

Blessed Sacrament School

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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 2019



We will again be sponsoring a Mid-Winter Wonderland during the winter break, **February 18th through 22nd**. 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 2019" will be limited. Registrations will be taken only through the main office by Mrs. DW at 463-1261.**

The cost will be:

| <u>Full Week Rates</u> | | <u>Daily Rates</u> | |
|------------------------|-------|-----------------------|------|
| 1 ST CHILD | \$150 | 1 ST CHILD | \$40 |
| 2 ND CHILD | \$130 | 2 ND CHILD | \$35 |
| 3 RD CHILD | \$115 | 3 RD CHILD | \$30 |

P.T.A. News

The bimonthly Parent Teacher Association Meeting will be held, **Thursday, January 17, 2019**, 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.

School Enrollment



Information for reapplying for admission for the 2019-2020 school year will be sent home to the oldest child in each family on **01/07/19**. 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 Wednesday, February 6, 2019 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 **2/4/19** will be eligible for a scholarship drawing. Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded. This drawing will take place at the **March 7, 2019 PTA Meeting**. Thank you so very much for your cooperation and assistance.

For our 2019-2020 financial aid assessment process, we are again partnering with FACTS Grant Aid Assessment to conduct the financial need analysis and verification for schools of our diocese. All Financial Aid applications must be submitted online by **2/15/19**. 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.

National Catholic Schools Week

Blessed Sacrament School will join with Catholic schools across the nation in celebrating national Catholic Schools Week beginning January 25th through February 1st. This year's theme is **Catholic Schools ...Learn...Serve...Lead...Succeed**. 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!

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 110 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.

Blessed Sacrament Eagles Fund

The Blessed Sacrament Eagles Fund is dedicated to providing scholarship funds for children who are attending or wish to attend Blessed Sacrament School. Please contact us at bsseaglesfund.com to apply for assistance or to donate.

Bits & Pieces

- Miss Baird and Mrs. Clark's kindergarten students made 119 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! .
- 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.
- Tag Day passes can only be used on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Tag Day passes cannot be used on Fridays or 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 315-463-1261 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, 2019 for this school year.**
- Childcare tax statements for tax year 2018 will be mailed by January 31, 2019. All payments received by the end of the year will be included in the calculation of the tax statement.
- The second iReady Diagnostic Testing window for all students in kindergarten through 6th grade will take place from January 7th through February 1st.