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Upcoming Events

- May 24th-Dress Down Day sponsored by Kindergarten.
- May 28th-Grade 8 Exams begin

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 Parents,
Everyone was happy to get back to work this past week after a relaxing Easter and Spring Break. The teachers are very busy planning their lessons and preparing for our many extra-curricular activities. Ms. Hart has been busy planning for her amazing art club projects. The club has once again filled up, and Ms. Hart is generously donating her time to stay after school and help her students create beautiful works that decorate our walls. Thank you Ms. Hart! And, Miss Carnevale and Mrs. Scaramuzzo have planned a visit from the Roger Williams Zoo, who will bring the program, *Web of Life*, to our 5th grade and middle school students. Students will learn that a healthy ecosystem is one in which multiple species of different types are each able to meet their needs in a relatively stable web of life. Students will get to examine how organisms in a local ecosystem are interrelated. It sounds like a great science lesson!
Camp Eagle has begun to accept registrations for 2019 summer camp. Camp is open to students registered for the 2019-2020 school year and who are of preschool age, up to 11 years old. Hours will be 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM. Camp will begin on

Happy Mother's Day

Our Middle School will once again be selling carnations for Mother's Day. Fliers went home in the Friday Folders. Orders are due by Wednesday, May 8th and will be delivered on Friday, May 10th. Carnations are \$1.50 each or 6 for \$8.00. Our PTO will also be selling carnations at their Mother's Day Bake Sale after all masses on May 11th and May 12th. Stop by to get the most important woman in your life a sweet treat and a beautiful flower!

Tuesday, June 18th and run through August 16th. Camp will be closed the week of 4th of July. If you are interested, registration forms and payment must be submitted by June 3rd.

To our Grade 8 Parents- We are moving closer to graduation, so students will have their graduation picture taken in the Church on May 14th. Please be aware that all financial obligations must be up-to-date for students to participate in graduation exercises. Thank you for your cooperation.

God Bless,
Mr. Weber

Upcoming Events

May 5th-First Communion at the 10:30 AM Mass-All Welcome.

May 6th- Spring Picture Day: Sunday Best

May 6th- Roger Williams Zoo presents *Web of Life*. Grades 5-8.

May 7th-Teacher Appreciation Day!

May 8th- Carnation Orders are due.

May 9th-School Mass presented by 2nd grade-May Procession followed by 3rd quarter Honors Ceremony.

May 15th- Michelle Muscatello's weather presentation. Grades 2 & 3

May 16th- Progress Reports Go Home

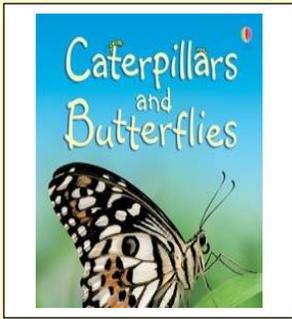
May 17th- Teacher Professional Day-No School

May 27th- Memorial Day: No School

May 28th- Spring Concert Grs. PK thru grade 5. 9:30 AM in the Church.

May 30th- School Mass: Ascension Thursday presented by Grade 8.

Pre-Kindergarten News



During the month of May, PreK 4 will learn about different kinds of insects. We will be observing caterpillars as they spin their chrysalises and emerge as beautiful butterflies. The butterflies will then be released in our playground! We will also spend some time learning about dinosaurs. We will measure a dinosaur's footprint, measure the length of a dinosaur' and finish with an exciting volcano experiment!

In the month of May, **Prek 3/4** will be continuing to review our letters and numbers to prepare ourselves for the next school year. Students will be focusing on **fine motor skills**, such as cutting and coloring. The students have loved being able to practice writing their names and continue to make progress everyday. We will begin to prep for our graduation through song and crafts.

