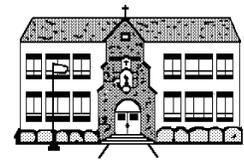


# Blessed Sacrament School

Learn... Serve... Lead... Succeed.



## NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2018

### CELEBRATE CHRIST'S COMING



This Advent brings a period of time for Christians to set things right. At Christmas we rejoice in the birth of Jesus to make all things new. We can turn to Christ with grateful hearts. We praise God for the generosity that has been shown to us in our lives. We celebrate the fact that we are a "Eucharistic people"- a people of praise and thanksgiving. It is time for us to acknowledge our need for forgiveness and to experience a change of heart.

In order to make this season more meaningful and prayerful for everyone, the following activities have been planned. Each morning all students, teachers, and staff members will gather together to pray, sing, and light the candles of our advent wreath. Parents are invited to join us in the gym, **Monday through Friday at 8:10 a.m.** for this special time of prayer and reflection beginning December 3<sup>rd</sup> through December 20<sup>th</sup>.

During the Advent season, we would also like to help children by providing for them new socks, mittens, hats and underwear. These items will be donated to children at our Parish Outreach Ministry. If you wish to help, please send these items to school with your child by **Monday, December 17th**. As children bring in these items, we will decorate the tree in the front hallway. Thus Advent Angels will transform our Christmas tree into a "Giving Tree". Because we are unusually blessed with many riches, reminding our children to think about others is extremely important. Encouraging children to buy an item for the Giving Tree from his or her allowance can be a great experience to build compassion within families. Help your children keep Christ in their hearts, as they share with others and show kindness to all. It is our fervent wish that you and your family will be especially blessed and filled with the Holy Spirit, and may the activities you share in the holiday season ahead bring you closer to each other and to our Lord Jesus Christ.

### CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



Our annual Christmas Holiday Concert will be presented **Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.** in the gym. All students in grades 2nd through 6th will participate in this joyous event. Our Tiny Eagles, Pre-K, Kindergarten, and First grade students will have a special holiday concert on **Friday, December 21, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.** in the gym. Mrs. Mary Lynn Giacobbe, our music teacher, has been working extremely hard with students to prepare them in sharing the magic of Christmas with their families and friends through this musical program. Each year we look forward to these special presentations.

**All students are asked to dress up for the concert. Please, no sneakers or jeans.** Students in grades 2 through 6 will need to come to the school cafeteria at 6:45 P.M. for the performance on December 19<sup>th</sup>.

### SCHOOL BOOK FAIR



Beginning on Sunday morning, **December 2<sup>nd</sup>** and running through Wednesday, **December 5<sup>th</sup>**, you and your family, and friends are invited to attend the Blessed Sacrament Book Fair. This year's Book Fair will feature a wide selection of wonderful books for children available through Scholastic School Book Fairs. The response was so overwhelming last year that the school received many new books for the children's use, as well as enough money to buy new materials and books for the library. Why not take the time to browse and see if you would like to purchase some new books for your home library. Books always make great gifts, and you would be helping to add more books to our current library collection.

## **BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**



The annual Parent Teacher Association Breakfast with Santa will take place on **Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8:00-11:30am** in the school cafeteria. The PTA successfully organizes this event each year and donates all of the proceeds to the Parish Outreach Ministry. **\$6 for Adults, \$4 ages 4-12, 3 & under Free.** Fluffy, light, and delicious pancakes, prepared by expert chefs, will be served along with eggs and sausage. Bring your cameras to take a picture of Santa with your child from 8:30-11:00am.

## **HOLIDAY AUCTION**



A special **thank you** to all parents, friends, faculty, staff, and parishioners for all your support in making this year's Holiday Auction a "smashing" success by raising **over \$40,000**. Thank you all!

## **DISNEY TRIP/CASH RAFFLE WINNER**



On Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at the PTA Holiday Auction, the winning ticket belonging to **Jill Slocum** was pulled from the gold drum. Thank you so very much to all of the families and friends of Blessed Sacrament School who supported this fundraiser.

## **EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSINGS**



That time of year is again upon us when inclement weather and related problems cause schools to either open late or to be closed for the day. If the Syracuse City School District is announced closed or delayed, we are also closed or delayed. Blessed Sacrament School is only mentioned by name on Channel 9.

## **ROCK-A-THON ASSEMBLY**

This year we raised **\$7,486.50** due to everyone's support. Daniel and David Shaw were the grand prize winners raising **\$750**. Prizes and tag day passes were distributed at a special assembly to celebrate the success of this event.

## **BITS AND PIECES**

- **Grade 1A & 1B** made 112 pumpkin pies for the Rescue Mission.
- Mrs. Stanczyk's & Mrs. Pelose's second graders will sing at the Christmas Mass at Bishop Rehabilitation & Nursing Center on **Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.** Permission slips and more information regarding this annual field trip will be sent home.
- Krystle Usyk was the lucky winner of the \$500 tuition voucher at the November 8<sup>th</sup> PTA Meeting. Congratulations to the Usyk family!!
- Would you like to access your child's grades from your phone? Download the free app called ParentPlus. Use your same password and username that you currently use with Rediker. It is very user friendly.
- Mrs. Pelose's second grade students shared 150 Acts of Kindness.

## **iREADY ONLINE INSTRUCTION**

We are pleased to announce that we now have online instruction available for all students in grades first through sixth for Reading and Math. Online instruction will provide all students with personalized digital learning support. Teachers are able to set clear, reachable targets for growth, usage, and lesson pass rate.

## **NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE**



We are coming into the cold and flu season; please remember proper hand washing is the best way to prevent spreading the flu and germs. If your child is running a temperature of 100 or more please keep him/her home to ensure a speedy recovery.

If you have not sent in a copy of your child's private physical, please remember to send it in. Any health questions please feel free to call. It is a pleasure taking care of your children.