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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 activities. 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!

The school will be hosting its **Bi-Annual Fall Book Fair** beginning October 30th. The Book Fair is an important fundraiser for our school, so please consider buying your favorite student a book or two. It's a great way to support the school and support our students at the same time. **If you can't make it to the school during the week, you can order online between October 25th and November 7th. Simply go to scholastic.com/fair, enter the school's zip code and find the Blessed Sacrament Fair.**

PTO News:

A special Thank You to all the parents who helped with October's PTO sponsored events. The Meadow Farms fundraiser, the October Bash and the Haunted Labyrinth trip were all very successful. In particular, the pie & cookie dough fundraiser raised over \$2,000.00 in profit to benefit our programs. Although this space does not allow mention of all who helped out, I would like to mention Ms. DeCiantis, Mrs. Bastan, 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

There are thousands of titles to choose from, so please consider buying your student a book that will help foster their love of reading. In other book fair news, Mrs. Wright would still welcome any family members who may like to volunteer to help, so please contact the office at 831-3993 if you would like to volunteer.

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

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Book Fair: October 30th-Nov. 5th.
- ◆ School Mass: Nov. 21st 9:00AM

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November 1, 2017-All Saints Day: School Mass at 9:00AM-All Welcome.

November 3, 2017-Parent-Teacher Conferences: No School for students.

November 5, 2017-Harvest Festival at BSS: 2:00PM-5:00PM

November 9, 2017-Report Cards Go Home.

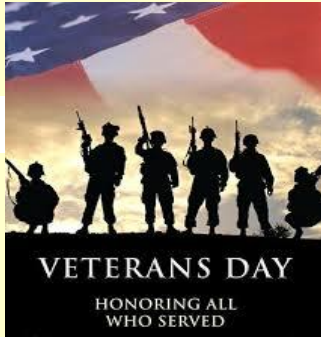
November 10, 2017-Veteran's Day observed-No School.

November 14, 2017-Gourmet Pie Fundraiser: Pickup in school cafeteria 2:00PM until 5:00PM.

November 22nd thru 24th, 2017: Thanksgiving Recess-No School.

December 2, 2017-Catholic H.S. Placement Test. Call your "first choice" school for details.

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 focus in **Religion** this month. We will do a fun turkey craft to show all we are thankful for in our lives. Zoo animals will be the theme in all our **learning centers** during November. We will learn how to clap out syllables in literacy and continue working on 2-dimensional shapes in **math**. We will continue our letter show & tell on Fridays. Please let me know if you need another schedule. Happy Thanksgiving!

Kindergarten News

We had lots of fun making applesauce and carving pumpkins in October! As we prepare for Thanksgiving, we'll make homemade butter, experiment with corn, (Can we make it dance?), and create mini Mayflower boats to discover if they float. **Reading** - the students will 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.

The children will also begin 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. Please continue to read for at least 20 minutes each night, and fill in your "Pizza Hut Book - It" calendar to receive a free personal pan pizza at the end of this month. In **math**, students will learn to compare and order numbers to 20. Practice counting and grouping objects into sets of 5's and 10's to make 20. When **writing** both letters and numbers, please remember to start at the top!

First Grade News

This November is off to a great start! We are doing very well with our **reading**. All the children are reading books that are just right for each individual's level. Reading is the most essential subject taught in first grade. This is the year the children truly learn to read and reading is a part of every other subject taught. **Reading** needs to be part of your daily routine. Practicing reading for just 20 minutes each day assures that the children will grow into lifelong readers. For this purpose,

reading at home becomes part of daily homework in grade one. **Math** is also an important part of our daily homework schedule. The children will begin Topic 4 this month, which explores different ways to work with numbers. Using ten frames, making doubles, near doubles and mental math are some of the strategies taught this month for addition and subtraction.

Wishing you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving!



Second Grade News

I am looking forward to 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 such as firefighters who work together to keep our community safe, Abraham Lincoln, and other stories that will teach them how working together can get the job done more easily and quickly.

The students are learning place value to 100 and mental addition and subtraction in **math**. Your children are enjoying **science** lessons taught by the Providence College students. They have learned about the phases of the moon, states of matter, the water cycle and recycling. **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. I wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving and I am grateful to have the opportunity to work with your children.

Third Grade News

*"Be sure to put
your feet in the
right place, then
stand firm."
-Abraham Lincoln*

Our third graders will be very busy during the month of November! We begin the month learning about the feasts of All Saints and All Souls in **religion** class, as well as the beginning of the Early Church. We will be working with different algorithms for addition and subtraction in **math**. During our **science** class, we will continue our study of outer space, looking at Earth's rotation and

its revolution around the Sun. Our theme in **reading** will be finding smart solutions to different problems! The third graders will be wrapping up their **social studies** unit on the Pilgrims, and will be looking at what a Pilgrim child's life was like in 1620! We will create "Harvest of Similes" booklets, write recipes, and write persuasive letters 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: Addition and Subtraction of Whole Numbers. 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 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

We have been stretching our brains in fifth grade! We are working hard to meet our learning goals and we are identifying strategies that are critical to our success as learners. In **math**, we are working with exponents and multi-step problems. We are delving into **literature** as we identify the author's purpose and connect to other works we have read. As we travel through time in **social studies**, we are learning about the history of America. We are also in the process of learning about America's Presidents. Do you remember learning about Presidents in school? In **science**, we are focusing on biology concepts! We are growing in our **faith** as we identify the seven sacraments. What is on the horizon for grade 5? **Literature** that explores the art of inventions and creations, **math** computations including division, multiplication and multi-step problems, **science** experiments to bring meaning to vocabulary

words and **history** lessons to connect us to the world of the Native Americans. Sounds exciting, doesn't it? We will accomplish all this and more while being in our heavenly Father's loving care.