Kindergarten News

Time flies when you're having fun! It is hard to believe our school year is almost over! During the month of May, we celebrate growing and learning as followers of Jesus. We have begun Unit 5 in **Reading Street**. Our theme is "Going Places", and the children will learn about the many forms of transportation. The high frequency words for this unit are: blue, green, yellow, said, was, what, come, & where. Students will also learn the sounds for w, j, x, u, v, and y. Please check your child's Friday Folder for additional information.

In **math**, we will continue with addition, subtraction and decomposing numbers 11 to 19. We will also learn about measurement. You can practice at home by examining items that are longer, shorter, and the same size as each other. Use string, paper clips, blocks, or other household items to compare size. Our exciting **science** experiment this month will be to make a papier maché volcano and having it erupt!

First Grade News

The boys and girls in first grade are doing very well with their studies. More than half of the students are already reading more than 60 words per minute, which is the benchmark for the end of first grade. I am very proud of their efforts. We will be completing Unit 4 in our **Reading Street** series this month. The stories in our final reading book focus on creative thinking, inventions and simple machines.

We will continue practicing double-digit addition and subtraction as we work on our new topics in **math**. The children are finishing up our topic on measurement, and beginning the next topic about telling time.

During mid-May, we should start Topic 14, which focuses on different types of graphs. The children are also learning about money with Ms. Murphy's math enrichment program. For **Science**, we have done some experiments with flowers and will be planting in our class garden during May. We hope you will be able to stop and see it once we have it all set. The children have been writing letters every week to the Star student in class. This month, the boys and girls will be writing letters to our Blessed Mother. These letters will be displayed on our class door by mid-May.

Second Grade News

May is an exciting month for second grade. On Sunday, May 5th, some of the children will make their First Holy Communion. On Thursday, May 9th, the second graders will participate in the May Procession. They will crown and honor our Blessed Mother, Mary. The Mass is at 9:00 AM and we would love to have you join us. Throughout the month, we will continue to learn ways that we can follow Jesus. In doing so, the children become more responsible. Responsibility is our **reading** theme for Unit 5. The stories will help the children learn what it means to be a responsible citizen. Our final reading assessment will be on this unit.

The children enjoyed working with shapes in geometry and will begin counting money and telling time. These two concepts are always fun. The final **math** assessment will be on Topics 9-12. Be sure your child visits www.pearsonsuccessnet.com to help them along. We will learn about community workers for **social studies** and observe plant growth and create plant booklets in **science**. As you can see, we are quite busy in Grade 2. I am very proud of your children's spiritual, academic and social growth. As we approach the end of the school year, please continue to encourage your children to do their best, complete their homework, and read nightly. Thank you for your continued support.

Third Grade News

"Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all the others."-Cicero

During the month of May, third graders will be comparing fractions and learning more about two-dimensional shapes during **math** class. May will be a very **scientific** month for third graders! We will be conducting several different ongoing experiments. Third graders will also be writing and drawing about the changes they observe in the bean seeds we planted, and logging their observations about the

changes that occur in a seed as it sprouts! Hopefully, by June we will see some green beans! Sometime in May our Painted Lady caterpillars will arrive, and we will also observe the life cycle of a butterfly. Each student will be researching an animal that is native to RI. This will tie in to both our **science** life cycle unit and our study of Rhode Island in **social studies** class.

Fourth Grade News

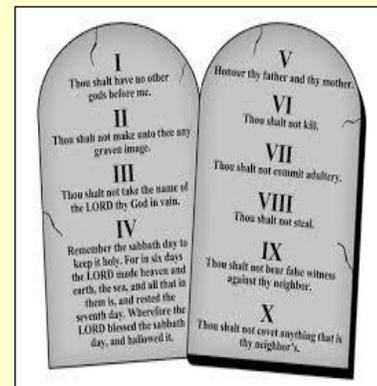
Grade 4 is desperately waiting for Spring to arrive! Meantime, we are working really hard in class. In **ELA**, we started our 5th and final **reading** unit of the year. Also, we are perfecting our writing skills by developing longer paragraphs, proof reading, editing and expanding our vocabulary. The more practice they do, the better they will get. Just like

practicing their multiplication tables, the more practice, the better. We have two end of the year projects both in **Social Studies** and in **Science**. More information to come as we wrap up the last few chapters in both areas. In **Religion**, we will finish up with the last and final Commandment. There will be a final test on The 10 Commandments. Look for a study guide via backpack soon. Happy Mother's Day!

