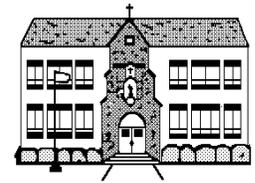


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NEWSLETTER

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SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Information for reapplying for admission for the 2018-2019 school year was sent home to all families **It is due back to the school office on 2/5/2018.** Financial aid information was also included. Please be aware that the deadline for applying for financial aid is 2/15/18. 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 7, 2018 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 2/5/18.**

Every family who returns their completed application by **Monday, 2/5/18** will be eligible for the scholarship drawing. Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded. This drawing will take place at the **March 8, 2018 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 6, 2018. 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 will get off to a great start with a wonderful Teacher Appreciation Luncheon. Thank you so very much to all of the numerous volunteers who will be cooking fabulous food for everyone to enjoy, supervising students, and helping with set-up and clean-up. Check out all of the activities still planned on our website www.blessedsacramentschool.org.

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. Our school playoff competition will take place on Tuesday 2/13/18 at 1:00pm in the gym.

LENTEN FISH FRY

St. Vincent/Blessed Sacrament annual fish fry will kick-off on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 4:30pm. We are in need of volunteers to help make this event successful. You can go to <http://signup.com/go/kFyXxvZ> to electronically signup to volunteer. If you are unable to volunteer but would like to help, consider donating a pie, cake or brownies for the dessert table.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

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

\$1600 Scholarship
Gianna Calangelo
Zander Craner

\$1800 Scholarship
Anna Kuehner

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

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 3/1/18. 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. 2/15/18. 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 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 miss the Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner **on Saturday, January 27, 2018 at 6:00pm in the Eagles Café.** All proceeds from the dinner will be donated to the BSS Eagles Scholarship Fund. Hope that you will be able to attend.
- Don't forget 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.
- Karen Mosher won the PTA Volunteer Drawing. The reward is a pizza party and tag day for her son Luke's KB 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 2/15/18. 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.
- Why not check out our new Eagles Fund website at bsseaglesfund.com? This new scholarship fund is for families who need additional financial assistance for the 2018-19 school year after they have applied through FACTS for tuition assistance. We are also seeking donations to help build the fund. Your tax exempt donation is greatly appreciated. So please spread the word.
- The annual Bishop Grimes Academic Games will take place on Saturday, 3/10/18. Please be sure to register online at www.bishopgrimes.org or call (315) 314-7157 ext. 3.
- Price Chopper Tools for Schools Program...to date we have accumulated almost \$21,000 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.

