

Blessed Sacrament School Newsletter

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Principal's News

Dear Families,

November promises to be a busy month at Blessed Sacrament School. Our academic calendar is filled with projects, writing assignments and after school clubs. For example, Ms. Hart has generously offered to donate her Wednesday afternoons to run the very popular art club, and F.A.S.T Athletics continues to offer after school athletics to all of our K-8 students. We are fortunate to have such dedicated people enriching our students' curriculum. Thank You!

Once again, we will be participating as a SchoolStore.com sponsor. If you are an online shopper, please consider using SchoolStore to login to your favorite retailers. Simply go to www.schoolstore.net and sign up. Don't forget to fill in your student's prize code for a chance to win some great prizes. Our school code is 113248 and every time you buy through the SchoolStore website, the retailer of your choice will donate to our school. Detailed information went home in last Friday's folders. Happy shopping!

Please don't forget about Blessed Sacrament's Stop & Shop A+ card program. This program could benefit Blessed Sacrament School and it

really is money for nothing. All we need you to do is register your Stop & Shop card # and the first three letters of your last name at www.stopandshop.com/aplus. The School code # is 08055. Once you register the card with Stop & Shop, they will make a donation to Blessed Sacrament School every time you use the card, and it won't affect your coupons or gas points. How easy is that?

I wish you all a happy and healthy November and thank you for your continued support.

-Mr. Weber

Catholic High School Open Houses:

Mount St. Charles: Nov. 6, 2016

St Patrick Academy: Nov. 6, 2016

St. Raphael Academy: Nov. 6, 2016

St. Mary's BayView: Nov. 15, 2016

Bishop Hendricken: Nov. 20, 2016.

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Snack Sale, Dress Down-Sponsored by Grade 6: Nov. 18th
- ◆ School Mass: Nov. 23rd 9:00AM

PTO News:

A special Thank You to all the parents who helped with October's PTO sponsored events. The Gourmet Pie fundraiser, the October Bash and the Haunted Labyrinth trip were all very successful. In particular, the Gourmet Pies raised over \$1,000.00 in profit to benefit our programs. Although this space does not allow mention of all who helped out, I would like to mention Ms. Mailhot, Ms. Dufresne, and Ms. Silva, whose tireless efforts make a big difference to all of our students.

Please keep in mind that the PTO is in need of volunteers to help out at Gourmet pie pick-up, snack sales, and the Christmas Store. Please contact the office if you can help.

-Mr. Weber

Upcoming Events

November 1, 2016-All Saints Day: School Mass at 9:00AM-All Welcome.

November 4, 2016-Report Cards Go Home.

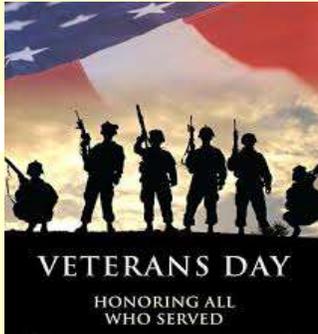
November 8, 2016-Election Day: No School

November 11, 2016-Veteran's Day-No School.

November 21, 2016-Gourmet Pie Fundraiser: Pickup in school cafeteria 2:00PM until 5:00PM.

November 23rd thru 25th: Thanksgiving Recess-No School.

December 3, 2016-Catholic H.S. Placement Test.



Veteran's Day Prayer

Father, we could never thank our military men and women enough for their courageous service and sacrifice to our country and its people. Yet today we lift up our voices to express gratefulness and honor to these military troops both from the past and present. Show us ways in our communities, churches, and families to thank and love them better. Keep and protect these heroes and their families, in the powerful name of Jesus. Amen.

Pre-Kindergarten News

Thankfulness will be our theme in Religion this month. We will learn about community helpers as part of our **social studies** curriculum and work on identifying geometric shapes in **math**. We will continue our Letter Show & Tell every Friday. If you have misplaced the schedule, please let me know and I will send home another one.

Kindergarten News

It is difficult to believe that Thanksgiving is only weeks away! How time flies when you are having fun! This month, the students will continue to focus on the following **High Frequency** words: Have, is, like, my, we, for, he. We will also learn the short /a/, /i/, and consonant/k/c, /s/s, and /p/p, sounds. Please practice the blending and reading the following words: Am, at, mat, Sam, sat, Pam, pat, map, sap, and tap, Tim, tip, cap, cat, Mac, it, pip, pit, sit, sip.

In **math**, students will learn to compare and order numbers to 10. Practice counting and grouping objects into sets of 10. When writing both letters and numbers, please remember to start at the top!

In **Religion**, we will practice making the Sign of the Cross, and The Our Father. We will also make a paper "Thankful Quilt" to illustrate all that we are thankful for.

