

Blessed Sacrament

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NEWSLETTER

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SCHOOL ENROLLMENT



Information for reapplying for admission for the 2017-2018 school year will be sent home to the oldest child in each family on **02/07/17**. Financial aid information will also be included. If you have younger children who will be entering Kindergarten, Tiny Eagles, or Pre-K, please be sure to include them on the application. If you do not receive these forms please call Mrs. DW for assistance.

After in-house reapplication is completed, open enrollment will be held on Thursday, March 2, 2017 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 on a timely basis.

Every family who returns their completed application by **Tuesday, 2/28/17** will be eligible for a scholarship drawing. Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded. This drawing will take place at the **March 9, 2017 PTA Meeting**. Thank you so very much for your cooperation and assistance.

DRUG QUIZ UPDATE

Students in the 6th and 5th grade recently volunteered to take a written test after weeks of studying materials to qualify for their grade level Drug Quiz Team. The following students have qualified:

Grade 6 Team Drug Busters

Avery Burnette (C)
Dominick Beitz
Rebecca Cowles
Mia Schimpff
*Mia Copani
*Sadie Sheehan

Grade 5 Team Drug Deniers

Anna Kuehner (C)
Rebecca Bielass
Sofia Finn
Haven Schultz
*Zander Craner
*Ryan Millay

(C) = Captains * = Alternates

On Wednesday, January 25th the two teams faced off in a competition immediately following the Red Ribbon Week Prayer Service at 8:30a.m. The winning team was the **6th Grade Team** who will go on to represent Blessed Sacrament School in the Diocesan Drug Quiz Playoffs.

REPORT CARDS



Report cards will be distributed to all students in grades Pre-K through 6th on Tuesday, February 7, 2017. 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, cooking, and clean-up. During Catholic Schools Week we will be raising money for the Patrick Wiese Foundation in honor of Jack Sheridan. Check out all of the activities planned on our website www.blessedsacramentschool.org.

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 3/1/17. 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 Monday 2/13/17. 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.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

The following students have been awarded academic scholarships based on their excellent performance on the entrance exam for Bishop Grimes:

<i>Nile Ahmad</i>	<i>Jaidyn Crite</i>
<i>Calvin Atkinson</i>	<i>Jonathan Farstler</i>
<i>Marissa Beitz</i>	<i>Hannah Kinne</i>
<i>Dominic Beitz</i>	<i>Luke McCarthy</i>
<i>Avery Burnette</i>	<i>Vienna Rinaldi</i>
<i>Victoria Coppola</i>	<i>Mia Schimpff</i>
<i>Rebecca Cowles</i>	<i>Sadie Sheehan</i>

Our entire school community is so very proud of all of you and all of your accomplishments.

SOCIAL MEDIA TIPS FOR PARENTS

Many students have received phones and various electronics for Christmas 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)

BITS AND PIECES

- Don't forget to register for daycare during the February Break. Call Mrs. DW at 463-1261 if you would like your child/children to participate in this year's Mid-Winter Wonderland during the break.
- Please continue to save Campbell Soup product labels. We are hoping to save enough labels to purchase computer hardware. 
- Price Chopper Tools for Schools Program...to date we have accumulated almost 19,552 points to redeem for instructional materials. We have only one more month to boost our deposit total. Please help us out to reach our goal by shopping at Price Chopper with your advantage card. Our school code is 16674 if you haven't signed up to participate.
- 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, 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.** Thank you for your cooperation with this safety matter.
- Sandy Craner won the PTA Volunteer Drawing. The reward is a pizza party and tag day for her son Zander's 5B 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.
- Mrs. Loretta Bosco is coordinating our yearbook and has setup an email for parents to send digital pictures for the yearbook. The email address is blessedsacramentyearbook@yahoo.com.
- Again this year all Smart Tuition Financial Aid applications must be submitted online by 3/15/17. Directions will be 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.

