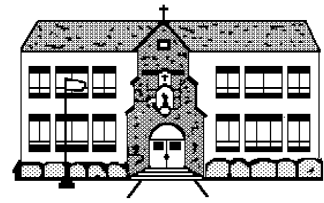


# Blessed Sacrament School

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



## NEWSLETTER

November 2017



### *P. 7. A. Holiday Auction*

The members of the BSS Holiday Auction Committee are sending this information to answer some questions that you may have about the auction and to formally invite all parents, grandparents, family and friends to join us for what will prove to be a fantastic night!

1. **What happens at the Auction?** Blessed Sacrament solicits and receives hundreds of donations from our community and we either auction them off via a silent auction, or the items are part of the live Auction. (YES, there is a real auctioneer that attends the event to announce... it is very fun to watch and participate in!)
2. **What do we do at the Auction?** You get dressed up, enjoy a night out, enjoy a cocktail and have adult conversation! Oh, and of course you BID, maybe getting a jump on holiday shopping!
3. **Where does the event take place?** The main festivities happen in the Cafeteria, but it is completely transformed into a *winter oasis*. You will not believe that it is the same place that our children eat lunch! (Thank you decoration committee)
4. **Why do we give to the class basket?** The class baskets are highlighted and featured during the live auction event. We can't wait to see which theme brings in the most money to support our school! *Can we say they are the main focus?*
5. **Would you like to help?** If so give us a shout out! We will be sure to put your skills to good use!
6. **Who should come to the AUCTION?** EVERYONE OVER 21! For \$20.00 presale tickets are available. \$25 at the door. The price includes food and drink, including beer and wine! So bring some friends with you and enjoy the night; It is a truly a wonderful time!

The event takes place on November 18<sup>th</sup> from 6-9. Tickets are available in the main office. Thanks to the generous support of many, our previous auctions have raised over \$425,000. Please show your support and join us for an adult only evening of good cheer and great shopping. Cash, checks, and credit cards will be accepted. We hope to see you there!

### *"Disney Vacation or Cash Raffle"*

Thank you so very much to all of the volunteers who have been helping to sell tickets at the various school events, after Masses, and at your places of employment. We are really counting on everyone to sell their 30 tickets that were sent home in the First Day of School Packet. **With everyone's help we will meet our goal. If anyone needs more tickets they are available in the school office.**

Please return your all tickets by Friday, November 5, 2017 to be in the drawing for a \$500 Tuition Voucher at the November 9, 2017 PTA Meeting. We will continue to sell tickets right up until the actual drawing. The drawing will take place at the Holiday Auction on November 18th.

### *"Have the Slime of Your Life...Read"*

Yes, it is really true. Your child is not telling a fib. Mrs. Polcaro really did promise that she would be "slimed" if students read 20,000 books. Mrs. Polcaro wants everyone to reach their goal.

Students are given a special incentive that is displayed in the school hallways whenever they read ten books. The top readers from every class will be able to help slime Mrs. Polcaro. We hope that you all are ready to read, read, and read more because the more you read the smarter you will be!



### *Thanksgiving Food Drive*

All students are asked to please bring in canned goods, non-perishable food items, and/or paper products for our parish pantry during the month of November. **Each class will present their gifts at our Thanksgiving Liturgy, November 21, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.** Fifth graders from Ms. Ferguson's and Miss Long's classes have planned this special Liturgy. As always, all parents and families are invited and encouraged to join us at the children's Eucharistic Celebrations, which are planned each month throughout the school year.

## *Rock-A-thon Huge Success*

We would like to thank all of the students and their families who participated in this year's Rock-A-Thon. This event was so much fun due to all of our volunteers who helped with set-up, cooking, and cleaning up. The gym was really rocking as students danced to the sounds of Rock-A-Rolla DJ Services. Everyone really enjoyed the refreshments, the Blessed Sacrament fidget spinners and the spirit of this event.