First Grade News

Writing is a big part of what we do in first grade. The children write in their journals every day. Using the new words we learn each week, the children write sentences in Quick Write Books. On Mondays, the children write a rough draft and then on Wednesday or Thursday they complete a final copy for the Star of the Week to keep. We are now midway through Unit 1 in **reading**. The different stories from our text books and the leveled readers focus on the theme of how animals and people are important to each other. Our author for November will be David McPhail who has written lots of books which

complement this theme. In **math**, the boys and girls are learning how to use ten frames. Ten frames are an excellent tool to help children recognize numbers without counting and develop strategies for mental math too. Later on in the month our class will begin adding and subtracting using numbers up to 12. November is a good time to for a reminder. The children are working very hard to learn all they can in class. Water and healthy snacks, such as fruit, veggies, or yogurt are important for young bodies and brains.



Second Grade News

It was great seeing many of you at parent conferences. I am very proud of the second grade students. They are working hard and learning a lot. Our **reading** theme is Working Together. The children will read about community workers, Abraham Lincoln and other stories that will teach them how working together can get the job done more easily and quickly. Mr. Alarcon visited our school and spoke about fire safety and working as a team. The children enjoyed a visit from Mrs. Laura Kennedy, the author of *Oliver's Journey* and *Lolly's Picnic*.

She read to the children and talked to them about writing and good work habits. Also, Mrs. Kennedy spoke about working closely with the illustrator of her books. The students are learning place value to 100 and mental addition and subtraction in **math**. **Religion** is the central focus in our classroom. The students are learning about the Seven Sacraments and are encouraged to model themselves as disciples of Jesus.

Third Grade News

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."

-Anne Frank

Mr. Alarcon, a Providence Fire Fighter, gave a very informative presentation about fire safety to grades 2 and 3. The students were very excited to each receive a fire safety coloring book and a junior firefighter hat and badge. Many thanks to Mr. Alarcon!

The month of November begins with the feasts of All Saints and All Souls Days. We will be attending the 9:00 mass on Tuesday,

November 1st. We will begin our focus on the history of the Pilgrims, Wampanoag, and the first Thanksgiving with a KWL Chart. In **science**, we will take a closer look at the relationship of the Sun, Earth, and moon. In **math** class we will be learning about more addition and subtraction algorithms. We will also begin a new theme in reading titled "Smart Solutions." Third graders will be creating harvest similes and persuasive **writing** pieces in language arts.

Fourth Grade News

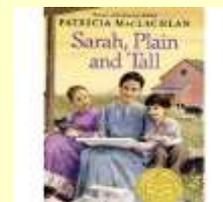
Grade 4 welcomes November! The students completed their second In-Class Novel Study on the Newbery Award Winning Book, *Because of Winn Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo. They completed their Flip Book Reports last week! In November, they will be exploring a new genre in literature, Historical Fiction. They will be **reading** *Sarah, Plain and Tall* for the In-Class Novel Study. The book report

project on this is going to be a creative one..stay tuned! In **Math**, the students finished Topic 3: Place Value and will be starting on Topic 4. In **Religion**, they are learning what it means to Celebrate Penance and Reconciliation. In **Social Studies**, they will begin the chapter "We the People" learning about The American People, United States Government and Economy. In **Science**, the students will continue the unit on Life Processes, with the focus on the Human Body Systems. November is going to be an exciting month of learning! If you have any questions/concerns, please contact me via e-mail: kblessing@blessedschoolpvd.org. -Mrs. Blessing

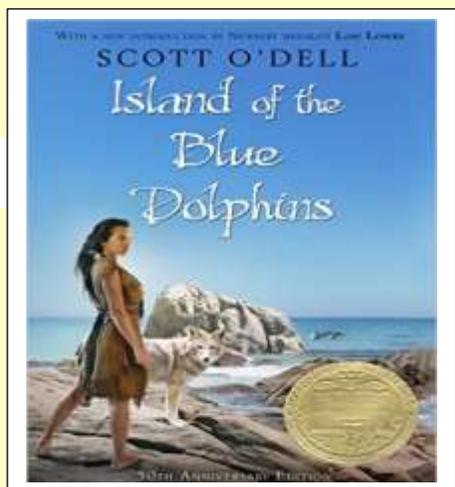
Fifth Grade News

The fifth grade is constantly working to become middle school ready. This month we finished our study skills workshop! Students are using their study skills to better their test scores and understand which study techniques help them succeed within their learning styles. In **reading**, we are reading the novel *Island of the Blue*

Dolphins by Scott O'Dell. In **math**, we are finishing up multiplication and about to begin division. In **social studies**, students are learning about Native American lifestyles. In **science**, we have finished our animal cell diagrams and will begin working on a plant life unit. Students can look forward to a poetry read on the parts of speech, a Native American research paper and long division!



