



BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL

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September 10, 2010

Dear Families:

The beginning of the school year has gone quite well. Mr. Wright and I have visited the classes, and we were pleased to see the students engaged in so many learning activities. The entire faculty and staff are very happy to see the children again. We are also so excited to meet several new children and their families.

We had a very nice liturgy with Fr. Carusi on Friday. Father told the children to always be kind and good to others. He encouraged them to always pray to God for help. During Communion, everyone in grades 3-8 approached the altar. The Catholics received Communion and the non-Catholics received a blessing.

Our theme for September is "Sowing Seeds of Friendship". Our focus will be on making friends and treating others with respect. It is also important to pray for our friends. Please let us know if you have any prayer intentions.

Please join us for Open House on **Wednesday, September 15th**. The evening will begin with a meeting in the church hall at 7PM. Following the meeting, you can visit the school, meet the teachers, and enjoy some refreshments. It is very important for at least one parent to attend the meeting.

Parents/guardians who volunteer or chaperone field trips must fill out a disclaimer form. Disclaimers need to be renewed every three years. If you are uncertain about the status of your disclaimer, please call the office. Disclaimers need to be notarized and accompanied by a copy of your driver's license or appropriate picture identification. Also, all volunteers and chaperones must complete the safe school environment training. For your convenience, a packet will be sent home in next week's Friday folder. It will include the training, a BCI form, and all necessary sign-off sheets.

Our Christmas Fair will be on a smaller scale this year. It will be held on **Saturday, November 20th**. The fair is so much fun. Please try to get involved. We need people to solicit prizes, to work the day of the fair and to donate items. I hope that you can help us out in at least one of these areas. We will need everyone's help in assembling our beautiful classroom theme baskets. More information will be sent home.

As you know, we are doing a fall and a winter Ten Week Club. Each family is required to sell 10 tickets during the fall club, during the spring club, or in combination of the two clubs. Please encourage your family and friends to purchase tickets. The first drawing is September 24th.

We also will hold a fall fundraiser by selling Worthington products. The products will include cookie dough, pies, gifts, etc. The sale will begin September 24th and end October 15th. I pray that you will show the brochures to relatives, friends, and coworkers. More information will be sent home.

I urge you to become involved in our PTO (Parent Teacher Organization). They will usually meet the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30PM in the school. Parents, guardians, and relatives are invited to attend. Members of the PTO have planned some great activities for our families. We would love to have your input and your help. Studies repeatedly show that students do better in school when their families are actively involved in the life of the school.

The Friday folders have been stuffed with many important forms. Please return them in a timely manner. It is extremely important that you return the emergency card. Also, remember to update information as necessary.

If your child must take medicine during school time, please become familiar with the policy for administering medicine in the student handbook. Also, because some students have severe nut allergies, please do not send foods to snack sales or bake sales that contain nuts, peanut butter or peanut oil. No products with nuts will be sold through the lunch program.

All the computers in our school are connected to the Internet. Please remember to return the Internet User Policy form to school. Make sure your child understands the guidelines for using the computers at school. Please do not e-mail your child's work to the school to be printed. Each student must print their assignments from home. Also, please remember to monitor internet use at home. Students will be held accountable for cyberbullying outside of school.

School begins at 8:15AM. Children arriving late must be accompanied by a parent and must report to Mrs. Cole inside the front door or to the office for a late slip. Mrs. Fioravanti can change an absence to a late. Morning work begins immediately upon entering the classroom. By 8:30AM, the work is collected and later graded. Students who are late will makeup morning work during recess and/or for homework. Children arriving before 8:00AM should be placed in the before-school daycare program. The school day ends at 2:30PM. Children not called for by 2:40PM will be placed in the after-school daycare program. Daycare billing begins at 2:30PM.

Please remember to ring the front doorbell whenever you visit the school. After being buzzed in, please report to the office. We want to provide the safest environment for our students.

This year, we will continue to have monthly snack sales. We will, however, only have dress down days every other month. Please refer to the monthly calendar. Also, to help promote good nutrition, consider sending healthy snacks or non-food items such as pencils, stickers, etc. for snack sales.

Many children have already been enjoying the hot lunch program since school started. The program is computerized and you can place as much money on your child's account as you'd like to. Also, please return the school lunch application that was sent home today. Breakfast is available from 8:00AM-8:15AM. Students may use the back door and have breakfast in the cafeteria. Daycare students can have breakfast in the daycare room. Breakfast is free of charge.

Ice Cream is sold during lunch for one dollar. Kindergarten through grade two can buy ice cream on Fridays only. There simply is not enough time for them to eat both their lunch and ice cream.

The faculty and staff are committed to preparing your children academically and spiritually. It is our hope that they will have an amazing affect on our society. With your help and God's grace, we will have a happy and successful year. May God bless you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Spencer

Looking Ahead:

Oct. 5th - School pictures PK through grade 8. K-8 will wear school uniform

Oct. 8th – Parent Conferences/Progress Reports – 11:30AM Dismissal

Daycare will be available until 5:30PM

Oct. 11th – No School - Columbus Day

Oct. 12th-22nd – Terra Nova testing – a newer version will be used

Oct. 14th - Flu Clinic

Oct. 15th – PTO Monster Bash



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