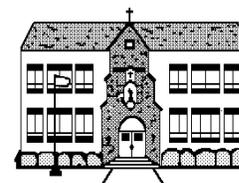


Blessed Sacrament

Learn... Serve... Lead... Succeed



NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2019

THANK YOU

The faculty and staff would like to sincerely thank the officers of the P.T.A. and all of the parents who helped with all the fun activities during Catholic Schools' Week. Every activity planned was a huge success and enjoyed by all due to all of your efforts. Students raised **\$800** through the Job Swap Raffle and Used Books Sale. A check will be presented to In My Father's Kitchen on behalf of everyone.

The following students were selected in the Job Swap Raffle:

Principal	Lauren Trinca
Secretary	Alec Kinne
Custodians	Hudson Ferguson, Aadon Scott, Joseph Calangelo
Gr. 6 Teachers	Claire Ashe, Margaret Kuehner
Gr. 5 Teachers	Joseph Chiarenza, Michael D'Agata
Gr. 4 Teachers	Lola Angotti, Dempsey Horan
Gr. 3 Teachers	Sarah Clark, Bobby Ashe
Gr. 2 Teachers	Michael Courcy, Lorelei Craner
Gr. 1 Teachers	Bella Coppola, Jessica Andrews
Gr. K Teachers	Jackson Finn, Lila Acosta
Kindergarten Aide	Amiah Emig
Pre-K Teacher	Olivia Bitz
Pre-K Aides	Elizabeth Weldert, Eloise Alexander
Tiny Eagles	Analeyah White
Tiny Eagles Aides	Olivia Garland, Marielle Davis
Library	Brielle Ladouceur
Art	Gracelin Ferguson
Music	Cecilia Noble-Plessas

Students did an excellent job assuming these roles and should be commended for a job well done.

APRIL ANTICS

We will again be sponsoring the April Antics Daycare Program during spring break from April 15th through April 19th. This program will operate from 7:30a.m. until 5:30p.m. Monday through Friday here at Blessed Sacrament School. The purpose of the program is to provide children with an opportunity to enrich their lives through learning, sharing, caring, and, of course, enjoying this vacation time.

Registration for the "April Antics" will be limited.

Full Week Rates	Daily Rates
1 ST CHILD \$150	1 ST CHILD \$40
2 ND CHILD \$130	2 ND CHILD \$35
3 RD CHILD \$115	3 RD CHILD \$30

Mrs. DW will take registrations only through the main office at 463-1261. Please do not assume you are on the list, call Mrs. DW right away!

"PIG OUT ON READING"

During Catholic Schools' Week, we had a special reading assembly to see how well we were doing as a school to reach Mrs. Polcaro's Reading Challenge. Each class has read the following number of books:

Tiny Eagles	950	3-A	240
Pre-K	700	3-B	160
K-A	530	4-A	90
K-B	720	4-B	90
1-A	700	5-A	140
1-B	1110	5-B	90
2-A	1160	6-A	150
2-B	910	6-B	140

Students have read an awesome grand total of **7880** books! We are on our way to reading **20,000** books!!! Mrs. Polcaro promised that if students reach the goal she will kiss a pig!

March is also the final month that we are able to participate in Pizza Hut's Book It Program. Parents and students have tried real hard to read everyday for at least 15 minutes. **Thank you everyone for your participation and to Mrs. Johanna Kensy for completing all of the pizza coupons and certificates each month.**

POSTER CONTEST WINNERS 2019

HAPPY AND HEALTHY POSTER

KA	Cameron Brown
KB	Nolan Mahon, Raelyn Johnson
1A	Gianna Miller
2A	Malana Mitchell
2B	Cami Mullett-Walker, Brielle Ladouceur
3A	Jackson Finn
3B	Aiden Morey

DRUG FREE POSTERS

4A	Maya White
4B	London Rosa
5A	Margaret Kuehner
5B	Bella Coppola, Sophia Bayardi
6A	Michael D'Agata, Ava Angarano
6B	Jewell Fernandez, Nolen Schimpff

The following classes had 100% participation:

2A, 2B, 4A, 4B, 6A, and 6B. Congratulations to all of our participants and many thanks to Miss Driscoll for organizing this event.

