# Blessed Sacrament School

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## **NEWSLETTER**

# September 2017

#### **BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT**



The beginning of the school year is a special time for all of us: students, teachers, and parents. A feeling of anticipation is perhaps sparked by new school supplies, new clothes, new teachers, and possibly, new classmates.

Best of all, is the thought that this is a fresh start, and that this year will be a success. To keep this feeling alive is essential, and members of the school faculty are dedicated to this goal. In this spirit, parents of students in first through sixth grade are invited to attend Back to School Night on Tuesday, September 12, 2017. You won't want to miss this opportunity to find out everything you want to know about what your child/children will learn in school this year. All teachers will provide two sessions for parents from 6:15-6:45 and 7:00-7:30. Choose which session fits best for your schedule.

During Back to School Night parents will also have the first opportunity to sign-up for the November Parent-Teacher Conferences. Childcare will be available in the Pre-K classroom.

#### WELCOME



We would like to warmly welcome four student teachers to our school community from LeMoyne College:

Miss Claire Williams - 1A Miss Sarah Wilson - 1B Miss Mary Short - 2B Miss Sarah Reid - 4B

Joining our After School Care Program are:

Mrs. Mary Ann Cerio Ms. Nerissa Godbolt Miss Ragin Hewitt Mrs. Carmella Place

It is our pleasure to welcome everyone.

# STUDENTS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Students in grades 3 through 6 adopt a parish shut-in to write to and send cards. Students in grades kindergarten through 2nd also correspond with our parish shut-ins as a class through Golden Threads, a monthly newsletter published by our parish. Communicating with the sick and elderly of our parish brings much happiness to all involved in this special project.

Every month we will have a designated tag day. This tag day will be indicated on our monthly school calendar. Students who wish to participate will pay \$.25 for the opportunity of not having to wear their uniform to school. Some months the tag day will be a dress down day or have a special theme. Monies raised from the tag days will be donated to charity.

## **THANK YOU**

We greatly appreciate all of the extra effort our custodial staff put forward in preparing the school for a new school year. Bob Decker, Nick Cacchione, Tim VanSkoik, and Sarah Parolin have worked extremely hard this summer painting, repairing, and scrubbing our school physical plant. Everything really looks fantastic due to everyone's efforts.

Mrs. DW put in long hours this summer in the school office getting everything ready for a brand new school year and thanks to Mrs. Moziak for filling in while she was on vacation. Their dedication and support of the school is to be commended and we are very thankful that they are so committed to our mission.

We are also very grateful to our Summer-Rama staff, Miss Baird, Mrs. Chapman, Miss Heppeler, Miss Kulpa, Mrs. Lanza, Miss Macomber, Miss Margrey, Mrs. Marx, Miss Hewitt, Miss Reid, Miss Rafka, Mrs. Pelose, and Mr. Sessler. They all did an awesome job this summer coordinating field trips, art projects, and fun activities. Parents and participants were very pleased with this special program.

We also like to thank the P.T.A. for remodeling and upgrading the boys and girls locker rooms in the gym and purchasing a new ice machine in the cafeteria. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

## **DISNEY TRIP OR CASH RAFFLE**

Every family will receive 30 raffle tickets to sell in the First Day of School Take Home Envelope filled with school forms and information. The grand prize is an all-expense paid trip to Disneyland in Orlando, Florida for a family of four. This prize includes air fare, meal plan, lodging for six nights at the Wilderness Lodge, and park passes or \$10,000 cash. The drawing will take place on Saturday, November 18, 2017 at the PTA Holiday Auction. Tickets are \$5 each, 5 for \$20, and 15 for \$50. Raffle rules and mail-in forms can be found on our website at www.blessedsacrament school .org.

#### REDIKER

Again this year teachers will be using Rediker, our student management software to take daily attendance, for electronically grading, e-mailing parents, and posting grade specific calendar announcements. Shortly after school begins, all parents will receive an e-mail with a password and information on how to access your child's information. Please be sure that we have your correct e-mail address.

