

## ROCK-A-THON ★ ROCKED OUT

We would like to thank all the students and their families who participated in this year's fundraiser. We certainly **ROCKED** our **ROCKSTAR** themed Rock-A-Thon. We raised over \$11,500.00 this year!! Our BSS families are truly **AMAZING!** The Rock-A-Thon Award Assembly was held on **Monday, October 21, 2024**. Tag Day passes, T-shirts for \$100+ Club members, and the grand prize were awarded. We are so happy to have such support from families old and new. Thank you to everyone for a job well done and for your tremendous school spirit and support. **As a reminder: all Tag Day Passes must be used during the 2024-25 school year.**



## MONTHLY SERVICE PROJECT

For the month of November, we will be asking our students to get out there and help with those chores to earn money to buy ingredients for baking pumpkin pies for the Rescue Mission. Mrs. Coppola began this tradition 25 years ago. Blessed Sacrament School is one of the Rescue Mission's largest contributors of pumpkin pies for their Thanksgiving feast. Our goal is to teach our students the value of hard work, community, and giving during a time of year when it is needed the most. For more information and to sign up to volunteer please refer to the "[All about Pies](#)" email. Please contact the office if you have any questions.



## CHRISTMAS CASH

Thank you to everyone who has purchased and/or sold tickets so far. There is still time! If you need more tickets, please contact the main office. The deadline for ALL tickets is **November 22, 2024, at 9am**. Remember, the family that sells the most tickets will receive \$1000.00 toward their 24-25 school year tuition. The drawing will be held on Facebook Live on **November 22, at 1pm**. Please return ticket envelopes to the main office as you sell them. Thank you again for all your support! And remember, **YOU NEED TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!**



## REPORT CARDS

Report cards will be emailed to all parents in grades K through 6 on **Tuesday, November 12, 2024**. Parent Conferences will take place on **Tuesday, November 26, 2024**. Teachers will be contacting parents for appointment times. All students in Tiny Eagles through 6<sup>th</sup> grade will not have school. A reminder on the report card will indicate each parent's scheduled conference time. **Parents may initiate a conference at any time during the school year by emailing their child's teacher to set up an appointment that is mutually convenient.**



*Thankful for you!*

## THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

All students are asked to please bring in canned goods or non-perishable food items for our parish pantry during the month of November. **Each class will present their gifts at our Thanksgiving Liturgy, planned by Mr. Long's 4th-grade class, on Friday, November 22, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.** 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.



## VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

Blessed Sacrament School is excited to celebrate Vocation Awareness Week **from November 4th to 8th**. During this special week the school will focus on exploring various vocations and helping students discover their unique paths in life. Students will have the opportunity to learn about different careers and explore how their faith can guide their choices. The goal of Vocation Awareness Week is to inspire students to consider their talents, passions, and spiritual gifts as they discern their future vocations. Please note: We have a special Tag Day scheduled for **Monday, November 4th**. More details will be emailed.



## CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGN CONTEST

Over the past three years, we've entrusted our 6<sup>th</sup> graders with the exciting task of designing our Blessed Sacrament School Christmas card artwork. Information regarding this year's contest was sent home in September. The winner will receive a \$25 Target gift card and have their artwork featured on the front cover of our Christmas card, which is mailed to all our families. All **6<sup>th</sup> grade** student's artwork submissions must be in full color on a blank piece of unlined, white paper and are due on **Thursday, November 7, 2024**. Please ensure that submissions are **unfolded**, and that **students' names are written in pencil on the back**.

## DISCOVER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Discover Catholic Schools Week is a national celebration that highlights the unique benefits of Catholic education. It's a time for parents to learn more about how Catholic schools provide a holistic education that combines academic excellence with

spiritual growth. Catholic schools offer a strong foundation in the liberal arts and sciences, preparing students for success in college and beyond. They also foster a sense of community and belonging, emphasizing the importance of service to others and living a life of faith. By choosing a Catholic school, parents are investing in their child's future and helping them develop into well-rounded individuals.

