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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 Mr. Pariseau & Brother Roger continue to work with the school and church choirs. We are fortunate to have such dedicated people enriching our students' curriculum. Thank You!

Please be advised that we are fast approaching the end of the first quarter marking period. The quarter will end this Friday, November 2nd, and report cards will go home the following Friday, November 9th. The students have been getting daily reminders to check in with all of their teachers to make sure they are up-to-date with their assignments.

Please check Friday Folders: Every Friday, your student's teachers send home a Friday Folder for your review. This is a very important communication, which will help you keep track of everything going on in your child's classes. They may contain tests and quizzes, completed or upcoming assignments, and news of special events. If you have any questions about your

student's Friday folder, please feel free to contact your homeroom teacher! Thank you!

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 you need 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?**

Speaking of money for nothing, did you know we also participate in the General Mills' **Box Tops** program? Many General Mills' products carry the familiar Box Top for Education cutout, and for everyone we can collect, they donate \$0.10. It's a really simple way to have a major corporation share some of their profit with Blessed Sacrament School. So please start clipping, so we can pass them along to Mrs. Kachel, who works so hard to benefit our school. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

I wish you all a happy and healthy November and thank you for your continued support.

-Mr. Weber

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Dress Down Day-Grade 6: Friday, November 30, 2018 \$2.00
- ◆ Christmas Concert: Tuesday, December 11th-6:00PM.

PTO News:

A special Thank You to all the parents who helped with October's PTO sponsored events. The Meadow Farms fundraiser, and the October Bash were all very successful. In particular, the pie & cookie dough fundraiser raised over \$3,000.00 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.

-Mr. Weber

Lunch Program News

Sodexo is no longer printing lunch menus for schools they service. The lunch menu can now be accessed on our home page at <http://blessedschoolpvd.com>.

Upcoming Events

November 1, 2018-All Saints Day: School Mass at 9:00AM-All Welcome.

November 2, 2018- End of 1st Quarter.

November 9, 2018-Report Cards Go Home.

November 12, 2018-Veteran's Day observed-No School.

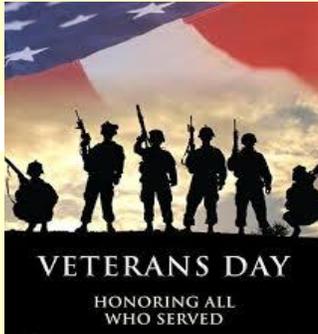
November 15, 2018-School Mass of Thanksgiving at 9:00AM-All Welcome.

November 19, 2018-Gourmet Pie Fundraiser: Pickup on the main floor. 1:00PM until 4:00PM.

November 21st thru 23rd 2018: Thanksgiving Recess-No School.

December 1, 2018-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.

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.

First Grade News

Academically, we continue to work very hard. We will continue with Unit 1 in our Reading Street Series. The boys and girls are learning all the different short vowel sounds. They also read and re-read leveled books every day. During this month, the children will begin topic 4 in **Math**, which focuses on different strategies to add and subtract numbers through 12. Here are some ways to help your child; review double facts, doubles plus one and the different ways to make ten. To get ready for Thanksgiving in our class, the children

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! In Religion, we are learning about the many gifts God has given us, and why we should be thankful.

will be doing a special **writing** activity and making a Thanksgiving project to share with their families. Here are a few reminders. The BOOK IT! Calendars are due every Friday because it is part of your child's reading homework grade. Healthy snacks such as fruits and veggies are important for first graders. Sugary snacks make it difficult for children to focus and do their best work. The children also need water bottles every day. We need to keep their brains and bodies hydrated.



Second Grade News

It was a pleasure speaking with you at Parent-Teacher Conferences. I am pleased with the children's progress. They are working hard and learning a lot. We have completed Theme 1 in **reading**. Our next theme is *Working Together*. The children will read about Abraham Lincoln and other stories that teach them how to form partnerships and work together. Place value to 100 and mental addition and subtraction are the topics for **math** this month.

The children enjoyed learning about spiders, bats, and the Life Cycle of a Pumpkin. They had a lot of fun creating their own monsters and writing about them. 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.

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

Third Grade News

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 "A Harvest of Similes" and write persuasive stories from a turkey's point of view in **language arts**.

Fourth Grade News

As the students became accustomed to our daily routines in Grade 4, I have been adding more components to our daily lessons and routines. We have started Unit 2 in **L.A.** The students are honing in on their **comprehension** skills, which are needed for the longer stories we will be reading. Also, I added a **writing** piece as well. Once a week the students will be writing about a topic. They will write a rough draft first, I will edit their work, then

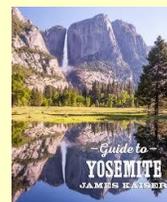
the students will turn in a final copy. In **Math**, we will start Unit 3 this week. This unit will focus on place value relationships and word problems. The students completed their first group projects in **Social Studies** by creating an informative poster about Yosemite Park. Next, we will be learning about our government and the important people that have shaped this country. In **Science**, we just finished the chapter on the Digestive System and we will move forward to the Circulatory and Respiratory System. As the holidays are soon approaching, we will learn about Jesus Christ: His birth, Life, Death, and Resurrection during the Liturgical year in **Religion**.

I would like to take this moment to say THANK YOU to all the families that have generously contributed to our Food Drive this month. Thank You!