BITS AND PIECES

- The **Parent Teacher Association** will hold its regularly scheduled bimonthly meeting, on **Thursday, March 7 2019, at 7:00 p.m.** in the **lower parish center. Two \$50 scholarship winners will be chosen at this meeting. Everyone who returned their re-application form with the \$50 application fee by Monday, February 4th are eligible for these drawings. Childcare and refreshments will be available.**
- Students in grades 4th through 6th who participated in our basketball program will be honored at **Awards Night on, March 13, 2019 at 6:00p.m.**
- The **Dance Recital** will take place on **Thursday March 14, 2019 at 6:30p.m. Dancers will need to be in the All Purpose room at 6:00p.m.**
- The PTA is sponsoring an **Ice Skating Party** at Sunnycrest Ice Skating Rink on **Saturday, March 23, 2019 at 6:00p.m.** More information will be forthcoming regarding this fun-filled event.
- February was the final month to collect **General Mills Cereal Box Tops** for this year. We will receive **\$.10** for every box top. Please continue to save the box tops for next year's campaign. We would like to especially thank Mrs. Johanna Kensy for counting and organizing all of our box tops.
- **150 new books** have been processed into the Library since September. Many of these new books were requests or suggestions by our students.
- A special word of thanks to all of the families who donated prizes for Family Night Bingo. Your support was greatly appreciated and the kids enjoyed the special prizes. Thank you to Heather Jones for coordinating this fun-filled event.
- The annual Bishop Grimes Academic Games will take place on Saturday, March 23, 2019 for all those who registered. The Schedule of the Events can be found online at www.bishopgrimes.org.
- Due to the snow days in January, we postponed the Drug Quiz playoffs between the 5th and 6th grade until Friday, March 1, 2019, at 1:00pm in the gym.
- Thank you to all families who donated books to our Used Book Sale. You helped us raise over **\$190** for In My Father's Kitchen.
- The Ash Wednesday Liturgy will take place on March 6, 2019 at 9:00am. Mrs. Millay's third graders are planning this special Liturgy.

LENT

Lent offers us a chance for transformation - a time to radically open ourselves to the power of God. During the season of Lent, we have the chance to re-center our lives, to check and see if we are living according to God's will or simply following our own wants and desires. These holy days are our new year - here is the time for resolutions - ones that will be kept, not only during Lent but throughout our entire lives.

We have been given three ways of re-centering our lives - fasting, prayer and alms giving. *Fasting* means letting go of the unnecessary so as to better concentrate on the necessary. Perhaps we need not just to fast from food, but perhaps from buying things, perhaps from television or the Internet! Perhaps we need to fast from some of the things we have chosen to do that are less necessary than the basics: prayer, family, sleep, play, work, and friendship. What should we let go of that we "want" to do, so that the things we "need" to do get done? This is our chance to re-order our life so that our day-to-day existence reflects what we say is important. This is the time to see what activities we can cut back on, as individuals and families, so as to have more time for God, for each other and for service.

Alms giving is giving out of our riches to those who need enough just to live. And this giving isn't giving from our surplus, but giving until it "hurts" so others have enough clothing, food, shelter, education, work. We have been given so much - it's our privilege to share the riches. And alms giving is more than simply giving to those in need - it's also being responsible for their welfare. Alms giving is a lot more than reaching into our pockets for spare change. **Each family** will receive an **Operation Rice Bowl Bank** in which sacrificial offerings can be made for the missions. All banks should be returned to school by **Monday, April 8th**.

Prayer, of course, is the center of every Christians' life - communal prayer and individual prayer. During Lent, we take extra time to pray, to sit in God's presence and be still. Here's our chance to deepen and strengthen our prayer life: Lent is also a time to experience new communal prayer experiences which will deepen our relationship with God and with one another, for as Christians we are a community of believers, not just one believer on our own.

The season of Lent is a wonderful time for families to reflect on their relationship with God. Before the season begins, it would be ideal for family members to talk about actions they wish to undertake, both individually and as a family, to strengthen their relationship with God. It certainly is not too early to begin thinking about your Lenten journey.

