

Blessed Sacrament School Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ March 24th-Silent Auction and Casino Night at the Imperial Room in Cranston.
- ◆ April 2nd- Professional Development-No School

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. Five students from the Blessed Sacrament Class of 2018 have been accepted to LaSalle, five students to Classical, six students to Saint Raphael Academy, and two 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.

Parents: If you haven't already done so, please pick up your 2018-2019 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!

To our Grade 8 Parents- We are moving closer to graduation, and students have been measured for their graduation gowns. Please be aware that all financial obligations must be up-to-date for students to participate in the class picture, class field trip and graduation exercises. Thank you for your cooperation.

God Bless,

Mr. Weber

Upcoming Events

March 9th -Third Qtr. Progress Reports Go Home

March 10th- Saint Patrick's Day Parade 11:30AM-Meet at St. Pius V School

March 11th-St. Joseph's & St. Patrick's Day Celebration Dinner in the Church Hall.

March 13th-School Mass prepared by grade 3. 9:00 AM-All Welcome.

March 14th- Middle School Field Trip to Sandra Bornstein Holocaust Remembrance Center. "Escape from Auschwitz."

March 23rd-Dress Down Day: Grade 2.

March 25th- Palm Sunday

March 29th- Grade 4: Living Biography Museum-1:40PM.

March 30th- Good Friday- No School



Pre-Kindergarten News



As we finish up our transportation unit, we will be focusing on St. Patrick's Day, Easter, Dr. Seuss, and the weather. In our weather unit the students will be learning about identifying specific clouds. **The Pre-K 3** students are doing much better at recognizing their **numbers and letters**. They are learning to take turns, zip their coats, follow directions, take care of their own property, and they know many more skills needed at this age. I am certain that they will continue to show growth.

The PK-4 room will begin March by celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday. We will read several of his books and do related activities. We will also be celebrating Easter with fun **literacy and math** activities using eggs, bunnies and chicks. In **Religion**, the children will learn Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Sunday. Our Easter activities will culminate with an Easter egg hunt outside in the playground.

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

We are continuing Unit 3 in **Reading Street**. The children are taking running records regularly now, which will help to increase their reading fluency and comprehension skills. We are also using the **Accelerated Reading** program and the children are eagerly reading books in class and taking quizzes on them. In **Math** this month the children are learning about place value in Topic 8. The 100 chart from the Home School Connection will be a good tool for you to save and use with your child. Counting dimes and pennies would also be an enriching activity your child will enjoy during this **math** focus of tens and ones. During **Religion** the children have been learning about being part of a Parish Community. This month the boys and girls will

be learning about the **Sacraments**, welcoming new members to the church community and as always, how to follow Jesus. One of the ways we do this is by making cards for nursing home residents. Another way to teach your little one how to care for others is to join our school wide collection for St. Mary's Home for Children. We have a box in our room for art supplies or hair accessories. Here is some news about the Star of the Week. We are having a second round for the Star Student, and this time the boys and girls are writing letters. I think they are doing a fabulous job with this writing activity and I'm very proud of them.

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. It is very important to take a look at how your children are doing in school. It is necessary for the students to meet with grade level expectations in **reading, writing, and math**. If they are not, I recommend extra help at home. 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*. The children will read about changes that can take place in their lives as well as on Earth. The students will learn about the life cycle of a frog and will research frogs during computer class. They are excited about receiving new reading books. They will work with vocabulary words now instead of sight words. All children benefit by being read to and reading independently 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. Next, we will work with place value to 1000. Memorizing **math** facts is vital to the success of mastering new concepts. [Visit www.pearsonsuccessnet.com](http://www.pearsonsuccessnet.com) to reinforce what is taught in school. The children just received their user names and passwords for this site. Most importantly, the children are learning about the season of **Lent**. They are trying to do a good deed each day and they will 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 6, 2018 at the 10:30 Mass. As always, please contact me with any questions or concerns you may have regarding your child.

*"Some people may have greatness thrust upon them. Very few have excellence thrust upon them. They achieve it. They do not achieve it unwittingly, by 'doing what comes naturally'; and they don't stumble into it in the course of amusing themselves. All excellence involves discipline and tenacity of purpose."
—John William Gardner*

Third Grade News

During the month of March, we will continue with our Family Life text, **Fully Alive**. We will focus on how each one of us is a child of God, we are all unique, and we all have our own special gifts! We will be attending the Stations of the Cross with the school, as well as participating in a "hands-on" Stations of the Cross with just our 3rd grade classmates. We are preparing the 9:00 AM school mass on March 13th. At the end of March, we will

be learning about the special days of Holy Week and the great feast of Easter! In **math**, we will be studying how division is related to multiplication. The 3rd graders are doing an excellent job with their speed drills in multiplication, and now we will continue with division drills. We have made great progress with our new **Accelerated Reading Program!** Many students are receiving certificates for achieving their reading goals!