Fifth Grade News

May God and all his angels and saints watch over you always! 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 solving multi-step problems integrating long division and multiplication. 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. How fascinating it is to read about how landforms and unique geography influence the communities. In **science**, we are focusing on biology concepts! Did you know that lactobacilli is actually a good bacteria found in dairy products! We are growing in our faith as we identify the seven sacraments and sing of the saints. What is on the horizon

for grade 5? **Literature** that explores the art of inventions and creations, **math** computations including division & multiplication with decimals, **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 held in our heavenly Father's loving care.



Yosemite Park

Middle School Social Studies

Grade 6: Students finished Chapter 6 Ancient Greece and have been working in Chapter 3 Ancient Egypt and Nubia. Students did a great job on their Pharaoh Project! Very creative! There have been quizzes and a chapter test that will be coming up. The Next Chapter, students will be working on is Ancient Rome, Chapter 7. Homework assignments are section review questions within the chapter, studying for quizzes and tests.

Grade 7: Students began working on Chapter 4, *Life in the Colonies*, where students will continue to learn more about how colonies developed into self-governments, different social classes, economic interests and how religion played a role. Each section's questions are homework, and each section will have a quiz then a chapter test at the end. Great job on your Colonial Life Brochures!

Grade 8: Students concluded the Civil War and have been learning about Reconstruction and the New South in Chapter 16. This chapter, they learned about the amendments, how disagreements arose in the new South and how Americans began to reunite. Next, students will be starting Chapter 18 *Industry and Urban Growth*. Each section within the chapter is homework, and students should also be studying for quizzes and upcoming tests.

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 the Renaissance and is presenting a project about what they have learned. We have been working steadily in Writers Workshop. The students will now read an historical fiction called *The Door in the Wall*, then some fairy tales from the time of King Arthur, and will then complete 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 the second novel in the Scott Westerfeld series *Leviathan* called *Behemoth* and there have been projects, presentations and vocabulary throughout. We will also continue to work diligently in Writer's Workshop, as well as give them practice tests to prepare them for the upcoming Catholic school test.

Middle School Skills

6th/7th/8th Skills:

Students have completed Units 3 & 4 in their workbooks! Students will be working on Unit 5 & 6. Homework goes as follows: 3x each in notebooks & on google classroom students complete sentences & a writing component for each Unit. Each class also works on a reading and writing component at the end of each Unit. They learn how to draw notes from a reading and answer questions.



Middle School Spanish

GRADE 6 has begun Chapter 1. The theme is Friendship. The vocabulary will be things friends do together and adjectives.

GRADE 7 has begun Chapter 4. The theme is Food. The vocabulary is all about food. We will conjugate 'ER' verbs.

GRADE 8 is reviewing Chapter 3. The theme is Leisure activities. We will conjugate the verb 'ESTAR.'

Middle School Math Class

Grade 8 Algebra: Grade 8 students are continuing to do a lot of review prior to the Catholic high school entrance exam on December 1st. Concurrently, we are working on integers, algebraic expressions, real numbers, and equations in Chapters 1 and 2.

Grade 8 Pre-Algebra: Grade 8 students are continuing to prepare for the Catholic high school placement test by reviewing various skills and concepts. We are also studying variables and expressions, order of operations, integers, and equations in Chapter 1.

Grade 7 Pre-Algebra: Grade 7 students are studying percent in Chapter 6. We will then review decimals and study integers in Chapter 1.

Grade 6: We are studying measures of central tendency – mean, median, mode, and range – as well as different types of graphs (Chapter 2). We will then work on patterns and variables in Chapter 3.

Students have homework most week nights. All students should have simple calculators for use in the classroom when needed. In addition, Khan Academy provides instructional videos and practice sets for all topics. Every student has an account and a mission. Please encourage your student to utilize this valuable resource.

Grade 6-8 Religion

GRADE 6 will be taking the Unit 1 test on November 8th. The theme of Unit 2 is *Building the Covenant Nation*.

GRADE 7 will be taking the Unit 1 test on November 8th. The theme of Unit 2 is *Who is Jesus?*

GRADE 8 will be taking the Unit 1 test on November 7th. The theme of Unit 2 is *Who are our ancestors in faith?*

Students of the Month-November

Pre-K3: Anderson Torres-Batista

Pre-K4: Santiago Batres

Kindergarten: Oyram Zobinou

1st Grade: Emmanuel Youn

2nd Grade: Rose Carter

3rd Grade: William Carter

4th Grade: Rayannah Flowers

5th Grade: Genesis Monzon

6th Grade: Melanie Sanchez

7th Grade: David Demelo

8th Grade: Anderson Ortega

Congratulations to All!



Middle School Science

Earth Science: In grade 6 Science, students enjoyed an Introduction to Matter and will be learning about Solids, Liquids, and Gases.

Life Science: In grade 7 Science, we are learning about Human Body Systems and how these systems interact with other systems to carry out all the necessary functions for an organism's growth and survival.

Physical Science: In grade 8 Science, we will be studying Forces and Motion. Students will be able to answer the question: How is the motion of an object affected by forces that act on it?

Fine Arts

Music: Our Christmas Concert will be held in the Church on Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2018 @ 6:30PM.

Music: In music we are still working towards our Christmas show, "*Christmas Through the Eyes of a Child*" which will be held on Tuesday, December 11th at 6:30 pm in Blessed Sacrament Church!

Choraliers: The Choraliers are working very hard on their music. We have been invited to perform in an "Evening of the Arts" concert on November 9th at Providence College, a very exciting opportunity.

Drama: Rehearsal for *The First Leon* are well under way and the show is right on, if not a little a head of schedule in terms of progress. Students are working very hard and we are very excited to share this with you. As of November 13th, rehearsal will move from the School to the performance space in the church.



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