A special Rock-A-Thon Awards' Assembly will be held on Friday, November 3, 2017, at 1:00p.m. Tag day passes, t-shirts to \$100+ club members, and other prizes will be awarded at this assembly. **(Please remember that all tag day passes must be used during the 2017-2018 school year.)** A Fitbit will be given to the student or family group that raised the most money. Thank you to everyone for a job well done and for your tremendous school spirit and support.

## *Report Cards*



Report cards will be distributed to all students in grades 1 through 6 on **Tuesday, November 14, 2017**. Parent

Conferences will take place on **Friday, November 17, 2017** from 7:45 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. All students in Tiny Eagles, Pre-K, and grades 1 through 6 will not have school. A reminder on the report card will indicate each parent's scheduled conference time. **Please remember that parents may initiate a conference at any time during the school year by calling their child's teacher to set up an appointment that is mutually convenient.**

## *Welcome Mrs. Coppola*

We are very pleased to welcome Mrs. Lisa Coppola to our faculty. Mrs. Coppola is now teaching first grade after Mrs. Ascenzo resigned from her position. Mrs. Coppola taught first grade here for ten years before leaving to be an at home mom. We are so excited to have her return. Mrs. Coppola is a very active member of the school community and very dedicated to our school mission.

## *2017-2018 Student Council*

The following students have been selected as this year's representatives to the Student Council:

**4A- Sullivan Moles, Gavin Murphy**

**4B- Julia Messina, Andrew Waite**

**5A- Jewell Fernandez, Alec Kinne**

**5B- Meredith Pessirilo, Sofia Ciereck**

**6A- Rebecca Bielass, Giana Calangelo**

**6B- Anna Kuehner, Carmella Fairbanks**

**At Large Members-**

**Isabella Coppola, Liana Thomas, Danica Leak, Ashley Jones, Sofia Finn, Valentino Indelicato, Haven Schultz**

## *Annual Appeal Drive*

All parishioners, alumni, and parents will receive a letter asking for contributions to the Capital Improvement, Endowment, or Light-A-Child's Future funds. In the past, we have received a very generous response to our appeals. We are extremely grateful to our benefactors. The Light-A-Child's Future funds scholarships and provides matching tuition assistance grants. The Capital Improvement Fund enables us to continue to make necessary improvements to our physical plant. The Endowment Fund continues to grow steadily thanks to everyone's generosity. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

## *i-Ready Diagnostic Assessments*

All of our K through 8 Catholic Schools in the Syracuse Diocese have adopted Curriculum Associates i-Ready. All students in grades K-6 will take the new i-Ready Diagnostic Assessments in the computer lab or on the chrome books during the test window of November 1<sup>st</sup> through November 21<sup>st</sup>. This testing will be administered again in February and the end of May. Specific testing days will be assigned in every classroom. Each student will take a Reading and Math assessment.

Please encourage your child/children to try their best and take their time. Valuable data will be received from this testing to help differentiate instruction and individualize curriculum.

## *Bits and Pieces*

- The bimonthly meeting of the **Parent Teacher Association** will take place on **Thursday, November 9th at 7:00 P.M.** in the cafeteria. Babysitting and refreshments will be provided.
- School will be closed on **Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>** due to the scheduled Diocesan Teacher In-Service.
- School will be closed on **November 10, 2017** for **Veterans' Day Observance**.
- Our **Basketball Program** for students in grades 4, 5, & 6 will begin during the week of November 6<sup>th</sup> thanks to the terrific parents who have volunteered to coach our six teams.
- **Reminder to parents of Kindergarten, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders that Physical Exam reports are due now.**
- Please note that **every time parents/guardians volunteer for a PTA or school event, the volunteer's name goes into the \$500 scholarship drawing which will take place at the May PTA meeting.** The volunteer's name also goes into an additional drawing to win a class party and tag day for the volunteer's oldest child's class.
- After **October 31, 2017**, the fall/spring seasonal uniform of navy blue shorts may no longer be worn until **April 1, 2018**. The red polo shirt with white Blessed Sacrament logo can be worn for the entire school year with long pants and skirts. **The polo shirts must have the Blessed Sacrament School logo imprinted or embroidered on them.** Please refer to pages 33-34 of the handbook for a complete description of the dress code.