

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,
High School acceptance letters have been mailed and I am proud to report that the great majority of our 8th grade class has been accepted to the high school of their choice; and many have been accepted to multiple schools. Three students from the Blessed Sacrament Class of 2017 have been accepted to LaSalle, five students to Classical, five students to Saint Raphael Academy, one student to St. Mary Academy-Bay View and three to Bishop Hendricken. The number of students being accepted is truly a testament to everyone in our school community, including parents, faculty and parishioners. The teachers and staff at Blessed Sacrament provide a strong and affordable educational program with an emphasis on differentiated and small group instruction, year after year. Resource services are available to address the needs of every student, and the results for our 8th grade prove that Blessed Sacrament School continues to deliver a

quality curriculum that provides an outstanding return on investment.
To our Grade 8 Parents- We are moving closer to graduation, so students will be measured for their graduation gowns on March 2, 2017. Please be aware that all financial obligations must be up-to-date for students to participate in graduation exercises. Thank you for your cooperation.

God Bless,

Mr. Weber

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ March 4th-Lenten Reflection for Youth & Adolescents- 9:30 AM in the Church
- ◆ April 5th- Professional Development-No School

Parents: If you haven't already done so, please pick up your 2017-2018 registration forms in the office. Many of our classes are filling up and it is important that we know your intentions so we can plan for the year ahead. Thank you for your cooperation.

Volunteers Needed

As many of you know, **The Catholic Athletic League** has a large offering of sports that they make available to RI Catholic Schools on a yearly basis. These include **cross country, volleyball, tennis, basketball, and soccer**. Many of our students would love to participate in one or more of these sports. But first, we need to have coaches. If you'd be interested in coaching a team at Blessed Sacrament, please call the office. We'd love to have you join our team!

Upcoming Events

March 1st-Ash Wednesday-School Mass hosted by Grade 4-All Welcome.

March 2nd-Cap & Gown fitting for Grade 8

March 3rd-Progress Reports Go Home

March 12th-St. Joseph's & St. Patrick's Day Celebration Dinner in the Church Hall

March 15th-Professional Day-No School

March 18th- Saint Patrick's Day Parade 11:30AM-Meet at St. Pius V School

March 20th United Skates of America: Roller Skating Party-6:00PM-8:00PM

March 24th- Snack Sale-Dress Down Day: Grade 2.

March 31st-Grade 4-"Living Biography Museum" 1:30 PM

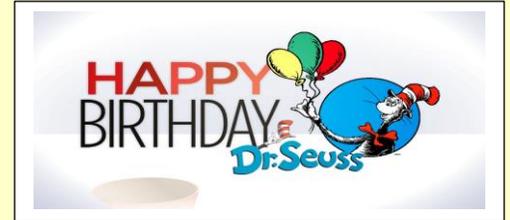


Pre-Kindergarten News



For most of the month of March, our theme will be Dr. Seuss. **Pre-K3** will explore many of the books that Dr. Seuss wrote and drew. Our focus will be on learning how **rhyming** words sound, as students identify these rhyming words through songs, poems, and books. As the students watch and listen to many Mother Goose Rhymes, they will be able to dance to the rhymes to improve their gross motor skills. In **religion**, we will continue the next lesson on Baptism. In **math**, recognition of numbers and rote counting are still being practiced.

To celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday in **Pre-K4** this month, we will be reading several of his books and doing related activities. We will also learn about weather, and are excited to be introducing a new **Religion** curriculum called Allelu! Our letters of the week this month are H, U, Z, Q, and V.



Kindergarten News

Kindergarteners are ready to "march" into spring! We will begin our month coming in like a lion, and create paper plate lions. We will also celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday on March 2nd by creating a "hat word family." Please stop by to visit our *Cat In The Hat* and *March Comes in Like a Lion* bulletin boards. We will also begin Unit 4 in **Reading Street**. Our High Frequency words will be: are, that, do, one, two, three, four, five, here, go, and from.