Fourth Grade News

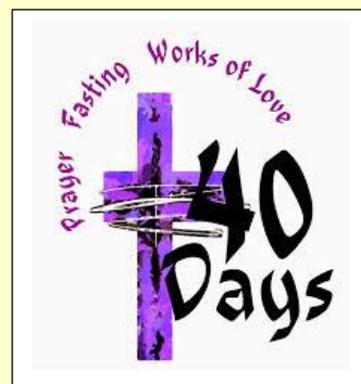
They say "March comes in like a lion and leaves like a lamb!" Grade 4 welcomes the month of March with a lot of activity and learning! This month, our **In-Class Novel Study** genre is **Biographies!** The students will be reading biographies of famous people in history. Once finished reading the biographies, the students will prepare written reports detailing the person whom they read. The students will then give speeches, in character costumes, which will be presented at

The Living Biography Museum. This will take place on Thursday, March 29th. Students and parents are invited to attend...stay tuned! In **Math**, the students have completed Topic 9, *Number Sense: Dividing by 1-Digit Divisors* and are moving on to Topic 10 *Developing Fluency: Dividing by 1-Digit Divisors*. 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 important details of the regions of our country. In **Science**, the students are completing the Life Science unit. We have a lot in store this month! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me via email: kblessing@blessedschoolpvd.org

Fifth Grade News

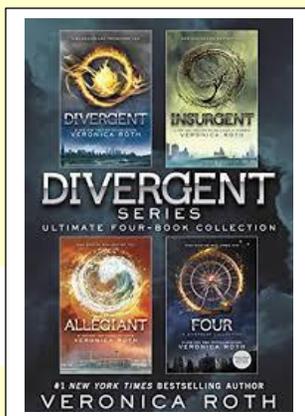
5th grade never stops learning! We are working hard as we **read** nonfiction passages and decompose different **mathematical** concepts. In **math**, we are working with operations involving decimals. Have your child calculate the grocery bill and apply coupons to practice using operations involving decimals. We are delving into **reading** as we identify inferences in literature. We have been reading **current events** about the olympic games. Did you know that the average olympic athlete consumes 12,000 calories in a day!

We are growing in our faith as we learn about what it means to be a disciple during the season of **lent**. What is on the horizon for grade 5? **Math** computations including geometry and fractions, **science** experiments and the use of technology in learning. Sounds exciting, doesn't it? We will accomplish all this and more while being in our heavenly Father's loving care.



Middle School Literature & Creative Writing

Middle School **English Language Arts** has continued working on various works of Literature and Writing Skills. **The 6th grade** finished reading the novel "*The Giver*", and has completed a power-point project where they created a Utopian community based upon the book that they will present to the class; after presentations end they will watch the movie. They are then going to read the remaining three books in the series. **The 7th and 8th grades** are both reading the novel "*Divergent*", and upon completing the book they will also work on a power-point project where they will create a Utopian community based upon the story, that they will then present to the class. Rehearsals for "*The Lion King*" are moving along well, and we are now practicing in the church basement. The students are impressing themselves, and all the adults involved with their acting, singing, dancing and comedic talents. The play will be performed May 11th and 12th at Bishop Hendricken, and the whole school will be involved, so please be on the lookout for upcoming information and flyers!



Middle School Spanish

GRADE 6: We are continuing in Chapter 2. We are going to conjugate AR verbs.

GRADE 7: We are beginning Chapter 5. The theme of this chapter is "*Family Ties.*"

GRADE 8: We are reviewing Book A. We will go over vocabulary and the conjugating of AR and ER verbs.

Middle School Religion

GRADES 6 through 8 will return to the regular religion book the first week of March.

GRADE 6: We will begin Unit 3. The major theme is, "*Redefining the Covenant People.*"

GRADE 7: We will begin Unit 3. The major theme is, "*Jesus Christ Alive in the Church Today.*"

GRADE 8: We will begin Unit 3. The major theme is, "*How Can the Church's Heritage Give Us Hope?*"

Middle School Skills

6th Gr. Skills - Students will be working on Unit 11 and 12 this month. Students are working in their workbooks and have homework assignments. (3x each, sentences, and a writing component) Each student has access to the Sadlier website for additional tools.