### **TUITION OFFICE: DO YOU KNOW?**

FACTS customer Service number is 1-866-441-4637.

You will have two options to choose from:

**#1 – Tuition payment agreements and how it works.**

**#2 – Tuition Assistance (Financial Aid)**

Either option will connect you to a FACTS representative. They can help you if you are having problems changing or adding information to your account. In the tuition office, Mr. Giocondo can add a bank account for you. He cannot edit any banking information already within your plan. He also cannot add or edit any credit card information, you **must** call FACTS.

### **FINANCIAL AID**

FACTS financial aid for the **2025-2026** school year **opened on October 15, 2024**. All applications for aid must be completed by **February 1, 2025**. You can access the FACTS Grant & Aid application through your Family Portal. Please go to the financial tab, then located on the top, right under "Financial Links" you will need to click on Apply for Grant & Aid. Mr. John Giocondo, our tuition manager, is available Monday – Friday from 9am – 1pm to assist with any questions you have. He can be reached at 315-437-3394 or emailed at [jgiocondo@syrdio.org](mailto:jgiocondo@syrdio.org).



☞ **Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>**: PTA Meeting 7pm.

Childcare is available.

☞ **Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**: Breakfast with Santa & Scholastic Book Fair 8-11:30am



### **EAGLE EXTRAS**

☞ After **October 31<sup>st</sup>**, the fall/spring seasonal uniform of navy-blue shorts may **NO** longer be worn until **April 1<sup>st</sup>**. Please refer to the [uniform policy](#) for a complete description of the dress code.

☞ Drama Club auditions will be on **November 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>**. Registration and payment must be received to participate. **\*Please note\* Call backs will be Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> from 2:15 – 4pm.**

- ☞ School will be closed on **Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**, due to Election Day and a scheduled Teacher In-Service.
- ☞ Storybook Character themed Tag Day – **Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>** for Ms. Duegaw's Birthday!
- ☞ School will be closed on **Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**, for Veterans' Day.
- ☞ Disney themed Tag Day – **Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**, for Miss. Baird's Birthday!
- ☞ School will be closed on **Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>**, for Parent Teacher Conferences.
- ☞ School will be closed on **Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>** for Thanksgiving Break.



### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

- ☞ Advent Prayers begin on **Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**.
- ☞ School Banking – **Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>** at all lunches.
- ☞ **Early Dismissal at 10:30am** – Friday, December 6
- ☞ The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Liturgy on **Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>** planned by 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. **No Tag Day Passes allowed.**
- ☞ Scholastic Bookfair will run from **Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday December 11<sup>th</sup>**
- ☞ The Student Council will meet **Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> afterschool until 3pm.**
- ☞ Reminder: BBA Flag Football will have extended hours on **Thursday December 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday December 19<sup>th</sup>**. The program will run until 4:15pm.
- ☞ \$2.00 Ugly Sweater Tag Day **Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**. Students will also begin voting for their favorite ugly sweater.
- ☞ Christmas Concert grades 2-6 **Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.**
- ☞ Bieber or BUST themed Tag Day – **Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**, for Miss Heppeler's Birthday!
- ☞ Christmas Concert Tiny Eagles - 1<sup>st</sup> grade **Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 9am**. Dismissal is at 10:30am.
- ☞ No School for Christmas Break: **Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**. School will resume on **Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**.

### **KIDS CORNER (TURKEY RESCUE MISSION!)**

Help save a turkey from Thanksgiving dinner! On **Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**, turkeys will be "released" to find new homes. Using items from around your house, disguise your turkey so it won't be found. Let's see how creative you can get! Undercover turkeys should be returned to the main office by **Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>** for a **TAG DAY** pass. **\*Please Note\* only 1 Tag Day Pass, per month, per student.**

