

Blessed Sacrament School Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- June 10th- 4:00PM Grade 8 Graduation
- June 16th- Last Day of School: 11:30 AM Dismissal

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 Parents,
Everyone was happy to get back to work this past week after a relaxing Easter and Spring Break. The heavy rain postponed the 6th grade's egg-drop challenge, but the students were given some extra time to perfect their designs and are hopeful they can complete the project this Wednesday. Our teachers have also planned a middle school field trip to **Battleship Cove** on May 11th. The students will get a chance to experience firsthand, what it was like to spend time aboard a U.S Navy ship during World War II. This floating museum has special exhibits on fascinating topics like the Navajo Code Talkers, who somehow had the ability to decode Japanese communications, which provided the U.S. Navy a major advantage in planning the war in the Pacific. The students will also engage in a scavenger hunt aboard the ships and have a chance to experience the landing craft used on D-Day. It will be a great experience. It is truly inspirational how many great learning experiences our faculty provides at Blessed Sacrament School; the most affordable Catholic Elementary School in Providence. I would also like to acknowledge Sr. Lillian, Fr. Grondin and all the couples who were married at the **Matrimonio Colectivo** last weekend. Sr.

Lillian asked each couple to make their offering for the benefit of Blessed Sacrament School and it was a huge success. Everyone involved raised \$685.00 to benefit our school. Thank You!

To our Grade 8 Parents- We are moving closer to graduation, so students will have their graduation picture taken in the Church on May 24th. 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

Upcoming Events

May 3rd-Federal Hill Pizza Give Back Night: 6:00PM-8:30PM.

May 4th- First Communion Rehearsal: 3:30PM-4:30PM.

May 5th- Carnation Orders are due.

May 8th- Spring Picture Day: Sunday Best

May 9th-School Mass presented by 2nd grade-May Procession followed by 3rd quarter Honors Ceremony.

May 11th- Middle School Field Trip to Battleship Cove

May 19th- Progress Reports Go Home

May 22nd- School Lunch BBQ presented by Sodexo

May 23rd- Grade 8 Class Trip to High Meadow

May 25th- School Mass: Ascension Thursday presented by Grade 1.

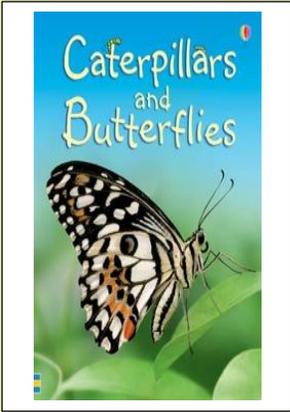
May 29th- Memorial Day: No School

PTO NEWS

The PTO held a meeting on April 25th. The following activities were discussed: We would like to **sell carnations for Mother's Day**. Order forms went home in last week's Friday Folders and orders will be due May 5th.

Grandparent's Day: It was also decided that we will invite grandparents to attend Field Day on June 14th. The PTO will provide refreshments and grandparents can enjoy a fun day with their students. We all thought this would be a great way to thank our student's grandparents, who provide so much support to many of our families. Please call the office if you'd like to help.

Pre-Kindergarten News



Plants will be our theme this month in the **PK-4** room. We will learn about how plants grow and the parts of plants through many fun experiments, including growing beans in bags, growing carrot tops, and observing how plants drink water using white carnations and food coloring. Many books about plants will be introduced, including *"Tops and Bottoms"* by Janet Stevens, in which a bear learns a lesson about the parts of a plant that can be eaten. We will also get to eat different plant parts! Yum! In **math**, we will be using fun activities and games to review the skills we have learned this year. We will continue to focus on letters, letter sounds and blending sounds to read simple words. The theme in **religion** this month will be "God's children can pray to God anywhere, anytime."

During the month of May, our **Prek-3** class will be learning about **life cycles**. We will discuss how we can tell if something is an insect or not by using a check list, parts of insects, why they are good for us, and where they live. In **math**, we will focus on knowing how to create an A/B pattern using crayons and other items, like Legos etc. Our class will practice counting how many items there are and finding the correct number that corresponds to it. In **writing**, the morning will consist of students writing their name 5 times. In **religion**, the students will review what we have talked about up until now and then move on to the next lesson about things they have seen in the church. We also will learn about John the Baptist and how he helped people. The students are practicing songs for graduation day.