7th Gr. Skills - Students will be working on Unit 11 and 12 this month. Students are working in their workbooks and have homework assignments. (3x each, sentences, and a writing component) Each student has access to the Sadlier website for additional tools.

8th Gr. Skills - Students will be working on Unit 11 and 12 this month. Students are working in their workbooks and have homework assignments. (3x each, sentences, and a writing component) Each student has access to the Sadlier website for additional tools.

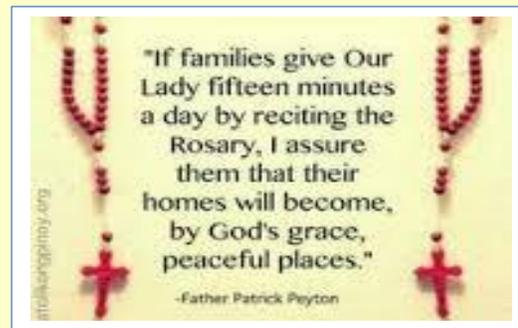
Middle School Mathematics

March 14th (3/14) is Pi Day. All middle school classes will be working on circle activities that week in celebration of Pi Day!!!!!!

Grade 8 Algebra: Students will spend some time reviewing proportion, similarity, and percent. We will then tackle 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 working on Chapter 8 including area and perimeter, circumference, the Pythagorean Theorem, and three-dimensional figures.

Grade 6 Math: Students will be studying Chapter 9: Geometry and Measurement. This includes perimeter and area.



Middle School Social Studies

6th Gr SS: - This month students will be working on Chapter 5, *Ancient China*.

7th Gr SS: - This month students will be working on Chapter 5, *The Road to Revolution*.

8th Gr SS: - Students will be presenting the immigration project to the class; this allows students to explain the process many immigrants faced who came to Ellis Island and what they faced living in America with culture change. Students will also be bringing in a traditional food dish from the culture they chose.

All Middle School students will be working with law students from Roger William University, who will be teaching students "Street Law" once a week from March until April. Students will have a better understanding of the laws and rules in the state of RI.

Students of the Month-March

Pre-K3: Daniel Afolayan

Pre-K4: Maia Porcayo

Kindergarten: Djusley Sainterlien

1st Grade: Idunuoluwa Akanji

2nd Grade: Jill Banka

3rd Grade: Herley Fils

4th Grade: Dominic Alarcon

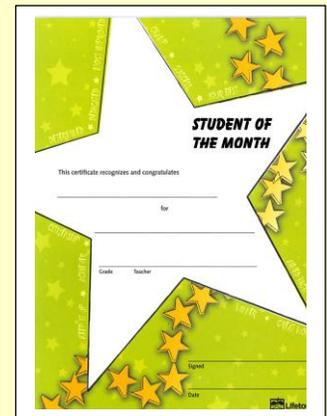
5th Grade: Brian Sanchez

6th Grade: Emily Izazaga

7th Grade: Justin Castillo

8th Grade: Marvens Maxan

Keep up the good work!



Middle School Science

Hello from the Science Room! The month of March will be busy and productive.

Grade 6: The students have a great opportunity to work with some Providence College student teachers. Lindsey and Caroline, the PC students, visit our class every Wednesday at 1:30. They have designed and created lesson plans that collaborate with what we are learning currently in class. The next few weeks we will be exploring the fascinating world of **volcanoes and earthquakes!**

Grade 7: How many traits did you inherit from your parents? We will be learning about **genetics, heredity, genes and human genetic disorders**. We will be making a chart, called **The Punnett Square**, to determine which trait or gene came from mom and which ones came from dad. Stay tuned!

Grade 8: We are continuing to explore the many elements of the **Periodic Table**. We are comparing and contrasting Metals and Non-Metals and the use of Metalloids. Once we finish the Periodic Table, we will be learning about Motion and Forces. Hoping the weather will continue to get warmer and warmer so we can get outside and perform experiments!

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Fine Arts

Music:

In **music**, we are doing some very exciting things! Kindergarten is beginning to prepare for graduation, Grades 1-4 are finishing up a wonderful unit on world and Olympic music. Grades 5 is going strong on recorders. Grades 6-7 are beginning to delve into classical music and how it compares to contemporary music. The **Choir** is prepping for Mass, and continually working on our Spring Concert, "We Sing of America." Keep an eye out for a date! - Mr. Pariseau

Drama: Rehearsals are under way for our Production of Disney's "The Lion King Jr!"
Our production will be on May 11th and 12th.

Art:

Art: Art classes have been busy creating works concentrating on Ireland and Italy. Their work will be displayed on March 11th, at the Parish's Annual St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's dinner in the Church Hall. Hope to see you there.

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