

Blessed Sacrament



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NEWSLETTER

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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 1st.

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 everyday for at least 15 minutes. Thank you everyone for your participation in the Book It Program and keep on reading!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The PTA has the following events coming up that we are looking for volunteers to help with:

- Family Night Bingo April 1st at 7:00pm
(Chairperson- Heather Jones 315-638-6938)
- Scholastic Book Fair May 4th -8th
(Chairperson-Lisa Coppola 315-214-5429)
- Father and Daughter Dance June 3rd
(Chairperson- Heather Jones 315-638-6938)

Please call the chairperson if you are able to help with any of these events.

REPORT CARDS



All students in grades K through 6 will receive their report cards on Tuesday, April 25th. 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.

NEW YORK STATE ASSESSMENTS

Students in grades 3, 4, 5, & 6 took the NYS English Language Arts Assessments on March 28th, 29th, and 30th, and will take the Math Assessments on May 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. 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. 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 IXL and Learning A to Z web based programs to practice math and reading skills.

SPRING FLING



On Saturday, April 29, 2017, from 6:00-9:00pm come celebrate Spring with hors d'oeuvres, dinner, dessert, wine, beer and soft drinks for only \$10.00 per person. (Adults Only) Raffles, 50/50, door prizes will be available. Dinner tickets can be purchased by calling the rectory at (315) 437-3394 or at springfling@twcny.rr.com The Share the Wealth Raffle winners will also be announced at this event. It is still not too late to buy a Share the Wealth Raffle ticket. Tickets are available in the school office and church.

DID YOU KNOW?

- **April Antics** will take place during the spring break week after Easter (April 17th – April 21st) for all students in grades Tiny Eagles through 6. A brochure 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.
- **Congratulations to the Murphy and Znaczo 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.
- **Student Council** representatives will be filling treat bags for children whose families are serviced by the Parish Outreach Pantry at their Student Council Meeting on April 6th. Sincere thanks to everyone who participated in the Student Council \$1.00 tag day on March 17th. \$155 was raised to purchase supplies for the treat bags. Thank you Mrs. Corbishley and Miss Macomber for coordinating this worthwhile service project.
- **Cookie Dough** orders will be delivered to the school on 03/30/17. You may pick up your orders between 2:30 and 5:30pm in the All Purpose Room.
- **Gertrude Hawk Easter Candy** orders will be delivered to school between April 4th & April 6th. Final pick-up will be on April 6th from 2:30 –5:30 in the All Purpose Room.

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.

General Mills Box Tops for Education

Mrs. Pelose's class is the grand prize winner of our Box Tops Contest by collecting a total of 2323 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:

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| <u>TE</u> | 481 | <u>1A</u> | 349 | <u>3A</u> | 877 | <u>5A</u> | 227 |
| <u>PK</u> | 126 | <u>1B</u> | 682 | <u>3B</u> | 31 | <u>5B</u> | 170 |
| <u>KA</u> | 244 | <u>2A</u> | 142 | <u>4A</u> | 295 | <u>6A</u> | 280 |
| <u>KB</u> | 451 | <u>2B</u> | 2323 | <u>4B</u> | 882 | <u>6B</u> | 670 |

We will receive a check in the amount of \$823.00!

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.

BITS AND PIECES

- Students may begin wearing to school the dress shorts and Blessed Sacrament red polo shirts that comprise our spring uniform option beginning on April 1st. 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 1st to their school district transportation department. Mrs. DW will complete the applications for city residents.**
- Our **Summer Program** will run from July 3rd through **August 18th**. (*The program will be closed Tuesday July 4th*) Call Mrs. DW to put your child/children on the list for this fun-filled program. Additional information will be sent home to all interested families.
- Check out our Facebook page at Blessed Sacrament Elementary School. Follow Mrs. Polcaro on [www.twitter.com @Bss_Syr](https://twitter.com/Bss_Syr). Our school website is 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.
- Did you know that Blessed Sacrament School has an account at the Teall Ave. Redemption Center? Bring all of your bottles and cans to the redemption center and support our school at the same time by requesting that it goes in our account. Your support is greatly appreciated.