Please check your child's Friday folder for this list. The children will also begin to learn consonant blends such as /sl/, /pl/, /bl/, /gl/, /fl/, and /kl/. At home, you can practice these beginning sounds with words such as clock, blue, playground, glove, flashlight, and slipping. In **math**, we will continue with addition and subtraction. Our vocabulary will include the terms plus, minus, and equals. Your child may enjoy adding and subtracting household items and using these terms when doing so.

First Grade News

This March begins two seasons, spring and **Lent**. We will mark these two very different seasons with some special **writing** activities and I hope you have the chance to come into our room to see the work the children do. Let me tell you about one activity.

In class the children will make footprints to follow our Lord, Jesus during **Lent**. The children will write a behavior to leave behind on their left footprint and a behavior they need to do more of on their right footprint. This is a fun activity but also a thought provoking one.

The next few topics in **math** are fairly short and they focus on place value, comparing numbers and different counting patterns. At home you can help your child count by 2s, 5s, and 10s. For an enriching math experience, count pennies, nickels and dimes with your child.

We are making such good progress with our **Reading Street** stories. For fun this month we will be reading Dr. Seuss books too. To honor this wonderful author, we will have a celebration towards the end of the month. More information will be sent home soon.

Second Grade News

March is upon us. The school year is more than half over and the children are getting closer to becoming third graders. As the children move from grade to grade the work becomes more challenging. The theme for our next unit in **reading** is *Our Changing World*. They will work with vocabulary words now instead of sight words, and the work is becoming more difficult. So, please read to your child each night.

I am pleased with their progress in **Math**. We are finishing up regrouping with subtraction, but will continue to practice both addition and subtraction throughout the rest of the year. We will work with place value to 1000 next. Memorizing math facts is vital to the success of mastering new concepts. Visit www.pearsonsuccessnet.com to reinforce what is taught in school.

In **Science**, the students will learn about the life cycle of a pumpkin and the life cycle of a frog. They will research frogs during **computer** class. I was very impressed with the children's inventions. They did a wonderful job presenting their projects. It was great to see the support they received from home. Most importantly, the children are learning about the season of **Lent**. They are trying to do a good deed each day. They will also attend **Stations of the Cross**. We will continue to prepare for the Sacrament of Penance which will take place in April. Please have your child review the rites for this sacrament at home. This will lead us into the preparation for the **Sacrament of First Holy Communion**. First Holy Communion will be celebrated on May 7, 2017 at the 10:30 Mass. As always please contact me with any questions or concerns you may have regarding your child.

*"Laziness may appear attractive, but work gives satisfaction."
 -Anne Frank*

Third Grade News

During the month of March, our third grade class will be completing our family life unit in **religion** class. Each student will create their own family flag, which will display a special symbol for each member of their family! We will all attend Mass on Ash Wednesday and will contemplate the things we could do to help us become closer to Jesus during this Lenten season! We will symbolically trace our feet to show that we

are ready to follow in Jesus' footsteps. In **math** class, we start learning about fractions, as we continue with division and multiplication speed drills through June. We will be writing about and drawing our dream houses in **language arts**, creating spring poems, and finishing up our unit on verbs. We are completing an experiment in **science** class watching grapes turn into raisins. Our third graders will then focus on living things and their environment in both **reading** and **science** class!

