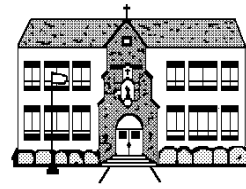


Blessed Sacrament



~ A Community of Faith, Knowledge, and Service ~

NEWSLETTER

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Happy New Year... Time For New Beginnings

"This is a time for reflection as well as celebration.

As you look back on the past year and
all that has taken place in your life,

Remember each experience for the good that has
come of it and for the knowledge you have gained.

Remember the efforts you have made and
the goals you have reached.

Remember the love you have shared and the
happiness you have brought.

Remember the laughter, the joy, the hard work,
and the tears.

And as you reflect on the past year, also be thinking of
the new one to come.

**"Because most importantly, this is a time of new
beginnings and the celebration of life."**

(Taylor Addison, Blue Mountain Arts, 1989)

As we begin another year, it is our hope and prayer
that Christ will be the center of our lives. May He
send forth His choicest blessings to you and your
family throughout this coming year.

We look forward to working with you in preparing
your child/children to meet the challenges of the
future. Thank you for your continued support and
cooperation.

Mid-Winter Wonderland 2017



We will again be sponsoring a Mid-Winter Wonderland during the winter break, **February 20th through 24th**. This program will run from 7:30 AM until 5:30 PM Monday through Friday here at Blessed Sacrament School. The purpose of the program is to provide the children with an opportunity to enrich their lives through learning, sharing, caring, and, of course, enjoying this vacation time. **Registration for the "Winter Wonderland 2017" will be limited. Registrations will be taken only through the main office by Mrs. DW at 463-1261.**

The cost will be:

Full Week Rates

1 ST CHILD	\$110
2 ND CHILD	\$90
3 RD CHILD	\$75

Daily Rates

1 ST CHILD	\$30
2 ND CHILD	\$25
3 RD CHILD	\$20

P.T.A. News

The bimonthly Parent Teacher Association Meeting will be held, **Thursday, January 12, 2017**, at 7:00 PM in the lower Parish Center. Child-care and refreshments will be available.

The Holiday Auction, Breakfast with Santa, and Book Fair were all very successful events due to the many volunteers who helped and the organization of the chairpersons. Thank you everyone for your continued support of P.T.A. events and fundraisers.

National Catholic Schools Week

Blessed Sacrament School will join with Catholic schools across the nation in celebrating national Catholic Schools Week beginning January 27th through February 3rd. This year's theme is **Catholic Schools ...Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and Service**. Your child will bring home a special flyer describing all of this year's activities. Please plan on joining in on all of the fun!

Catholic Schools

"Light the Way Scholarship" Dinner

The seventh annual Diocese of Syracuse Catholic Schools Light the Way Dinner will take place on Friday, January 27th, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the OnCenter. Tickets are \$150 per person. Reservation forms are available in the main office. All proceeds from this dinner support scholarships to all of our schools.

The 2017 Light the Way Award honorees are as follow: Most Rev. Thomas Costello, Most Rev. James M. Moynihan, Witness to Faith Award-Donna Skrocki, Distinguished Alumni Award-Patrick Kinne (Bishop Grimes Class of 1988 and Lorraine Ciaccia, Sally Lisi, Maryann Buck and Cynthia Sigbienny will receive the Milestone Award for 40 years of educating in Diocesan Catholic schools. Join us as we celebrate Catholic Schools Week and honor our dedicated educators recognizing their commitment to the mission of Catholic School Education.

Thank You



We would like to sincerely thank everyone who donated warm hats, mittens, socks, and other items for our "Giving Tree". All of your thoughtful

gifts were given to our Parish Outreach Ministry for distribution throughout the winter months.

Students felt good about having the opportunity to help others. Students said that this experience helped them to realize the true meaning of Christmas. We are very proud of them and their efforts.

Student Council Update

Student Council representatives have been



meeting twice a month after school since October with Mrs. Corbishley and Miss Macomber to plan activities for the year. These student leaders recently

were instrumental in assembling "goody" bags for the children whose families are clients of the Parish Outreach Pantry. They decorated and filled 111 bags. Council members also organized a popcorn sale and a dress down day, raising monies for the scholarship fund in memory of Peter Fennessey and to offset the cost of the holiday treat bags.

News from the Health Office

Protect your child against Flu. It is important to get a flu vaccine for you and your child each year.

Steps to help prevent the spread of germs include:

- Wash hands often with soap & water, or an alcohol-based hand rub
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.
- If someone in the household is sick, try to keep them in a separate room from others, if possible.
- Keep toys & surfaces in the bedroom, bathroom, and kitchen clean by using a household disinfectant.

Can my child go to school or day care if he or she is sick? Your child should stay home to rest and to avoid spreading their illness to other children or caregivers. Keep your child home from school for **at least 24 hours after their fever is gone, with no medication.** A fever is defined as 100°F or higher.

Please inform Mrs. DW or Mrs. Nicoletti when your child has been diagnosed with a communicable disease. Examples would be Strep, Chicken Pox, Fifth Disease, Whooping Cough, etc.

Bits & Pieces

- Miss Baird and Mrs. Clark's kindergarten students made ornaments for our Parish Food Pantry at Christmas. Each family was given an ornament when they received their Christmas food. The students enjoyed making them! They will visit the Food Pantry in January to see where it is located. Mrs. Corcoran, our parish outreach minister, will explain the importance of the pantry and how it works.
- Congratulations to Sadie Sheehan on being awarded a \$500 scholarship to Bishop Grimes due to her excellent performance on the entrance exam.
- Lunch orders **MUST** be sent in on Fridays for the following week. Each child needs to give their teacher their own order. We have to order our lunches ahead. Please be aware if you order by the month when the new month starts in the middle of the week it has to be ordered the Friday before, as we order week by week. Please get your orders with payment in on time in accordance with our school lunch ordering policy. Please feel free to call Mrs. DW if you have any questions.
- Everyone who wants to enter our school building is required to ring the doorbell and state their name and child's name to gain entrance. Please be vigilant when entering the school building not to hold the door open for anyone to enter without this information. From 8:15 to 1:45 you must come to the front door only to enter.
- Tag Day passes can only be used on Tuesday, Wednesdays, and Thursday. Tag Day passes cannot be used when there is a school Liturgy or on the monthly school wide tag day.
- When your child is sick, or will be late to school you are required to call the school and notify us. Please be sure you call 463-1261 in the morning. Please feel free to leave a message on our school answering machine if you call before school starts.
- Please continue to save the **Big G Box Tops**. Look for the "Big G Box Tops for Education" logo on the box tops; send in only the half with this logo. The Big G Box Tops for Education program ends on **March 1, 2017 for this school year.**
- Childcare tax statements for tax year 2016 will be mailed by January 31, 2017. All payments received by the end of the year will be included in the calculation of the tax statement.
- Tax statements for regular Sunday offerings will be mailed by January 31, 2017. Please contact the rectory at 437-3394 if you have any questions.