Sarah, Plain and Tall



Middle School Spanish

Grade 6 is in Chapter 1 which covers such topics as friendship and likes and dislikes. Most students did well on the *Primer Paso* test.

Grade 7 is conjugating the verb *ir* and *ir + a + infinitive*.

Grade 8 is working on adjectives: placement and agreement. We will also go over demonstrative adjectives.



Middle School Social Studies

Grade 6 is continuing their studies of the ancient world and has moved on to ancient Egypt.

Grade 7 has been engaged in map activities concerning the American Revolution.

8th grade was given a brief overview of the Presidential debate process. The emphasis was placed on the historical perspective of the debate process and its role in previous elections

Middle School Skills

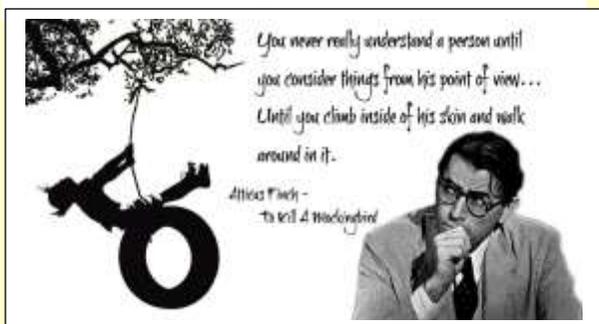
The Middle School grades are moving along in the **Skills** program. Grade 7 has now transitioned to the writing portion and Grade 8 has moved on to vocabulary skills with a **writing** portion added to keep their writing fresh.

Middle School Literature

6th grade literature is still working on "*The Mad Dash*" and preparing for the author's visit this month.

7th grade literature is focusing on poetry and they just completed writing preposition poems.

8th grade literature is beginning "*To Kill a Mockingbird*." We are discussing the historical background.



Ms. Rico's Math Class

6th Grade: The sixth graders began studying mean, median and mode. We next learned how to create frequency tables, line plots, bar and line graphs and stem and leaf plots.

7th Grade: The seventh graders have learned about exponents, prime factorization, working with fractions, mixed numbers and improper fractions. This week we covered scientific notation, which the students really enjoyed.

8th Grade: The eighth grade is also working with fractions. Adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing rational numbers, and converting mixed numbers and improper fractions.

Mrs. Wiant's Math Class

Grade 8

The Classical Admissions Test is behind us!! Eighth graders will continue working on review of some basic skills in anticipation of the Catholic high school placement test on December 3rd. Algebra students are working on writing expressions and will be moving on to concepts in Geometry.

Grade 7

Students in grade 7 are working on converting mixed fractions to percent and will be moving to geometric concepts..

Grade 6

The sixth graders are reviewing and learning about mixed number addition & Subtraction.

Grade 6-8 Religion

Grade 6 prepared for their Unit 1 test. The Unit 1 test is chapters 1 through 7. They will be moving on to Chapter 8

Grade 7 is beginning a study of Chapter 7

Grade 8 has taken the Unit 1 test and is studying the early Church.

Students of the Month-November

Pre-K3: Laura Moses

Pre-K4: Molly Daly

Kindergarten: Idunuoluwa Akanji

1st Grade: Mariska Poldor

2nd Grade: Rayannah Flowers

3rd Grade: Esther Afolayan

4th Grade: Achilles Asencio

5th Grade: Jorge Barragan

6th Grade: Daniel Larios

7th Grade: Selena Stevquoah

8th Grade: Jeralene Ares

Congratulations to All!

Middle School Science

Earth Science: 6th grade science just finished Chapter 2 on land forms and is moving on to rocks and minerals

Life Science: 7th grade is focusing on cells and learning to diagram plant and animal cells. They are working on a bacteria research project.

Physical Science: 8th grade just completed Chapter 2 on density/matter/volume and is moving on to energy and matter.

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Fine Arts

*Music: Our Christmas Concert will be held in the Church
on Tuesday Dec. 13, 2016 @ 6:30PM.*

Music classes are busy putting the polish on our upcoming Christmas concert on December 13th. The Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade will be presenting a short musical called Jesus, the Light of the World! Our 3rd through 8th grade will be presenting a program called Celestial Child. It is a unique presentation based on the pentatonic music of Japan.

Each grade will also present a couple of solo selections, and hopefully we will hear some of their work on recorders, Boomwhackers, and the buckets!

Encourage your child to be on their best behavior for music class each week so that we can get all of this memorized and make you proud!

See you at the concert!!



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