Fourth Grade News

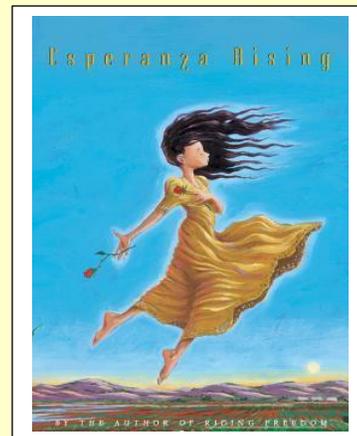
March comes in like a lion and leaves like a Lamb! Grade 4 welcomes the month of March with a lot of activity and learning! This month, our **In-Class Novel Study** genre is Biographies! The students will be reading biographies of famous people in history. Once finished reading the biographies, the students will prepare written reports detailing the speeches, in character costumes, which will be presented at **The Living Biography Museum**. This will take place

on Thursday, March 31st. Students and parents are invited to attend...stay tuned! In **Math**, the students have completed Topic 7 and will be starting Topic 8-Developing Fluency: Multiplying by 2-Digit Numbers. In **Religion**, the students will continue the chapters on the Fourth and Fifth Commandments, as well as participating in many **Lenten** activities. In **Social Studies**, the students are continuing to learn about our government on a state level. In **Science**, the students are currently learning about ecosystems. If you have any questions/concerns, please contact me via email: kblessing@blessedschoolpvd.org

Fifth Grade News

Fifth grade had a fabulous February. This month we were extremely busy even though we had a weeks vacation. The fifth grade was in charge of preparing for the February mass. In **reading**, we finished our independent **literature circles**. The three books we read were *Fantastic Mr. Fox* by Roald Dahl, *James and the Giant Peach* by Roald Dahl and *Henry Huggins* by Beverly Cleary. Our next novel we will be reading is *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan.

In **social studies**, we are beginning to talk about Spanish and English colonies. We are puzzled and wondering what happened to the island of Roanoke?.Fifth grade can look forward to "*Writing March Madness*," which is a program designed to better our **writing**!



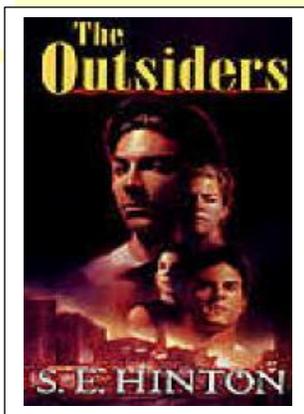
Esperanza Rising

Middle School Literature

6th grade is still reading "*My Brother Sam Is Dead*." They are building a glossary of **vocabulary** words and **literary** terms, as well as answering guided reading questions. They have moved from simply pulling out direct facts from the novel to making inferences and using higher level thinking skills.

7th grade is wrapping up "*The Outsiders*." In addition to a final assessment, students will be asked to come up with a song list for the novel. They will work on this during **computer** class as well. Students will also view the movie for further discussion and comparison.

8th grade is almost done with "*To Kill a Mockingbird*." In addition to their final assessment, students will be asked to simulate a trial. They will also view the movie for further discussion and comparison.



Middle School Spanish

GRADE 6: We will learn how to tell time and conjugate 'ar' verbs.

GRADE 7: We will learn words for family members and conjugate some irregular verbs.

GRADE 8: has finished Book A. We will be doing some reviewing of vocabulary and grammar that is important in order to continue the study of Spanish.

Grade 5-8 Religion

All classes are in the *Family Life* book.

Grade 5 is in the unit called, "*God's Gift of Self*".

Grade 6 is in the unit called "*God's Gift of Life*".

Grade 7 is finishing the last unit and moving back to our regular religion book.

Grade 8 is in the unit called, "*God's Gift of Self*".

All the tests in Family Life are open-book.

Middle School Skills

Grade 8 is working on developing their **creative writing** skills by working on narrowing their topics, writing clear and concise paragraphs with sufficient supporting information.

Grade 7 is back to their Vocabulary Workshop book (Unit 5). There will be writing embedded with the **vocabulary instruction** in order to keep their writing skills sharp.

Grade 6 Skills is also focused on their **writing** skills and just finished Lesson 4, Editing and Proofreading.

Middle School Mathematics

All middle school classes will be working on circle activities on March 14th in celebration of **Pi Day!!!!!!**

Grade 8 Algebra

Students will be tackling Chapter 5: Linear Functions. We will be looking at rate of change, slope, and direct variation, as well as the different forms of linear equations.