Kindergarten News

Time flies when you're having fun! It is hard to believe our school year is almost over! During the month of May, we celebrate growing and learning as followers of Jesus. We have begun Unit 5 in **Reading Street**. Our theme is *"Going Places"*, and the children will learn about the many forms of transportation. The high frequency words for this unit are: blue, green, yellow, said, was, what, come, where.

Students will also learn the sounds for w, j, x, u, v, and y. Please check your child's Friday Folder for additional information. In **math**, we will continue with addition and subtraction. We will also learn about measurement. You can practice at home by examining items that are longer, shorter, and the same size as each other. Use string, paper clips, blocks, or other household items to compare size.

First Grade News

We have some great **SPRINGTIME** news in first grade. Our class is going to be planting pansies outside in the school yard garden. We will also be planting some seeds inside to transplant outside in a few weeks! It will be such a good **science** activity for the children. There is nothing better than hands-on learning.

Our class will also be hosting the Ascension Mass on Thursday, May 25th. The children will be doing the readings, bringing up the offertory gifts and singing during the mass. We hope you can make arrangements to join us. Mass begins at 9 AM across the street in the church.

The children have come so far with their **reading and writing**. It is such a pleasure to see so many children taking their chapter books to school and reading them during D.E.A.R. time, or when they finish their work. A good idea for your son or daughter is to find a series they really enjoy such as, *Frog and Toad*, *Henry and Mudge* or the *Magic Tree House*, which are all very popular and age appropriate books. Finally, I would like to thank everyone who supported our snack sale! We truly appreciate the time taken for baking, shopping, and spending time in the cafeteria at school. Our class snack sale was very successful. I have several things on my list to purchase for the children. Thank you and God Bless You!

Second Grade News

May is an exciting month for Second Grade. On Sunday, May 7th, some of the children will make their First Holy Communion. On Tuesday, May 9th, the students will participate in The May Procession, where they will crown and honor our Blessed Mother, Mary. The Mass is at 9:00 and we would love to have you join us. Throughout the month, we will continue to learn ways that we can follow Jesus. In doing so, the children become more responsible. **Responsibility** is our **reading** theme for Unit 5. The stories will help the children learn what it means to be a responsible citizen. Our final reading assessment will be on this unit. The children have successfully completed regrouping three-digit numbers in addition and subtraction. Way to go Grade 2! We will be working with **geometry** and **counting** money next.

These two concepts are always fun. The children will work with tangrams and practice making purchases using play money. The final **math** assessment will be on Topics 9-12. Be sure your child visits www.readingstreet.com and www.pearsonsuccessnet.com to prepare for the final reading and math tests. Community workers will be our theme in **social studies**, and during **science** the children will observe plant growth and create plant booklets. As you can see, we are quite busy in Grade 2. I am very proud of your children's spiritual, academic and social growth. As we approach the end of the school year, please continue to encourage your children to do their best, complete their homework and read nightly. Thank you for your continued support.

"Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all the others."-Cicero

Third Grade News

This past month, the third grade class did a wonderful job singing and reading at our monthly school mass. In **math** class, we will be learning more about two-dimensional shapes. May will be a very **scientific** month for third graders! We will be conducting several different ongoing experiments. Third graders will also be **writing and drawing** about the changes they observe in the bean seeds we planted, logging

their observations about a seed's sprouting, and viewing our onion, carrot, and radish seeds through our Rootvue Farm (which was purchased through the School Store fundraiser)! Hopefully, by June we will see some green beans! Sometime in May, our Painted Lady caterpillars will arrive, and we will also observe the life cycle of a butterfly. Each student is researching an animal that is native to RI in computer class. This will tie in to both our **science** and **social studies** classes.

