

Blessed Sacrament



A Community of Faith, Knowledge, and Service

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NEWSLETTER

MAY 2017

MAY DEVOTIONS



Each morning, during the month of May all faculty, staff, and students will say one decade of the rosary. Students will need to bring their rosaries to school and keep them in their desks for the entire month. Any student without a rosary may ask for one in the school office. We have a limited supply, which are free for the asking.

On **Friday, May 12, 2017**, at 9:00 a.m., all students will participate in a special **May Crowning Liturgy**. Mrs. Stanczyk and Mrs. Pelose along with their second grade classes are planning this tribute to Mary. Parents, relatives, and friends are cordially invited to attend. All students are to wear their uniforms except for the second graders who will wear their First Communion outfits. **No tag day passes are to be used on this day.** We look forward to honoring our Blessed Mother.

DARE TO BE FREE...NO SCREENS FOR ME

We are encouraging your whole family to participate in this experiment and leave all your screens off for the entire week during **Screen Free Week, May 1st through May 5th**.

During the first week in May children, families, whole schools and communities will rediscover the joys of life beyond the screen. Plan to unplug from digital entertainment and spend all that free time playing, daydreaming, creating, exploring and connecting with family and friends! One great way to unplug is reading books!! Reassess the role TV, ipads, smartphones, and all the "screens" play in their daily lives as entertainer, baby-sitter, time-filler, and background noise. Screen Free Week is about having fun and turning "on" your life. It's an opportunity to rediscover the wide range of free activities that make life productive, rewarding, and fun. More information regarding how you can participate in this important event will be sent home to each family.

As an extra incentive every student who reads and can be screen free during this week, will receive a special coupon for a free ice cream and a dress-down tag day pass. Award certificates will also be given to all who participate.

TALENT SHOW

The annual **Blessed Sacrament Talent Show** will take place on **June 9, 2017 at 9:00am**. All students in grades 2 through 6 are invited to participate. If you are planning on participating in the Talent Show applications are due no later than Thursday May 18th. A practice will take place on June 1st from 2:15 until 4:00p.m. Everyone is looking forward to this year's show.

DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS

Peter Pan



Sister Nicolette and Mrs. Mary Lynn Giacobbe along with numerous volunteers have been working with the eighty students involved in the Drama Club since October to make this year's show a really big success. We are looking forward to their performance on **Wednesday, May 24th at 7:00p.m. at the Palace Theater**. Tickets for the Palace performance are \$5 for all over 13 years of age. Tickets are available in the school office and will also be sold at the door at the Palace Theater. Plan now to see these talented students perform. A dress rehearsal will take place on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at 9:00am. in the gym.

SPRING CONCERT



Our annual spring concert will take place on Wednesday, May 17th at 7:00p.m. in the gym for all students in **Tiny Eagles, Pre-K, Kindergarten, & First Grade**. **All students participating in the concert must be here in the school cafeteria by 6:45p.m.**

Mrs. Giacobbe and all of the teachers have worked diligently with your child/children to prepare for this spectacular event. Please join us in this celebration of music.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

A special assembly will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 @ 1:30 p.m. in the gym to recognize all of the students who participated in TV Turn-Off Week and the Bishop Grimes Academic Games. Academic Games results will be revealed and ribbons awarded. Certificates will also be given to every participant in TV Turn-Off Week. Parents are cordially invited to attend.

NEWS FROM THE NURSE



Just a friendly reminder to parents of all students entering 6th grade in September are required to get the Tdap. Please contact your child's pediatrician about the New York State requirement for Tdap (a vaccine containing tetanus toxoids, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis). If you have any question, please feel free to call Mrs. Nicoletti, our school nurse, at 463-1261.

Students going into grades K, 2, & 4 next September will need a physical per New York State requirements. Make your appointments now to beat the rush. Forms will be sent home in your child's final report card.

PLAN FOR GROWTH & IMPROVEMENT



The centerpiece of our school's plan for continuous improvement is focused on our students' academic performance in the areas of Math and English Language Arts. This academic year we have been focusing on improving writing skills. Every teacher has been working with Mary Fitzgibbons, an ELA consultant and coach. Mary has taught lessons in classrooms, observed lessons, and has met with individual teachers to discuss best practices and introduce new strategies.

In addition, every teacher has been collecting data from ELA and Math benchmark assessments. Our goal is to achieve 80% mastery on these benchmarks.

SUMMER-RAMA DAY CARE PROGRAM



Blessed Sacrament School is pleased to announce that we will again be providing a summer program from 7/3/17 through 8/18/17. This program will operate daily from 7:30a.m. to 5:30p.m. If you are interested in your child/children participating in this program, please call Mrs. DW at 463-1261 to be put on the waiting list. A form listing all of the events will be sent home with students. First preference will be given to families on the list.

DID YOU KNOW

- ❑ The final **Parent Teacher Association Meeting** of the year will take place on **Thursday, May 11, 2017** at 7:00 p.m. in the lower Parish Center. On the agenda will be the drawing for the \$500 tuition scholarship for the 2017-2018 school year and planning for end of the year activities. Childcare will be available and refreshments will be served.
- ❑ Second graders will be making their First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 7, 2017 at the 9:30a.m. Mass.
- ❑ 6th Grade students will be going on retreat May 31st at Christ the King Retreat House. Parents will prepare a breakfast for students after morning Mass. Students will depart for the Christ the King following breakfast.
- ❑ Thank you to our 111 supporters of the Price Chopper Tools for Schools Program. We collected 29,998 points which we were able to redeem for a document camera.
- ❑ Zander Craner won first place in the D.A.R.E. Poster Contest. A special assembly was held on 4/6/17 with a visit from "Jester" a Monster Truck and its driver.
- ❑ Sawyer Barr, 3A and Alec Kinne, 4B recently had their heads shaved to raise funds for childhood cancer research during the St. Baldrick's event at Kitty Hoynes. Sawyer raised \$550 and Alec raised \$570. So proud of both of you!
- ❑ Jonathan Farstler, 6B recently competed in the Knights of Columbus Basketball Foul Shooting State Championship. The competition was at the United States Military Academy West Point. He competed against boys 12 years old and won the state championship title. This happens to be his second state championship. Congratulations!