Fifth Grade News

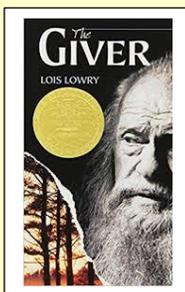
We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song! 5th grade is aiming higher and digging deeper as we learn! We are calculating complex **math** problems and exploring many different text types in **reading**. In **math**, we are solving multi-step problems incorporating fractions. We are becoming strong readers and writers as we expand our vocabulary and learn greek and latin roots. Did you know that the prefix 'poly-' means many? Ask your child the meaning of the adjective *polyglot*. You may find out that you have a polyglot in your family! In **science**, we are learning about ecosystems.

Working with seeds and building ecosystems has been exciting. As we pray for those in need of healing, we are learning about the seven Sacraments of our Church. We will be having a healing mass on May 18th at 4pm in the church. Prayerfully consider attending with your family. What is on the horizon for grade 5? Math computations involving volume, **science** experiments, a field trip to a historic site and praying our living rosary. Sounds exciting, doesn't it? We will accomplish all this and more while being in our heavenly Father's loving care.



Middle School Literature & Creative Writing

Middle School English Language Arts is working diligently during the last few months of the school year. **The 6th grade** is currently reading the novel "*The Giver*." They are enjoying seeing connections between the book and the differences between that world and our own. **The 7th grade** is now reading a fantasy book, and one of my favorites, "*Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*." **The 8th grade** is gearing up for graduation, so their two last projects for me will follow a high school assignment format. They will read "*The Hunger Games*" and will write a book report based upon the story. Then, they are doing a Research Project of their choice where they will write a report, and then present to their classes.



Middle School Spanish

GRADE 6: We continue our foray into grammar. We are going over parts of speech and sentence structure.
GRADE 7: We will learn about position of adjectives and demonstrative adjectives. Other topics in this chapter include: clothing, colors, prices, and numbers.
GRADE 8: We will learn about direct object pronouns and get ready for the final exam.

Middle School Skills

Grade 8: Working in Unit 12, 13 & 14. Students will be working in their workbooks during class time. Homework consist of 3x each: sentences and a writing assignment. Their final will be a formal letter that they will be handing in during exam week. The **Final stretch is here! Let's finish strong!!!!**

Grade 7: Working in Unit 15, their last unit! From there, students will continue to work with different reading passages and answering questions pertaining to the topic area.

Grade 6: Working in Unit 11 & 12 in their workbooks during class time. Students have also been working on passage readings and answering questions pertaining to the topic. Homework consist of 3x each: sentences and a writing assignment.

Middle School Religion

GRADE 6: We will be learning about the division of Solomon's empire into two kingdoms. We will learn how God sent the prophets to speak for God.

GRADE 7: We are finishing our study of the sacraments with the sacraments of Holy Orders and Matrimony. Unit 4 follows with a discussion of how we live as Christians.

GRADE 8: We will be finishing Unit 3 and reviewing for the final exam.

Middle School Mathematics

Grade 8 Algebra and Pre-Algebra: Grade 8 students will take their math final exam on Wednesday, May 29th. Students will receive study guides the week of May 13th. Study guides will list topics/textbook sections included on the exam and will provide practice examples. We will work on these problems in class and for homework.

Grade 7 Pre-Algebra: Students will continue working on Operations with Fractions in Chapter 3. We will then move on to Equations and Inequalities in Chapter 4. The 7th grade math exam will be the week of June 3rd. Students will receive study guides the week of May 27th.

