

Blessed Sacrament School Newsletter

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“What is one to say about June, the time of perfect young summer, the fulfillment of the promise of the earlier months, and with as yet no sign to remind one that its fresh young beauty will ever fade.”

-Gertrude Jekyll

Principal's News

Dear Families,

It has been another great year of academic accomplishment here at Blessed Sacrament School. Our year-end STAR testing is complete and I'm proud to report the overwhelming majority of our students showed substantial progress in both **math & reading**. It truly is a testament to the great job our faculty does day in and day out. So when you get a chance, don't forget to thank your favorite teacher for a job well done.

We have been welcoming a large number of interested families to “shadow” in our school for a day. I'm very encouraged by the interest shown by new families. I'm certain that the hard work of our faculty, and all of the positive developments in our classrooms over the past year have piqued the interest of many local students. Our preschool and middle school have enjoyed a strong enrollment. The four-year-old preschool classroom is nearing capacity and our middle

school is almost full, so if you have any friends with students in these age groups, please tell them to hurry, as the classes are almost full. I wish you all a happy and healthy week and thanks again for your support. Once again, thanks for all you do, and I wish everyone a happy, safe and enjoyable summer vacation. God Bless,

Mr. Weber

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ June 6th-Mr. Robinson's music recital for grades PK thru grade 2- 9:00 AM-10:00AM
- ◆ June 8th- Mr. Robinson's music recital for grades 3 thru 8 -9:00 AM-10:00AM

PTO News

The PTO is seeking a few volunteers to help out at **Grandparent's Day**. We would like to invite grandparents to come and enjoy field day with their grandchildren. In appreciation of all they do, we will provide a snack between 11:00 AM and 12:30 PM. If you'd like to help out, please call the office. Thanks!

Financial News

As you all know, this past school year we switched to the FACTS Tuition Collection Program, and I'm happy to say that it has worked perfectly. We are saving time and money on administrative functions so we can spend our time on more important things, like caring for your students and their teachers. As promised, because of the savings, and other increased efficiencies, we have decided to keep next year's tuition rates at 2016-2017 levels. The average tuition rate in the Diocese for Elementary Schools is now \$5,952.00 per year, so it is clear to see that Blessed Sacrament remains the most affordable Catholic School in R.I.

HELP WANTED

2017-2018 School Year

Enthusiastic, caring, knowledgeable, and friendly volunteers needed for the following after-school clubs:

1. Cross-Country (Fall)
2. Volleyball (Spring)
3. Robotics Club
4. Cheerleading
5. Math Club

Upcoming Events

June 1st-2nd- Grade 8 Final Exams

June 5th-9th- Grades 6 & 7 Final Exams

June 10th- Grade 8 Graduation Mass at 4:00 PM. Students arrive by 3:30PM.

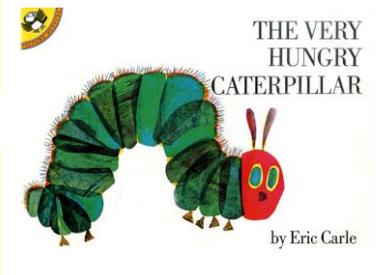
June 12th- Grades 2 & 3 Field Trip to Roger Williams Zoo.

June 14th- Field Day & Grandparents' Day. 9:45AM- 1:00 PM. **Pre-K 3 Graduation- 10:30AM.**

June 15th- Pre-K 4 Graduation-10:00AM. Kindergarten Graduation at 1:00PM

June 16th-Last day of School- 11:AM dismissal. No After School Care

Pre-Kindergarten News



It's hard to believe this school year is almost over! We have had a lot of fun and learned a lot in **PK-4** this year! There was a lot of excitement last week as we released the butterflies that we had been observing. Check it out on the school's FB page! Looking ahead, we have a very busy couple of weeks planned. Our fifth grade buddies are planning a picnic for us on Friday, June 9th. Also, during June, we will review the skills we learned with fun summer time activities. Our year will culminate with our graduation ceremony on Thursday, June 15th at 10:00. The children have been practicing their songs and are looking forward to sharing them with you on that day. Have a wonderful summer!

