

# Blessed Sacrament School

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## NEWSLETTER

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### SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Information for reapplying for admission for the 2019-2020 school year was sent home to all families. **It is due back to the school office on 2/4/2019.** Financial aid information was also included. Please be aware that the deadline for applying for financial aid is 2/15/19. If you have younger children who will be entering Kindergarten, Tiny Eagles, or Pre-K, please be sure to include them on the re-application. If you did not receive these forms please call Mrs. DW for assistance.

After in-house reapplication is completed, open enrollment will be held on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 for families on the waiting list and then the general public if there are any other openings available. It is extremely important for families to **return their forms and application fee of \$50 by 2/4/19.**

Every family who returns their completed application by **Monday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>** will be eligible for the scholarship drawing. Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded. This drawing will take place at the **March 7, 2019 PTA Meeting.** Thank you so very much for your cooperation and assistance.

### REPORT CARDS



Report cards will be distributed to all students in grades Pre-K through 6th on Tuesday, February 5, 2019. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the report card, please feel free to contact your child's teacher for a conference.

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Catholic Schools Week got off to a great start with a wonderful Teacher Appreciation Luncheon. Thank you so very much to all of the numerous volunteers who cooked fabulous food for everyone to enjoy, supervised students, and helped with set-up and clean-up.

We are looking forward to the V.I.P. Liturgy and Reception on Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup> and Family Night Bingo at 7:00pm.

### DRUG QUIZ UPDATE

Students in the 6<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade recently volunteered to take a written test after weeks of studying materials to qualify for their grade level Drug Quiz Team. Our school playoff competition will take place on Friday 2/15/19 at 1:00pm in the gym.

### PARKING LOT REMINDERS

Please drive slowly when entering and exiting the parking lot. Especially with changing weather conditions it may be slippery for cars and pedestrians. The drop off/pick-up zone is **only for start of school morning drop off and 2:15 school dismissal pick-up.** It is not intended for After School Care pick-up parking, as you have to leave your car. It is a **NO-PARKING ZONE** and a safety issue if you park there. **When picking your child up from After School Care, you need to park your car in a PARKING SPACE in the parking lot. Please do not leave your car running while you are in the school building.** Remember the 3 Reserved Parking Spaces are **only for the family whose name is on the sign, even if the spot is empty it is not for casual parking.** Thank you for your cooperation.

### BOX TOPS CONTEST

The General Mills Box Tops Program is quickly coming to an end for this school year due to the fact that we must redeem all of our box tops by 3/1/19. After that date we do continue to collect them for the following school year. To assist with the final push we are sponsoring a contest between each grade level to see which class can collect the most box tops from now until Wed. 2/13/19. The winning class will receive a pizza party and dress down day. Remember every box top is worth \$.10. If you have 50 box tops please place them in a plastic baggie and write 50 on the bag then we will not have to count them. The Blessed Sacrament School community would like to thank Mrs. Johanna Kensy for coordinating the classroom Box Top Contests and for counting all of the box tops.



## **SOCIAL MEDIA TIPS FOR PARENTS**

Many students have received phones and various electronics for Christmas and other occasions so thought that the following tips would be helpful and an important reminder.

- Most social media and apps such as Instagram and Snap Chat require that kids be 13 to sign up and also have parental permission.
- If your child is on Instagram or Snap Chat, then you should be on too and regularly checking their posts and text messages.
- Parents also need to have their children's passwords to all of their online accounts and access to their accounts at all times, even Animal Jam.
- Social media accounts are public by default. Be sure that the accounts are set to private.
- Talk with your children about what is appropriate to put in a bio or profile since everyone in the world has the ability to see it at any time.
- Your child should only follow people he or she actually knows. Also never allow your child to chat with someone online that they do not know.
- Even for kids who are careful and use precautions in what they send out and to whom they send it to, the fact still exists that once anything is posted online, it is public, even if the picture disappears in a few seconds. One's online presence leaves a trail. Help your kids make smart decisions to keep themselves and their reputations safe.

This digital age makes "do overs" more difficult. Remember, the only sure way an improper video or photo never gets distributed at large, is not to put it out there in the first place. Let's all learn to use technology for all the good it can produce. (Sources: familyshare.com and parenting.com)

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

PreK student, Derek Osvoldik was recently selected to "roll in the dough" by CORE Federal Credit Union because he participates in the school banking program. Derek was the youngest student ever to participate and he did an awesome job rolling in the specially designed velcro suit. \$268 was attached to his suit after his "roll". This money will be deposited into his account. Great job Derek!



## **BITS AND PIECES**

- Don't miss the Knights of Columbus Foul Shoot contest for students 9 to 14 on Saturday, February 2, 2019 from 1-3 in the gym.
- **Remember to register** for daycare during the February Break. Registration forms were sent home. Call Mrs. DW at 463-1261 if you need a form to sign up so would like your child/children to participate in this year's Mid-Winter Wonderland during the break.
- Kristen Pessirilo won the PTA Volunteer Drawing. The reward is a pizza party and tag day for daughter Meredith's 6B class. Thank you to all who volunteered for our Fall Events. At our May PTA meeting a name will be drawn for all who volunteered for our Spring Events.
- All FACTS Tuition Financial Aid applications must be submitted online by 2/15/19. Directions were included in the re-enrollment packets. Mrs. Medina, our finance manager, is willing to assist parents with this process. Please call her at 437-3394 to set up an individual appointment. This is a long application and requires you to upload financial statements. Late applications are not accepted. Go to [online.factsmgt.com/aid](http://online.factsmgt.com/aid) and the school ID code is 7871.
- The application for the Eagles Fund is available online at [bsseaglesfund.org](http://bsseaglesfund.org). These are due by March 1st. You can send them to the school office or email to [bsseaglesfund.org](http://bsseaglesfund.org). You are not eligible for this scholarship unless you complete the FACTS Application.
- Price Chopper Tools for Schools Program...to date we have accumulated 18,992 points to redeem for instructional materials. Thank you so very much for your support.
- The Ugly Sweater Contest was a great success! \$145.00 was raised for the Peter Fennessey Scholarship. The results of the voting were as follows: first place winner Miss Smith, second Mrs. Marx and third Mrs. Netto. Thank you everyone for your support.
- The school chorus had the opportunity to sing on January 24<sup>th</sup> at the Federal Building for a Naturalization Ceremony presided by Judge Thérésè Wiley-Dancks. Forty-two new citizens took the Oath of Allegiance while our students proudly watched and sang "God Bless America", the "National Anthem", and "This Land Is Your Land" under the direction of Mrs. Mary Lynn Giacobbe. What an awe inspiring experience it was for everyone!