Grade 7 Pre-Algebra

Students will be finishing with Chapter 8, including the Pythagorean Theorem, three-dimensional figures, and surface area and volume of prisms and cylinders.

Grade 6 Math

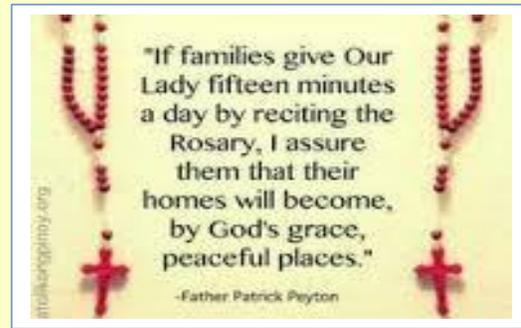
Grade 6 students will be studying Chapter 3: Patterns and Variables. Our focus will be on solving equations. We will review decimal operations as well.

Middle School Social Studies

Grade 8 Social Studies is working on Chapter 20, American Imperialism in the early 20th Century, and will shortly be moving on to the World War I era.

Grade 7 Social Studies is working from the book, "*We the People*", and are learning how our system of government came to be and what ideas were first created centuries ago in England.

Grade 6 Social Studies just took a test on Chapter 4, Ancient India and will be moving on to Chapter 5, Ancient China.



Students of the Month-March

Pre-K3: Manuel Monclu

Pre-K4: Jorge Pimentel

Kindergarten: Andrea Piril

1st Grade: Sofia Concepcion

2nd Grade: Jayda Isom

3rd Grade: Jayden Ovalles

4th Grade: Daniel Mancebo

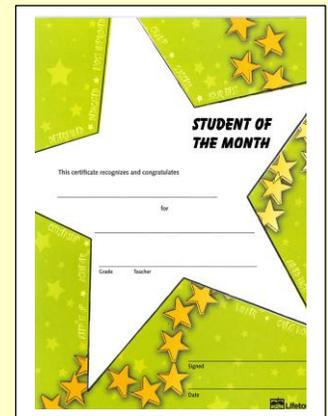
5th Grade: Alivia Free

6th Grade: Charles Gordon

7th Grade: Jezreel Polanco

8th Grade: Angie Navas

Congratulations to All!



Middle School Science

6th grade is finishing Chapter 5 on Plate Tectonics. They will begin the last section on sea floor spreading this week.

7th grade is beginning Chapter 5 on genetics and the study of heredity.

8th grade is still working on the periodic table.

Results of the Invention Convention are as follows:

6th grade-1st place: Solar Oven (Carolina Ottich-Seiwald and Belen Castro, 2nd place: Door Buzzer (Lillian Johnson), 3rd place: Sports Bracelets (Angelina Luna and Alyssa Pierre), **7th grade**- 1st place: Portable Microwave (Jezreel Polanco, Jonathon Opferkuch, and Anthony Stanley), 2nd place: Sock Warmers (Ramon Guzman, Colin King, and Armani DeLacruz), 3rd place: Theragoo (Jiselle Tapia, Valerie Taveras, Yaiden Porcayo)

8th grade- 1st place: Neckfume (Andrea Avila and Sarah Ortes), 2nd place: Umbrella (Marcus Diaz, Joseph Grajales, and Salomon Luveres), 3rd place: Flashlight Slippers (Julissa Tenas).

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

Providence College Donation



Providence College has made a \$100,000.00 donation to the five Catholic Elementary Schools in Providence. Accepting the donation with PC President, the Rev. Brian J. Shanley, is Yaiden Porcayo, Achilles Asencio, and Aiden Porcayo, along with several students from St. Pius V, Fr. Grondin and Mr. Weber. Thank you Rev. Shanley and everyone at PC!

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