I can't believe that this is the last newsletter for **prek-3** this school year. Time goes by so fast. I have seen so much growth in so many students. This June, our class will be focusing on a camping/summer theme. We will still be practicing skills related to fine motor and gross motor, like cutting, sorting colors using tweezers, and signing names when entering the classroom. In **math**, we will be reviewing number identifications, tracing numbers, and matching numbers to the correct picture that show the amounts. We will be reading many camping/summer books and doing projects. We will also be singing songs as we prepare for graduation. I hope that all of you have a very safe and happy summer!!

Kindergarten News

It's difficult to believe our year is coming to an end. I have truly enjoyed watching your children flourish! Thank you for all of your support! Please join us on June 15th at 1:00pm for the kindergarten graduation. This year, we have learned forty high frequency words, and are able to blend many, many more! Your child has also learned to count to 100 by 1's, 2's, 5's, and 10's. He or she can measure, identify shapes, add, subtract, and solve various **math** problems! Spiritually, we enjoyed stories from our Children's Bible, learning

that God made all living things, and practicing being followers of Jesus. We know how to make The Sign of The Cross, say The Lord's Prayer, and The Hail Mary too! This summer, please continue to **read**, practice **math skills**, and **pray**. As with any skill, the more you practice, the easier it becomes. God Bless You, and have a happy and safe summer!

First Grade News

I want to thank the children for their outstanding **reading**, participation and uplifting singing at our Ascension Mass last week. Thank you to all the families who were able to take time to share this celebration with us and the whole school. If you would like a full length video of the song the children sang during rehearsal for the Mass, *Peace*, I would be happy to email it or send it to your phone. If you can arrange time for this upcoming Thursday, we have a real treat for the class. We will be having a "**hands-on**" **Fiber Demonstration at 1 PM**. This workshop, presented by Beth Fitzpatrick, a local fiber artist, will teach us how to prepare newly harvested wool, which is then turned into yarn to be knitted, crocheted, or woven. Everyone is welcome!

We are working on the last two topics in **math**, geometry and fractions. We are also incorporating graphing while continuing to add and subtract double digits, with and without regrouping. For **reading** we will complete our last unit. These stories focus on teaching empathy, creative thinking and problem solving. We are testing the children individually for their Guided Reading Levels, which will be on their final report card.

Mrs. Cole and I are so very proud of the progress the children have made this year. They have come such a long way with their **reading**, **writing** and **math** skills. They are a truly fine group of children and have been a joy to teach.

Second Grade News

As we head into the last month of the school year, it is obvious the students are ready to soar and move on to Grade 3. We will finish up the year in **math** working on measurement and time. Our benchmark test will be on Topics 9-12. We are completing Unit 5 in **reading** and will prepare for our final unit test. The children are learning about sharing God's love with others in **religion** class. For **science**, the children will complete their plant observation booklets.

They are looking forward to their visit to Roger Williams Park Zoo on June 12th and a visit from Channel 12 meteorologist, Michelle Muscatello, on June 13th. Remember to visit www.pearsonsuccessnet.com in preparation for the **math** and **reading** finals. It has been a pleasure working with your children, and I will miss them. Thank you for your support during the school year. I would also like to thank Mrs. K. and Mrs. Lucas for volunteering in our classroom. They have been a tremendous help to me and the children. Have a great summer!

Third Grade News

"To maintain a joyful family requires much from both the parents and the children. Each member of the family has to become, in a special way, the servant of the others."