Fourth Grade News

April showers bring May flowers and Grade 4 is in full bloom! Last month, for the **In-Class Novel Study**, the students read *The Chocolate Touch* by Patrick Skene Catling. Upon completion of the novel, each student created Pizza Box Report. This is a fun and creative way to report the setting, characters, problem, solution and overall summary in "pizza slices" inside their very own pizza box! This month, the students will be reading the classic *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis,

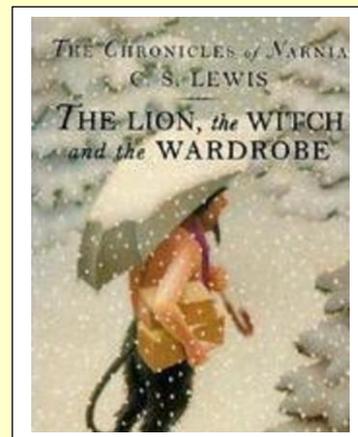
followed by another fun project to summarize their reading....Stay tuned! In **Math**, the students are beginning Topic 10-division of double and triple digit numbers. In **Religion**, the students will be learning about the Sixth and Seventh commandments. In **Social Studies**, the students just completed The Northeast Region Unit and will now begin The Southeast Region unit. They will be able to compare and contrast these areas of our country. In **Science**, the students are beginning the *Adaptation and Extinction* chapter. They will be learning how organisms adapt to survive, what threatens the survival of a species and what fossils tell about the past. If you have any questions/concerns, please contact me via email: kblessing@blessedschoolpvd.org

Fifth Grade News

April was a shower of fun! However, fifth grade is ready for the sun of May! Together, we have begun a **science** unit on ecosystems. Students will be exploring biomes, food chains, and food webs. Did you know our main source of energy is from the sun? Soon we will be outside creating our own food chains with chalk on the blacktop. In **social studies**, we are finishing a chapter on the New England Colonies and will soon begin learning about the Middle Colonies.

In **reading**, we just learned how **art** inspires others and will soon begin how **music** inspires others! We will be jamming out to some good tunes! Happy Spring!

"Once vigorous measures appear to be the only means left of bringing the Americans to a due submission to the mother country, the colonies will submit."- King George III



Middle School Literature

Grade 6 is reading *"Freak the Mighty"*

Grade 7 is reading *"Huckleberry Finn"*

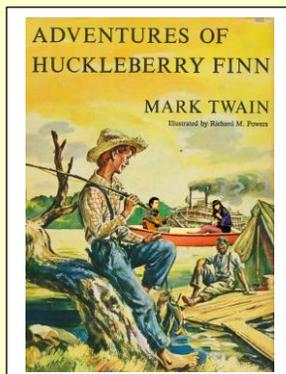
Grade 8 is reading *"Night"*

Middle School Science

Grade 6 just started Chapter 7 on *Volcanoes and Plate Tectonics*.

Grade 7 is finishing up with presentations on brochures for genetic disorders. They will begin Chapter 6 on *Natural Selection* next week.

Grade 8 just started Chapter 6 on *Observing Chemical Reactions*.



Middle School Spanish

GRADE 6: We are beginning the chapter on leisure activities. We will learn how to conjugate the verb, 'ir'.

GRADE 7: We will begin the month learning how to conjugate the verb, 'ser'. We will also learn possessive adjectives.

GRADE 8: We are continuing our review of Book 1. The conjugation of regular verbs is a struggle.

Grade 5-8 Religion

The **Christian Service Club** will meet on May 9th and 23rd.

GRADE 5: On May 2nd, the students will take the Chapter 15 test. We will continue our study of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The remaining chapters in this unit deal with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

GRADE 6: We are learning about the Israelites in exile. There are three chapters until the Unit 3 test.

GRADE 7: We are one chapter away from the Unit 3 test.

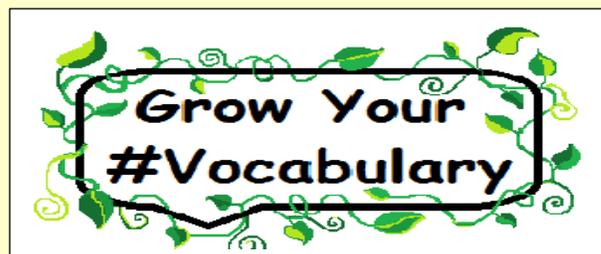
GRADE 8: We are finishing up the French Revolution and moving on to the Church in the New World. We are three chapters away from the Unit 3 test.

Middle School Skills

Grade 8: Just completed vocab test on Unit 9. Grade 8 will also get back to **writing** workshop soon.

Grade 7: Pending vocab test for Unit 8. Grade 7 will also get back to more **writing** as the quarter progresses.

Grade 6: is also working hard on their vocabulary skills and are in the middle of Unit 7.