#### **BITS AND PIECES**

- Hot lunches will be available on 9/7 and 9/8. Students can order on Wednesday 9/6. **School lunches are \$3.25**.
- The first meeting of the Parent Teacher Association will be Thursday, September 21st at 7:00 P.M. in the cafeteria. This will be an opportunity for parents to meet with other parents, faculty, and staff and to sign-up for committees. We hope that you will be able to attend. Childcare and refreshments will be available.
- Plan now to attend our annual *Rock-A-Thon on Sunday, October 1, 2017* from 12:30 2:00p.m.
- The PTA has an account at the Teall Ave. Bottle & Can Redemption Center, located across from Shop City. Please return your bottle and cans at this center and ask the management to credit Blessed Sacrament School's Account.
- Remember to save General Mills Box Tops for Education
  that can be found on many items besides just cereal. Turn
  these box tops into your child's teacher throughout the school
  year. We receive ten cents for every box top.
- Shop at Price Chopper and help Blessed Sacrament School earn credit for educational equipment. All credit is earned electronically through the Price Chopper AdvantEdge Card. If you signed up last year, you can verify your enrollment at <a href="https://www.pricechopper.com">www.pricechopper.com</a>. If you did not sign up last year, or if you are not sure, please register as soon as possible. Please have friends, relatives, and neighbors sign-up as well. Our school code is 16674. If you do not have Internet access, just fill out the form that was in the first day of school information. When you purchase specially tagged bonus items, our school earns extra points. Thank you in advance for your help and support.
- Bellucci Basketball Academy will be holding a 5 week co-ed basketball training session for grades K-6 starting on Monday October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Forms will be coming home the week of September 11<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to register if you want your child to attend.
- Master Rick Miori of Miori Martial Arts will be holding a 6
  week Karate program early this fall. Students of all ages
  are welcome but space is limited. Watch for registration forms
  to be sent home very soon and register right away!
- Save the date for the event of the season! Jump start your holiday shopping on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> as Blessed Sacrament School's PTA presents its 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Auction from 6-9 pm. You'll be sure to find hundreds of unique items including sporting event tickets and memorabilia, weekend get-a-ways, fantastic collectables, handmade items and gift certificates galore! So, gather your friends and family and join us for an evening of cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and desserts. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Must be 21 years or older to attend. Cash, checks and credit cards will be accepted. For additional information call 463-1261.



### E-MAIL US

Did you know that you could reach individual teachers and staff by e-mailing them?

Below is a list of our e-mail addresses.

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KA	sclark@syrdiocese.org
KB	ebaird@syrdiocese.org
1A	aascenzo@syrdiocese.org
1B	Imacomber@syrdiocese.org
2A	mkstanczyk@syrdiocese.org
2B	tpelose@syrdiocese.org
3A	nvennaro@syrdiocese.org
3B	kmillay@syrdiiocese.org
4A	plong@syrdiocese.org
4B	jwituszynski@syrdiocese.org
5A	eferguson@syrdiocese.org
5B	klongbls@syrdiocese.org
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6B	scorbishley@syrdiocese.org
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Please note that the school's website is <a href="https://www.blessedsacramentschool.org">www.blessedsacramentschool.org</a>. You can also find us on Facebook at Blessed Sacrament Elementary School. The password to view pictures in our Shutterfly account on the website is blessed.

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Each year on the final day of school, it has been our tradition to award several scholarships. All students had the opportunity to write a competitive essay for scholarship eligibility. We are so very grateful to all of the sponsors of these scholarships.

The following scholarships were awarded in June 2017:

Strive for Success; Grover Family Scholarship of \$125 Lamahj Cannon and Lauren Trinca

Sam & Betty Rozzano Memorial Scholarship of \$500

Claire Ashe and Valentino Indelicato

Mr. Nicholas V. Petragnani Memorial \$500 Scholarship
Sam Fairbanks

Rev. Joseph Segrue PTA Scholarship of \$100 Carmella Fairbanks

Mrs. Virginia Lippoldt Memorial Scholarship of \$500

Meredith Pessirilo

Peter Fennessey Memorial Scholarship of \$500 Gracelin Ferguson

Mrs. Helen Evelyn Dougherty Memorial Scholarship of \$250
Frank Von Hassel