-Pope John Paul II

It's hard to believe that we are entering the month of June, and we will soon begin our summer vacation! However, there are still many activities going on in Grade 3! We are studying the different types of **prayers** and **writing** some of our own! We continue to learn more about RI in **social studies**, and life cycles in **science**. Our caterpillars made it through metamorphosis, and we set our beautiful butterflies free! Our bean plants are beginning to flower, and we should see some beans before vacation. We are wrapping up

our **math** unit on time, and I am very proud of the amazing job the third graders have done learning their multiplication and division facts! Grade 3 will partner with grade 2 in the month of June for a field trip to Roger Williams Park Zoo, where students will participate in an animal workshop. We are also very happy to welcome WPRI meteorologist, Michelle Muscatello to our classroom, where she will visit with second and third graders! Weather permitting, we hope to see the WPRI Weather Mobile in action!

Fourth Grade News

It's difficult to believe that June is here, but Grade 4 is working hard right up until the end! Last month, for the In-Class Novel Study, the students read *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* by CS Lewis, and then completed Lap Book Reports on their reading of this classic. (See photo) In **Math**, the students completed Topic 10- Developing Fluency: Dividing by 1 Digit Divisors. In **Religion**, the students continue to learn about the Ten Commandments,

concentrating on the Eight, Ninth and Tenth Commandments in particular. In **Social Studies**, the students are continuing to learn about The Southeast Region, and will be working on The Midwest Region. In **Science**, the students have started the Earth Science Unit. In this unit, the students will be learning where rocks come from, what is at the center of the Earth, why do earthquakes happen and what causes volcanoes to erupt! This year has proven to be a wonderful one of learning, faith and friendship. As much as I will miss each student, they are "Grade 5 Ready," and prepared to move onward. It has been my pleasure to work with your children this year. I hope all of our Blessed Sacrament School family has a wonderful summer!

Fifth Grade News

Summer is almost here, but the fifth graders will be working hard up until the last minute! During the last few weeks of school, the fifth graders will be **reading** *Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson. It's a wonderful story about two fifth graders who have an unlikely friendship and discover the power of imagination. Lastly, we will be studying and practicing for final exams! Make sure you're studying every night!

FACTS

Dear Parents,

Don't forget to check in with your FACTS agreement for next year. FACTS will automatically roll over this year's settings to the 2017-2018 school year, so if you want to make any changes, now is the time to do it. We will begin to finalize agreements in early July. Please feel free to call the office with any questions.

—Mr. Weber



The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe 4th grade project

Uniform Swap: June 1st thru the 15th

Middle School Literature

6th grade is finishing up "*Freak the Mighty.*"

7th grade is finishing up "*The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn.*"

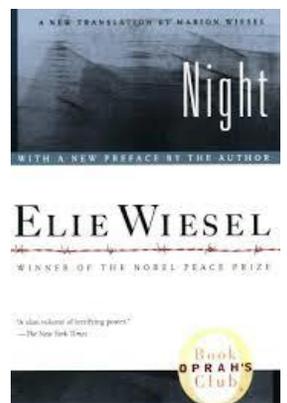
8th grade is completing a diorama project for the book "*Night.*"

Middle School Math with Mrs. Rico

Grade 8: Final exam will cover Geometry. Students have studied angles and classification of triangles.

Grade 7 is also studying Geometry. They have learned how to measure angles. Find the compliment and supplement of adjacent angles, and finding angle measures of interior angles of a triangle.

Grade 6 has been learning how to add and subtract fractions with like, and unlike denominators. We will finish with multiplication and division of fractions.



Middle School Spanish

GRADE 6: The final exam is on June 6th. It will be on conjugating "ar" verbs, and conjugating the verb "ir."

GRADE 7: The final exam is on June 7th. It will be on conjugating "ar" and "er" verbs.

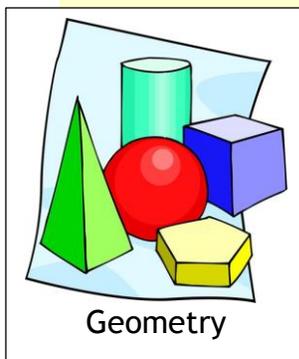
GRADE 8: The final exam is on June 2nd. It will be on conjugating "ar" and "er" verbs.

