

Blessed Sacrament School Newsletter

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Mission Statement

The mission of Blessed Sacrament School, a Catholic School and Ministry of Blessed Sacrament Parish, is to educate preschool through grade 8 students in a safe, nurturing, and academically challenging environment that instills the knowledge of God's great love for us. We empower students to become well-rounded individuals who are lifelong learners and joyful witnesses to Christ's teachings.

Principal's News

Dear Families,

Catholic Schools Week is a clear reminder that the school year is moving along at a rapid pace and before we know it, Spring will be here. To kick off Catholic Schools Week, Blessed Sacrament honored distinguished alumni, **Colonel Steven O'Donnell**, class of 1974. Col. O'Donnell, the recipient of numerous national law enforcement awards, reminded our students of the importance of Catholic values in education. I am confident that our students are not letting Col. O'Donnell down. I am so impressed with all of our faculty and students, because I have witnessed steady and sustainable progress in academics, spirituality, and athletics. Indeed, it is clear that our students continue to perform at a higher level than a majority of our peers, when compared to statewide PARCC results. It makes me proud to know that, in addition to being a very special place for your students, Blessed Sacrament is achieving great things academically, which should benefit them for years to come.

Reminder: Please remember to ask your child for their Friday Folder. At the end of every week, your student's teacher sends home a folder with all the news, tests, and assignments from the previous week. It is vital to your child's success that you review and discuss its contents with your students. Thank you for your cooperation.

God Bless,
Mr. Weber

P.S. If anyone needs a tuition statement for their taxes, please contact Mrs. Fioravanti in the office. She will be happy to help you.

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ January 29th through February 3rd-Scholastic Book Fair
- ◆ March 1st-Ash Wednesday. School Mass-9:00AM

PTO News

Our PTO has been very busy. Several parents have been chipping in at the Book Fair, the Bake Sale, and the Gourmet Café Fundraiser. We are still welcoming your participation in upcoming fundraisers like the Savory Sweets, United Skates of America, and the Family Fling! Thank you to everyone for your support!
Next PTO Meeting: Tuesday, February 7th @ 5:30 PM

*Parents: Don't forget to log on to the **FACTS Tuition Assistance Link** on our website: <http://blessedschoolpvd.com>, to apply for financial aid for the 2017-2018 school year. The deadline is **February 15th, 2017**. A new application must be filed every year.*

Upcoming Events

February 1, 2017- "Teacher/Staff Appreciation Day"

February 2, 2017- Open House for New Families: 9:00 AM-4:00PM.

February 2, 2017 -Spelling Bee @ St. Mary's School in Cranston-4:00PM

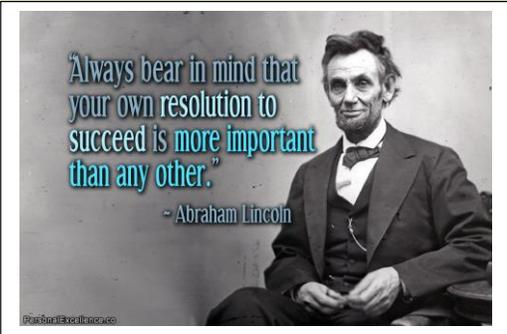
February 2, 2016- "Student Appreciation Day." Middle School Field Trip to PPAC.

February 3, 2017- Grades 2 thru 5: RI Audubon Society "Birds of Prey" presentation. 100th Day of School and Grade 8 Super Bowl Sundae. \$1.00 per sundae.

February 13, 2017-Gourmet Café Fundraiser-Pickup at school, 2-4PM

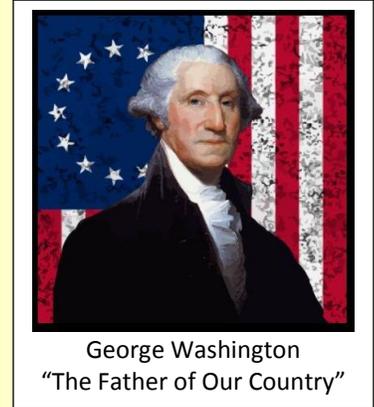
February 17, 2017- Snack Sale, Dress Down sponsored by Grade 3. Rice Bowls Go Home.

February 20-24, 2017 Winter Vacation; No School.



Pre-Kindergarten News

During February we will be doing **literacy**, **math** and **art** activities with a Valentine's theme. Because of a great interest in dinosaurs in our classroom, we will be learning all about them in **science**. Our letters this month will be L, R and W and in **math**, we will be learning about nonstandard measurement. Our **Religion** lessons will revolve around loving and caring for one another. We will also be celebrating our 100th day of school on Friday, February 3rd!