Middle School Mathematics

Grade 8 Algebra: Students will finish working on Systems of Linear Equations (Chapter 6), including solving by graphing, substitution, and elimination/combination. We will begin Chapter 7 on Exponents and Exponential Functions. The tentative date for the Grade 8 Algebra exam is Wednesday, May 31st.

Grade 7 Pre-Algebra: Students will be reviewing operations with fractions, integers, order of operations, and exponents (Chapters 2 and 3). They will then begin working on Solving Equations (Chapter 4).

Grade 6 Math: Students will continue to study Ratio, Proportion, and Percent (Chapter 7), and move on to Integers (Chapter 11).



Students of the Month-May

Pre-K3: Destiney Leslie

Pre-K4: Theodore Weiner

Kindergarten: Amir Ahmed

1st Grade: Julianna Gonzalez

2nd Grade: Ariana Perdomo

3rd Grade: Tailee Ortiz

4th Grade: Marianna Kollie

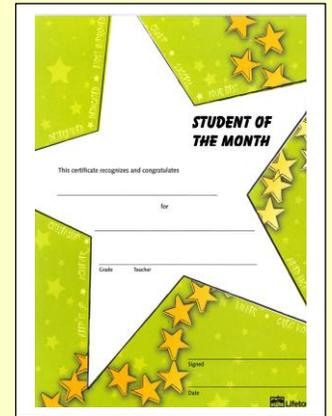
5th Grade: Marienny Vargas

6th Grade: Radley Dorcelus

7th Grade: Tessa Caporelli

8th Grade: Israel Pflieger

Congratulations to All!



Middle School Social Studies

Grade 8 Social Studies: Just completed a test on World War I and are now learning about the "roaring" 1920's before moving on to the Great Depression and WW II.

Grade 7 Social Studies: Learning about life in Colonial America as well as the foundations of our system of government. It ties in nicely with work done on "We the People" book earlier as well as lessons from the Age of Exploration.

Grade 6 Social Studies: is learning about Ancient Greece and all of that civilization's contributions to our modern lives, especially in the areas of medicine and philosophy.

Honor Roll-3rd Quarter

Grade 3: Honors- Esther Afolayan, Dominic Correia, Yvette Hughes, Charles Johnson. **High Honors-** Dominic Alarcon, Jaden Givens, Genesis Monzon, Tailee Ortiz, Jayden Ovalles, Edward Tavarez Jr., Samuel Weiner

Grade 4: Honors- Giada Achille, Achilles Asencio, Zarianne Dazulme, Ayana Guzman, Yvonne Hernandez, Daniel Mancebo, Brian Sanchez, Melanie Sanchez

Grade 5: Honors- Destiny Joa, Funmilayo Mclin, Melissa Sauret. **High Honors:** Arlisenny Rodriguez, Jayla Smith, Marienny Vargas.

Grade 6: Honors- Morgan Pace. **High Honors-** Talia Laflamme

Grade 7: Honors- Tessa Caporelli, Colin King, Jonathon Opferkuch, Yaiden Porcayo, Madeline Rodas, Valerie Taveras. **High Honors-** Arielle Emile, Ramon Guzman, Nataly Larios, Jezreel Polanco, Selena Stevquoah.

Grade 8: Honors- Luigi Cubellotti, Marcus Diaz, Dylan Lyons, Israel Pflieger. **High Honors-** Andrea Avila, Isabella Dominguez, Briana Fernandez, Joseph Grajales, Angie Navas, Sarah Ortes, Julissa Tenas.

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Fine Arts

Music: Our 4th and 5th grade will be singing "Ave Maria" for the Mass at 9:00 AM on May 9th. We would love to have parents come to see 2nd grade lead in this mass, sing their song about Mary, and worship as these students lead with their beautiful song sung in Latin. Our 7th and 8th grades are learning to play **piano!** Our focus is playing simple melodies and playing chords for lead sheet. Thanks to the Hughes family, the Lanoue family, the O'Brien, and the Wiles family for their donations of keyboards for this program! Come early for your child on Tuesdays and you can see the 7th grade class working.

Art: Two teams left standing as 6th grade artists vie for best designed enclosure for a **two story egg drop**. Students work in teams and these two have tied for best/safest design. Next phase, we drop them from church clock tower for faceoff. Parachutes have been attached to each entry. Congratulations student designers!



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