Middle School Skills

Grade 8 is working hard on a project in **Skills** and **Social Studies** for their final exam. The project focuses on the **Holocaust** and the factors that lead up to the rise of Nazism. The project is being done in conjunction with Mrs. Antone's **Literature** class in which Grade 8 just finished "*Night*" by Elie Wiesel.

Grade 7 is working hard on polishing their vocabulary skills. Grade 7 is ramping up for a strong finish to the year.

Grade 6 is also working hard on their vocabulary.



Geometry

Grade 5-8 Religion

The last meeting of the Christian Service Club is June 6th.

Grade 5: The final exam is on June 6th. It will be chapter 18.

GRADE 6: The final exam is on June 6th. It will be the Unit 3 test.

GRADE 7: The final exam is on June 7th. It will be the chapter 22 test.

GRADE 8: The final exam was on May 30th. It was the Unit 3 test



Students of the Month-June

Middle School Mathematics

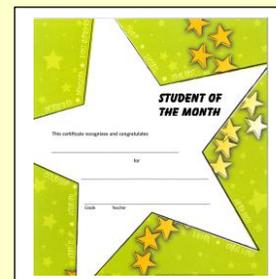
Grade 8 : Students in grade 8 **Algebra** will be reviewing for the exam and have received cumulative review pages. These pages are being completed in class and as homework. The exam is on Wednesday, May 31st. Following the exam, students will continue with Chapter 7 – Exponents.

Grade 7: Students have begun reviewing for the exam and have received cumulative review pages, which we will use in class, and as homework. Following the exam on Thursday, June 8th, students will work on solving equations in Chapter 8.

Grade 6: The 6th graders have received cumulative review pages in anticipation of their exam on Thursday, June 8th. We will use these in class and as homework. Following the exam, we will be studying integers in Chapter 11.

- Pre-K3- Kaylisenny Rodriguez
- Pre-K4-Arabelle Garcia
- Kindergarten-Benjamin Garcia Rafael
- 1st Grade-Yarelis Lluveres
- 2nd Grade-Kaylee Smith
- 3rd Grade- Deryan Gonzalez
- 4th Grade-Yvonne Hernandez
- 5th Grade- Jayla Smith
- 6th Grade-Belen Sarahi-Castro
- 7th Grade-Ramon Guzman
- 8th Grade-Sarah Ortes

Keep up the Good Work!



Middle School Science

Grade 6: Preparing for the final exam. It will be open binder.

Grade 7: Preparing for the final exam. It will be open binder.

Grade 8: 8th grade took their final today.

Middle School Social Studies

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Grade 7: Students are working on the origins of the American Revolution and the impact that British policies from this period had on our nation's founders.

Grade 6 just finished their chapter on Ancient Greece and will be finishing the year learning about Ancient Rome. It will be quite interesting for them to see the impact these cultures had on Western Civilization.

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Music News

To parents of 7th and 8th grade students:

- Next week, June 4th, the students are to show 5 skills as their music final:
 - 1) Be able to name a note on the keyboard when they hear it.
 - 2) Be able to play a note when I name it.
 - 3) Be able to play a C chord, G chord, and F chord with your left hand, using fingers 5,3,1
 - 4) Be able to play the melody only of *Mary Had a Little Lamb* with your right hand in the C position
 - 5) Show understanding of how to use a chord chart to play.

This work does NOT have to have a keyboard to practice. I gave students the opportunity to take home a paper keyboard that is sized perfectly to a real piano. Just using your fingers on these and imagining the sound is a great way to practice. All pianists, including concert pianists, use this method of practice. If your child did not get a paper keyboard or has lost theirs, they may come to the music room on Thursday and get one. Thank you all for your cooperation. –Mrs. Wiles

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