Study guides will list topics/textbook sections included on the exam and will provide practice examples. We will work on these problems in class and for homework.

Grade 6 Math: Grade 6 students will continue studying Fraction Operations in Chapters 5 and 6. The 6th grade math exam will be the week of June 3rd. Students will receive study guides the week of May 27th. Study guides will list topics/textbook sections included on the exam and will provide practice examples. We will work on these problems in class and for homework.

Middle School Social Studies

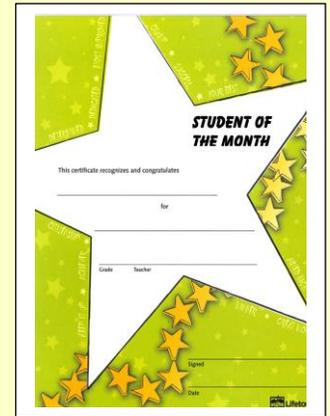
Grade 8 Social Studies: Students are continuing to work in *Chapter 23, The Great Depression and the New Deal*. Next, students will start to learn about **The WWII Era** to prepare them for HS. Their final exam is Thursday, May 30th.

Grade 7 Social Studies: Students are finishing up the Era of Thomas Jefferson. Students will be working in *Chapter 11, North & South take Different Paths*, learning about Industrial growth and plantation challenges. Also, students will take a look at *Chapter 12, An Age of Reform*. They will take a look at the fight against slavery and the arts in the 1800s. Lastly, students will be preparing for their final in June.

Grade 6 Social Studies: Students are continuing to work in *Chapter 6, A New Age in Europe*. Students have been given guided reading worksheets during class, section quizzes and will be having a chapter test. From there, we will begin reviewing for the Final in June.

Students of the Month-May

Pre-K3: Amelya DeLuca
Pre-K4: Charlie Weber
Kindergarten: Luiseiris Saldaña
1st Grade: Diego Garcia
2nd Grade: Nicolas Mejia
3rd Grade: Sofia Concepcion
4th Grade: Kaylee Smith
5th Grade: Haymi Miranda-Garcia
6th Grade: Laelannie Rodriguez
7th Grade: Raul Almanzar
8th Grade: Ralphletha Flowers
Congratulations to All!



Middle School Science

Grade 6: Students will be finishing Topic 6, *Weather in the Atmosphere*. We will be learning how to predict weather changes and severe weather. We will also delve into Topic 10 and learn how to classify living things. 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. **Grade 7:** Students have begun a unit on *Distribution of Natural Resources*. Students will be learning about water resources and ways the geological processes affect the distribution of water resources. We will then begin Topic 8 and learn about wave properties and interactions, and how different types of waves transmit energy differently. There will be reading assignments, online investigations and quizzes. All students have an online account and the website URL is www.pearsonrealize.com. **Grade 8:** The students are busy studying Topic 9, *Earth-Sun-Moon system*. Students will learn about the movement of the Earth, Sun, and Moon. Students will learn and explain what causes the cycle of seasons on Earth. The students will then wrap up the month preparing, and taking, their final exam. There will be reading assignments, online investigations and quizzes. All students have an online account and the website URL is www.pearsonrealize.com

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Music:

Please join us at **9:30 am on Tuesday May 28th** for the Elementary Spring Concert, *"Pictures Across America"* in the church featuring Grades Pk 3/4 through grade 5!

Middle School music is beginning our final unit, *Music of Movies, Video and TV Shows*.

Choraliers: Please join us at **1pm, Thursday May 23rd** in the Church for our spring concert, *"Music of Screen and Stage,"* featuring songs from Broadway musicals and well-known movies. At this time, I ask parents to work with me to minimize absences from rehearsals, as we have so few left before our concert.

Tri-M Music Honor Society : As our year draws to a close, we will begin the process of elections for next year's officers, as well as plan our end of the year service project.

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