Sarah, Plain and Tall

Middle School Literature

6th grade has been focused in the world of myths, specifically the flood myths and the world of the Greeks. They have compared and contrasted flood stories from several societies, including Mesopotamia and the Greeks. They have read an abbreviated form of the *Iliad* and are currently reading the *Odyssey*. A test and writing assignment will be given upon completion.

7th grade has worked on fairy tales from the time of King Arthur, and now they are completing a project on the Prologue to the *Canterbury Tales*, which will include them creating a rap (poem) about an assigned Pilgrim and then making the poem part of an illuminated manuscript.

8th grade is finishing a Literary Circle where they were divided into four groups, with each group reading a different book pertaining to the Civil War. Each person took a different role in the Circle and the assignment culminated with a group discussion. The final portion of this project will include responses to three different letters written during the war where the students answer the letters as though they are the person to whom they were addressed, based on what they have read and learned about this period in time.

Middle School Social Studies

Grade 6 Chap. 3: *Ancient Egypt and Nubia*- We are learning about geography of the Nile, communities, cultures, leaders, and religions of Egypt. Students will also be working on a pharaoh's tomb project where they will illustrate and write a story on what a pharaoh's tomb would have and how god's played a role.

Grade 7 is finishing the Age of Exploration and moving to the beginning colonies & settlements. Chap. 3: Students will be working on a brochure as a project.

Grade 8 concluded a unit on the Civil War and will be working on Reconstruction and the New South. Students will be working on a project comparing political, economic, and social turning points in a newspaper project for Chapter 16.



Middle School Skills

Grade 6: Working on Units 5 & 6. Please remember that online practice is available at [vocabulary workshop.com](http://vocabularyworkshop.com) Your student is on Level A.

Grade 7: Working on Units 5 & 6. Please remember that online practice is available at [vocabulary workshop.com](http://vocabularyworkshop.com) Your student is on Level B.

Grade 8: Working on Units 5 & 6. Please remember that online practice is available at [vocabulary workshop.com](http://vocabularyworkshop.com) Your student is on Level C. All skills classes are working on building their vocabulary and in each unit, they are doing the following 3x each; forming sentences, a writing assignment, and working in their workbooks.

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*. The chapter 3 test is coming soon!

Grade 8 is working on possessive adjectives. The chapter 5 test is coming soon!

Grade 6-8 Religion

Grade 6 has 2 more chapters until their Unit 1 test. The Unit 1 test is chapters 1 through 7.

Grade 7 took the Unit 1 test and is now studying who Jesus is and the Sacraments of Initiation and of Healing.

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

Middle School Math Class

Grade 8 Algebra: Students will be finishing up with real numbers and will begin work on solving equations, ratios, and proportions. This will include percent.

Grade 8 Pre-Algebra:

Students will be finishing with solving equations and moving on to studying rational numbers, including using formulas and working with powers and exponents.

Grade 7 Pre-Algebra: Seventh graders will be studying exponents, factors, and fractions. This will include comparing fractions and decimals as well as scientific notation.

Grade 6: Sixth grade students are studying data and graphs and calculating measures of central tendency (mean, median, mode, and range). Our next topic will be variables and expressions, which includes writing algebraic expressions.

All students are encouraged to utilize Khan Academy online.

They have emails (through which they log-in) and passwords!!!!

Students of the Month-November

Pre-K3: Juan Lux

Pre-K4: Manuel Monclu

Kindergarten: Gabriella Almanzar

1st Grade: Valentina Zuniga

2nd Grade: Sofia Concepcion

3rd Grade: Rayannah Flowers

4th Grade: Genesis Monzon

5th Grade: Yvonne Hernandez

6th Grade: Jayla Smith

7th Grade: Ambar Torres

8th Grade: Ramon Guzman

Congratulations to All!



Middle School Science

Earth Science: In grade 6 Science, we have explored all the different kinds of topography and land forms: for example, mountain ranges, volcanoes, grassy plains, and plateaus. For our **Science project, due November 13, 2017**, the students will design a 3D poster board depicting a land form that we have studied. The students are getting really creative! Next, we will learn about maps and globes, longitude and latitude, prime meridian and equator.

Life Science: In grade 7 Science, we are learning about Plant Cells and Animal Cells, and how to distinguish the two. A colorful poster board will be our project in the next week. We will take a look at different cells under the microscope, recognize the different structures, and be able to identify them. Next, photosynthesis and cell division.

Physical Science: In grade 8 Science, we are continuing to explore Matter. We are using the Triple Beam Scale to weigh Matter in grams. The students learned how to calibrate the Triple Beam Scale and had the opportunity to weigh different objects. Next, we will explore volume and density and decide if objects will sink or float.

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Harvest is in the Seed.


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Fine Arts

Music: Our Christmas Concert will be held in the Church on Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2017 @ 6:30PM.

In music, we are still working towards our Christmas Concert, "A celebration of Carols," on December 12th. Grades 5-8 have also begun to learn about different music genres, starting with Broadway and Opera. Choir has been running for a month from 2:30-3:15 on Thursdays. Students grades 3-8 are welcome!



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