuing to study key concepts needed for high school, specifically polynomials and properties of exponents.

Grade 7 students will take their math exam on Thursday, June 6th. They have been working on study guide problems in class and for homework. Students will then continue to study essential concepts for 8th grade. Students are expected to work on Khan Academy and/or Prodigy during the summer. Every student has a school login and password for each program.

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Middle School Social Studies

Grade 6: Students final exam is June 4th. Students have worked on their study guide in class, which was a good tool for studying. Please look for summer work in their packets. Have a good summer!

Grade 7: Students final exam is June 4th. Students have worked on their study guide in class and it was a good tool for studying. Please look for summer work in their packets. Have a great summer!

Grade 8: Great job this year! All students worked extremely hard this year! I wish them nothing but the best in HS and their future to come. Students will be practicing for Mass and Graduation! "You must never be fearful about what you are doing when it is right." - Rosa Parks

Students of the Month-June

Pre-K3: Braylon Hartley
Pre-K4: Johnna Ramirez
Kindergarten: Lucas Gomes
1st Grade: Gabriella Almanzar
2nd Grade: Idunuolowa Akanji
3rd Grade: Cullen Dempsey
4th Grade: Ruby Bastan
5th Grade: Deryan Gonzalez
6th Grade: Jeremiah Caldwell
7th Grade: Amira Beltrand
8th Grade: Ralphletha Flowers

Keep up the good work!



Middle School Science

Grade 6: Students have finished Topic 6, *Weather in the Atmosphere*, and have taken their Topic Test. Students will be given a study guide for their Final Exam on June 5th. All students have an online account and the website URL is www.pearsonrealize.com. Please be sure that students have lots of rest and study time to be sure to give them the best chance at doing well for their Finals.

Grade 7: We have finished Topic 8, Lesson 1, *Wave Properties and Interactions*, and how different types of waves transmit energy differently. Students will be given a study guide for their Final Exam on June 4th. All students have an online account and the website URL is www.pearsonrealize.com. Please be sure that students have lots of rest and study time to be sure to give them the best chance at doing well for their Finals.

Grade 8: We are in the home stretch and it feels great! We have just wrapped up the unit on *Earth-Sun-Moon system*. We learned how they work together to create our seasons, moon phases and tides. It's been a pleasure watching the students "discover" and grow this year. Best of luck to them in High School!

Fine Arts

Music:

Elementary: The spring concert was a huge success! As we end our year, we will tie up loose ends with our final units. **Middle School:** Final projects are done and are handed in. We are winding down to the end. **8th Grade:** Congratulations to the entire 8th grade class! **Choraliers:** All of our concerts, performances and meetings are done. Thank you for an amazing year. Enjoy the summer and we will start again next September! **Tri-M Music Honor Society:** Congratulations to our 2019-2020 Executive Board. **President:** Harmony Forrest, **Vice President:** Jayla Smith, **Secretary:** Raul Almanzar, **Treasurer:** Daniel Mancebo, and **Historian:** Hayley Munroe

Thank you for all of the hard work this year, let's end the year on a "High Note 🎵". Have a wonderful summer and see you all in the fall. Mr. Pariseau!

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