

# Blessed Sacrament School

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## NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2019

### BOOK IT



The Book It portion of the Parents As Reading Partners Program has ended for another year. From all reports, Pizza Hut is very busy serving all those personal pan pizzas our students earned with their parents' help! Please remember the

Pizza Hut Certificates are valid until May 1<sup>st</sup>.

A very special word of thanks to Mrs. Johanna Kensy on completing all the pizza coupons and awards certificates each month.

Although the Book It Program is over for this year, please don't stop reading with your child each evening. Students are still trying to reach the goal of reading **20,000 books**. Mrs. Polcaro will be looking forward to congratulating students on their reaching their reading goals.

Students have tried real hard to read every day for at least 15 minutes. Thank you everyone for your participation in the Book It Program and keep on reading!

### REPORT CARDS



All students in grades K through 6 will receive their report cards on Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to sign the signature card and return it in the envelope.

If anyone has any questions or concerns regarding the report cards please feel free to contact your child's teacher for a conference.

### DRUG QUIZ

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade Drug Team defeated the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Drug Team in our school play off Drug Quiz. It was a very close match. The 5<sup>th</sup> graders will go on to the Diocesan Drug Quiz competition.

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Drug Quiz Team:

Sophia Bayardi  
Joseph Chiarenza  
Margaret Kuehner  
Alexandria Usyk

#### Alternates:

Claire Ashe  
Isabella Coppola

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Drug Quiz Team:

Ava Angarano  
Avial Johnson  
Nolen Schimpff  
Lauren Trinca

#### Alternates:

Dominic Kensy  
Danica Leak

### NEW YORK STATE ASSESSMENTS

Students in grades 3, 4, 5, & 6 will take the NYS English Language Arts Assessments on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and April 3<sup>rd</sup> and will take the Math Assessments on May 1<sup>st</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Students need to come to school prepared for the testing by having a good night's rest and a healthy breakfast. They will also need to bring a healthy snack to school.

Again this year the tests will be untimed and only take place on two days. As long as the student is being productive they will have as much time as they need to complete their test. **If parents are opting out of the testing, you will need to write a letter and keep your child/children at home for the day since the tests are untimed.**

While your child is taking the test they need to use "Test Taking Strategies" to help them maximize their chances at getting the answers correct. Students should be taught, before they select an answer, to eliminate any answers that they are fairly certain are incorrect. Typically, there will be 2 answers out of the 4 choices that will stand out as being unreasonable, and therefore probably incorrect. This strategy is especially helpful if they are not too confident in what the correct answer is.

It also would be very helpful for students to continue to use the iReady, IXL and Learning A to Z web based programs to practice math and reading skills.

### SHARE THE WEALTH

It is not too late to buy a Share the Wealth Raffle ticket. Tickets are available in the school office and church. They can also be purchased online at: <https://blessedsacramentsyracuse.ejoinme.org/2019raffleor> <https://blessedsacramentsyracuse.com> (select Give then STW Raffle). **Remember only 750 tickets will be sold!** Top prize is \$10,000...2<sup>nd</sup> Prize (2) \$2,500...3<sup>rd</sup> Prize (5) \$1,000...4<sup>th</sup> Prize (10) \$75 (Dinner Attendees Only)

On Saturday, May 11, 2019, from 6:00-9:00pm come celebrate spring with hors d'oeuvres, dinner, dessert, wine, beer and soft drinks. One dinner admission is earned with every Share the Wealth raffle ticket purchase. Share the Wealth ticket holders may purchase one additional dinner for a guest for \$10. 50/50 Raffles and Door Prizes will also be available. The Share the Wealth Raffle winners will also be announced at this event.

## **General Mills Box Tops for Education**

Mrs. Wituszynski's class is the grand prize winner of our Box Tops Contest by collecting a total of 1,176 box tops. They will be treated to a pizza and ice cream party for their efforts. We are extremely grateful to Mrs. Johanna Kensy who sorted and counted the box tops for each grade level.

The results are as follows:

TE	0	3A	115
PK	0	3B	45
KA	24	4A	0
KB	263	4B	1176
1A	155	5A	275
1B	268	5B	80
2A	14	6A	47
2B	527	6B	523

We will receive a check in the amount of **\$351.20**. Please continue to save the General Mills Box Tops for Education labels for next year's campaign. Thank you so very much for your support.

## **HELP YOUR CHILD BE SUCCESSFUL IN SCHOOL**

1. Read a combination of fiction and non-fiction aloud or with your child, from sports heroes to dinosaurs. Select more difficult passages over time.
2. Read more informational texts including newspapers, magazines, technical manuals, science and social studies articles and books.
3. Talk with your child and have him or her explain things.
4. Encourage writing at home.
5. Help your children know and memorize basic math facts.
6. Discuss and "do" real life math with your children.
7. Look for "word problems" in real life.
8. Encourage a good work ethic.
9. Let your children see you read and "do" math.
10. Discuss with your children their performance in school and what they are learning.
11. Talk about tests with your child and be positive and encouraging.
12. Talk with your children about the importance of graduating from high school ready for college and career success.

Don't become preoccupied with your child's academic ability but instead  
Teach them to sit with those sitting alone.  
Teach them to be kind.  
Teach them to offer help.  
Teach them to be a friend to the lonely.  
Teach them to encourage others.  
Teach them to think about other people.  
Teach them to share.  
Teach them to look for the good.  
This is how they will change the world.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

- Students may begin wearing to school the dress shorts and Blessed Sacrament red polo shirts that comprise our spring uniform option **beginning on April 1<sup>st</sup>**. Students may also opt to wear this option to gym class with their sneakers on gym days.
- **Families residing in suburban school districts that need bussing for their child/children must submit their requests by April 1<sup>st</sup> to their school district transportation department. If you need a form for your district, see Mrs. DW.** Mrs. DW completes the applications for Syracuse city school residents only.
- Please turn in your Lenten Rice Bowls on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile service project.
- **April Antics** will take place during the spring break from April 15<sup>th</sup> – April 19<sup>th</sup> for all students in grades Tiny Eagles through 6. A flyer describing this program was sent home with the oldest and only child in each family. If you haven't received the information and are interested in this program, call the school office at 315-463-1261.
- Our **Summer Program will run from July 1<sup>st</sup> through August 16<sup>th</sup>. We will be closed Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>.** Call Mrs. DW to put your child/children on the list for this fun-filled program. Additional information will be sent home to everyone.
- **Our Student Council** would like to sincerely thank everyone who participated in the Dollar Tag Day on March 15<sup>th</sup>. They were able to raise \$170 to purchase goodies for the Easter Bags that will be distributed to children who families utilize the Parish Pantry.
- **Congratulations to the Herron and Klucsik Families** who each recently won the \$500 Scholarship drawing. Families who returned their re-application forms by the deadline were eligible for the drawing that took place at the March P.T.A. Meeting.
- Check out our Facebook page at Blessed Sacrament Elementary School. Follow Mrs. Polcaro on [www.twitter.com @Bss\\_Syr](https://www.twitter.com/@Bss_Syr). Our school website is [www.blessedsacramentschool.org](http://www.blessedsacramentschool.org) and the password for our Shutterfly account is blessed. The monthly calendars and newsletters are always posted for your convenience on our website.

