



OUR 2016 ALUMNI HONOREES; TERESA QUINN AND SARA QUINN WITH FR. CHARLES GRONDIN



AUGUST, 2016

Message from the Pastor

By: Fr. Charles Grondin

I would like to extend my deep thanks to everyone who so generously donated to our annual Blessed Sacrament School Fund Appeal. It was uplifting to see so many parishioners, alumni, and faithful supporters of the school step forward to help. Blessed Sacrament School is a more attractive and productive place because of its wonderful donors. The students of Blessed Sacrament School benefit greatly from your generosity and commitment to our school's mission. Every year I am humbled by the dedication and love so many show to the school.

I would also like to extend my gratitude in a special way to our principal, Mr. Christopher Weber, and

our School Board for their tireless work and leadership. On behalf of the parish community that I am so blessed to be a part of, I wish to thank the school's faculty, staff and each benefactor listed in this newsletter for their continued support and prayers for Blessed Sacrament School.



Mr. Christopher Weber

"It is an honor and a privilege to be the Principal of Blessed Sacrament School. I look forward to helping the parish and all of our school families continue the tradition of academic, athletic, and artistic excellence well into the future."

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

WE ARE PLANNING TO EXPAND OUR OFFERINGS OF AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS AND TEAMS NEXT YEAR. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO LEAD A ROBOTICS CLUB, A CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM, A SOCCER TEAM AND A MATH CLUB.

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Food Drive

Our school families raised over 2,300 lbs. of food for the Rhode Island Food Bank.



Blessed Sacrament School

"The Hope of the Harvest is in the Seed."

2015-2016 Donor Honor Roll

BISHOP'S CIRCLE (gifts of \$5,000+)

Mr. William Conley

PASTOR'S CIRCLE (Gifts of \$2,500-\$4,999)

Anonymous
Jack Rigney

In memory of Joseph J. Rigney

BLESSED SACRAMENT CIRCLE (Gifts of \$1,000-\$2,499)

Anonymous
In honor of Rev. Charles E. Maher



SISTERS FAITHFUL COMPANIONS OF JESUS CIRCLE (Gifts of \$500-\$999)

The Fogarty Family
Rev. Charles E. Maher
In memory of Sr. Perpetua Griffin, FCJ

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Our goals for the 2016-2017 school year include the establishment of a 3 year-old Pre-K classroom. We have completed the licensing application for Division of Children, Youth & Families which will allow our families to apply for Dept. of Human Services funding to help pay tuition and daycare expenses. Learn more at: <http://blessedschoolpvd.com>



Thanks to your generosity, Brown University's Haffenreffer Museum was able to visit our 2nd & 3rd graders for a memorable introduction to the world of Anthropology. The students are still talking about it 5 months later!

2015-2016 Donor Honor Roll

1925 CORNERSTONE CIRCLE (Gifts of \$250-499)

Anthony & Mary Braga
Donald Casci
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Pat & Terry Hays
John Lemos
Arthur & Marie Mendonca
Kathleen Rigney
In memory of Joseph J. Rigney
Edward Zannella

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Our goals for the 2016-2017 school year include upgrading the school's internet hardware and wireless access points. We have recently secured a grant from the Federal Government's E-Rate program which would pay for 60% of the \$25,000.00 job. <http://blessedschoolpvd.com>

SPELLING BEE CHAMPIONS: SARAH, RALPHLETHA, AND SIMEON ADVANCED TO THE REGIONAL FINALS!



CYO Basketball at the Dunk

Our athletics program continues their winning tradition while demonstrating exemplary sportsmanship.



Art & Design

The Goal: Design the longest bridge that can hold the most weight. Congratulations to the winning team: Justin, Anthony, Aniyah, Claudia, Cory, Kaylin, and Abigail!

FAST FACTS

85%

Our current tuition covers only about 85% of the true cost of educating our students.

2015-2016

Donor Honor Roll-Continued

HARVEST CIRCLE (gifts of \$100-\$249)

Leo Banti
In memory of Dorothy Banti & Donna Davis
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In memory of my sister, Sara L. Dwyer
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Rev. Charles Grondin
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Christopher Weber
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Mavis C. Connolly
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Emeline Thompson Falke
Rev. Edmund H. FitzGerald, Ph.D.
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Lois Harrington
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Cora Lonardo
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Marie-Ange Louis-Jean
In honor of Blessed Sacrament School
Jonathan Mann
Vincent J. Michael
In memory of Nancy Michael
Ellen Bonnie Murgo
In memory of my brother, John Joseph Crowley
Theodore Nelson
Kathleen (Carroll) O'Connell
In honor of all the teachers
Edward J. Putney
Maureen Rodgers
John A. Russo
Peggy Lombardi Szlosek
In memory of Anthony & Rose Lombardi
Andrew Toolan
In honor of the Class of 1956
John & Carolyn Wheeler
William L. Wolfe, Jr.
John Zannella

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TESTIMONIALS-CLASS OF 2016

ARENDY TORRES

“My name is Arendy Torres. I’ve been at Blessed Sacrament for about 10 years of my life. I just wanted to thank you so much for donating to our school, and giving me a chance to attend Blessed Sacrament. Over the years at BSS, I have made special bonds with teachers and classmates. Now we’re graduating from this school, and going to start a new chapter in my life at Classical High School. Thank you once again for making this possible for me.”

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“My name is Kaylin Bencosme. Thank you to everyone who donated to this wonderful school that is filled with the faith and love of God. This school means a lot to me. It has been my home for the past five years. I have received a great education, met many wonderful teachers, and made many friends. It is breaking my heart that I have to leave Blessed Sacrament and my friends. I hope that one day, I will be able to donate to this school as well, and help the new students whose journeys have not yet begun.”

From the Graduating Class of 2016

by Claudia Gomes-Valedictorian--“Hello! My name is Claudia Gomes and I would like to start by saying thank you to all of the alumni who have donated to B.S.S. By helping the school lower our tuition, they have opened the door for many students (including myself) to a whole new world. I’ve been in this school for ten years and it’s very hard for me to leave. I’ve built the strongest friendships here and not only received a marvelous education, but learned important life lessons as well. This school has made us who we are today, and none of us can imagine life without Blessed Sacrament School. On a personal level, I will miss so many things about this school, from the little things like the cafeteria snacks, and the Christmas celebrations, to the big things, like the friends that I’ve met and the familiarity of the many caring faces around me. Although leaving my second home fills me with fear, I know that I am ready to embark on the four year journey ahead of me because of the way B.S.S. has prepared me. So, thank you again from the Class of ‘16.”



Facilities Report

The school building has proven to be durable and remains in excellent condition. Our annual fire inspections, both state and local, are in total compliance with all statutes. The 3-year asbestos inspection, lead, and radon tests all came back in complete compliance. The perimeter of the property is secure and the building has been equipped with security cameras and doors. I am pleased to report that the school is as safe as possible. The local inspectors often comment that, “Blessed Sacrament School is in great shape, particularly when compared to many public school buildings.” Thank you **donors** for helping us keep the facility functional, and safe.