Kindergarten News

This month, we will celebrate our 100th day of school by making special projects, and visiting grades 1 and 2 to see what they created for this special day! It's also the middle of winter, and we will designate each Friday as "**Fun-Filled Friday's**, and the Kindergarteners will enjoy discovering how snow is made, experiment with ice, and creating a "snow" building with various materials. Please stop by to see what's happening in our classroom! The children seem to be enjoying the Lending Library and "Mystery Bag". They are very creative with their clues. It's a fun way to learn

beginning sounds, ending sounds, and rhyming. Great job! In **Reading Street**, please continue to practice blending words with short "o" in the middle. For example, "pot, hot, cot, cod, got, etc. Your student may like to try writing words by listening to the sounds each letter makes. In **math**, we have been counting to 100 by 1's, 5's, and 10's. The students will continue to practice addition and subtraction this month. A few online sites are www.mrnussbaum.com/matemorphosis, abcya.com, and khanacademy.org.

First Grade News

It was a pleasure to have families visit the class for Catholic Schools Week. The children worked hard on their writings and projects and Mrs. Cole and I are very proud of them. If you haven't had a chance to see the class lately, please stop in soon. February is full of fun for our class. We will be celebrating the 100th Day of School this week on Friday the 3rd. Many children have already started their projects! Then mid-February we will have another exciting event, Valentine's Day!

The children will exchange cards and there might be a few tasty treats that day as well. Our class is beginning Unit 3 for **reading**. These stories focus on changes in the environment and in our lives. Cynthia Rylant, one of my favorite children's authors has written many books that compliment this theme. She will be one of our authors for February and I hope you hear about her stories at home.

Second Grade News

The students in Grade 2 have begun to enjoy the fun activities planned for Catholic Schools Week. It was nice to see some of the families at Mass on Sunday, which kicked off our week. We are preparing for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** by learning about the **Ten Commandments and the Act of Contrition**. We continue to work on Unit 3 in reading. The stories show how people communicate and solve problems in creative ways. Soon the children will share their creative ideas with each other on Friday, February 3rd. I can't wait to see their inventions. The children wrote letters to family and friends about their school. They will be mailing them soon.

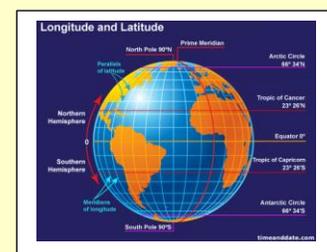
Our **phonics** lessons are on the long i sound (i, ie, igh and y) and comparative endings, (er and est). I am so proud of the children for successfully learning to add two-digit numbers with regrouping. We will begin subtraction next, which can be a bit tricky, but with extra practice they will succeed. **Social studies** and **science** are always fun. We will read about Rosa Parks and Harriet Tubman in honor of Black History Month. We are learning about dental hygiene and the effects of too much sugar on our teeth. We are looking forward to a fun-filled and informative month. Happy Valentine's Day!

"It's better to look ahead and prepare, than to look back and regret."
—Jackie Joyner Kersee

Third Grade News

February will be a short but busy month in grade 3. We have begun our **multiplication** speed drills in math, and are learning about how division relates to multiplication! In **religion**, we will be looking at what makes each of us special and unique. Each child will be creating their own Family flag. We will continue writing our "Mystery book reports", designing movie posters, and writing bio-cinquains with self-portraits. In **social studies**, we are studying latitude and

longitude, which will relate to our study of the climate zones in science!



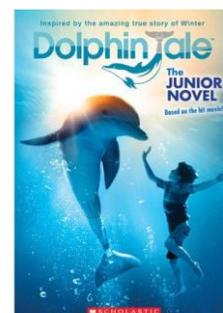
Fourth Grade News

Grade 4 welcomes February! Although it's a short month, we have a lot planned for it! To recap last month in **Literature**, the students read one of my favorites, *Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White. Each student produced a Character Analysis, and creatively described why their character had an important role in the novel! In February, our In-Class Novel Study genre is non-fiction. They will be

reading *Dolphin Tale: The Junior Novel*, adapted by Gabrielle Reyes. In **Reading/Language Arts**, the students are bettering their understandings of Fact vs. Opinion, Main Idea vs. Supporting Details, along with learning more challenging spelling and vocabulary words. In **Math**, the students have started on Topic 7-Number Sense: Multiplying by 2-Digit Numbers. In **Religion**, the students will continue to work on The First Commandment and begin work on our Kindness Service Project. In **Social Studies**, the students completed the United States regions project, and are continuing to work on their research for their assigned states for the US State Research Report. In **Science**, the students are almost finished with the Life Science unit. They are currently learning about inherited traits and behaviors.

