

Blessed Sacrament School

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NEWSLETTER

MAY 2018

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 18, 2018**, 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 7th through May 11th.**

During this 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.

SPRING CONCERT



Our annual spring concert will take place on Wednesday, **May 9th 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 15, 2018 @ 1:30 p.m. in the gym to recognize all of the students who participated in No Screens for Me 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 Screen Free Week. Parents are cordially invited to attend.

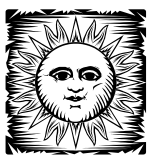
DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS OZ

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 **Thursday, 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 Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at 9:00am. in the gym.

TALENT SHOW

The annual **Blessed Sacrament Talent Show** will take place on **June 8, 2018 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 17th. A practice will take place on May 31st from 2:15 until 4:00p.m. Everyone is looking forward to this year's show.

SUMMER-RAMA DAY CARE PROGRAM



Blessed Sacrament School is pleased to announce that we will again be providing a summer program from **7/2/18** through **8/17/18**. The program will be closed Wednesday July 4th. Summer-Rama 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 flyer listing all of the events will be sent home with students later this month. First preference will be given to families on the list.

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 comprehension and 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 the area of Math, the new Math and Movement Program was adopted. Teachers attended a 4 hour workshop to assist them in implementing this program. The iReady Tool Box license was also purchased for each teacher to assist them in meeting the needs of their students.

In addition, every teacher has been collecting data from ELA and Math benchmark assessments. Our goal is to achieve 80% mastery on these benchmarks. Also new this year was the iReady Diagnostic Testing that was helpful in determining individual students' strengths and weaknesses.

Katie Regan also worked with teachers in grades 4 through 6. Katie is a technology integration specialist. She observed a lesson in each classroom, consulted with each teacher on how technology would help improve the lesson, planned a new lesson with each teacher and observed that lesson being taught.

DID YOU KNOW

- ❑ Second graders will be making their First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 6, 2018 at the 9:30a.m. Mass.
- ❑ The final **Parent Teacher Association Meeting** of the year will take place on **Thursday, May 10, 2018** at 7:00 p.m. in the lower Parish Center. On the agenda will be the elections of officers, the drawing for the \$500 off tuition for the 2018-2019 school year and planning for end of the year activities. Childcare will be available and refreshments will be served.
- ❑ 6th Grade students will be going on retreat May 30th 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.
- ❑ Lamahj Cannon won 8th place in the D.A.R.E. Poster Contest. He attended a special assembly at Ed Smith Elementary School to receive his prize of four tickets to Monster Jam.
- ❑ Charley Kaufman(PK) and Nataley Kaufmann(TE) donated their hair during the St. Baldrick's event at Kitty Hoynes and raised money for cancer research. So proud of both of you!

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 315-463-1261.

Students going into grades Pre-K or K, 1, 3 & 5 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.