Fifth Grade News

January felt like a quick month, but we learned a lot! In **reading**, we started our new **literature** circles! In **social studies**, we are finishing up chapter four on explorers. We will be starting our explorer poster projects, which we are very excited to research and create! We also look forward to hosting the February 14th mass and can't wait to start our next unit in **science** on space!



Dolphin Tale

Middle School Skills

Grade 6 recently finished Vocabulary Unit 6 and has begun work on creative writing. Grade 6 is making great progress and seems to enjoy writing. They are currently working on constructing rough drafts and then making the necessary improvements.

Grade 7 continues to work on the creative writing program and they continue to develop their grammar for writing skills. They are currently working on making subjects and verbs agree.

Grade 8 will end January with a Vocabulary test on Unit 6. Grade 8 will then return back to the creative writing program.

What are the 6 Plus 1 Writing Traits?

The traits of good writing are

- Conventions
- Ideas
- Voice
- Word Choice
- Sentence Fluency
- Organization
- Conferencing

Middle School Spanish

GRADE 6: We have started Chapter 2. We will be learning about school schedules, classes, supplies, and comparing schools of different cultures.

Grade 7: The Chapter 4 test is next week. The review will include conjugating "er" and "ar" verbs.

GRADE 8: We are close to the end of this book. We will do a lot of reviewing before we move on.

Middle School Social Studies

6th grade Social Studies class continues to study ancient cultures, and is presently studying Ancient India in Chapter 4. We are discussing the origins of Buddhism.

7th grade Social Studies class has just started incorporating the textbook, *We The People* into their curriculum. This book gives students great lessons on how our form of government developed, and explains such important ideas as separation of powers, republican form of government and what the Constitution stands for.

8th grade Social Studies class has begun Chapter 20 and students are learning about American expansionism at the beginning of the 20th Century. Topics include; increased U.S. influence around the world, The Spanish American War and the construction of the Panama Canal. It will be a quick chapter as we move along into more recent times.

Middle School Literature

6th grade is reading *My Brother Sam Is Dead*. We are studying the novel with a focus on theme, tone and the use of literary elements such as metaphor, simile, hyperbole, and personification.

7th grade is reading *The Outsiders*. We are studying the novel with a focus on theme, tone and the use of literary elements such as metaphor, simile, hyperbole, and personification.

8th grade is reading *To Kill a Mockingbird*. We are studying the novel with a focus on theme, tone and the use of literary elements such as metaphor, simile, hyperbole, and personification.

Grade 5-8 Religion

GRADE 5: We will be in the *Family Life* book soon. There are five themes in these books: God's gift of Family, God's gift of Self, God's gift of Life, God's gift of Love, and God's gift of Community.

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Middle School Mathematics

Grade 8 students will finish up their study of solving and graphing compound inequalities (Chapter 3) and begin studying functions (Chapter 4).

Grade 7 students will continue their study of geometry in Chapters 7 and 8.

Grade 6 students will work on Solving Equations with Fractions (Sections 5 – 6 and 6 - 5) and then move on to Chapter 7 (Ratios, Proportions, and Percents).

Students of the Month-February

Pre-K 3: Melani Mills

Pre-K 4: Cianneh-Rose Pricher

Kindergarten: Esther Demelo

1st Grade: Jacob Rocha

2nd Grade: Ruby Bastan

3rd Grade: Jaden Givens

4th Grade: Brian Sanchez

5th Grade: Destiny Joa

6th Grade: Yaily Camacho

7th Grade: Jonathon Opferkuch

8th Grade: Isabella Dominguez

Congratulations to All!



Middle School Science

Earth Science: 6th grade is studying the layers of the earth and plate tectonics.

Life Science: 7th grade is working on the cell cycle.

Physical Science: 8th grade is learning the periodic table. All three grades participated in the Science Fair: Invention Convention. The projects were original and creative. Well done!

Fine Arts

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Harvest is in the
Seed.**

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Music:

5th & 6th Grade Parents: It is very important your students bring their recorders to class and that they are practicing during the week. Our goal is to finish the entire level one recorder book by the end of this term. Then, I hope to find enough small keyboards to teach some beginning piano skills to the students during the last quarter. (If you have one to loan/donate, I would love to talk to you!)

Visual Art:

Ms. Hart's students have been busy completing a number of projects that will be on display during Catholic Schools Week. Her studio is always a happy place to be. Just ask the Pre-K class; look at how proud they are to display their work.

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Pre-K Art Class