

# Blessed Sacrament School Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ May 6<sup>th</sup>: First Communion-10:30AM Mass in the Church.
- ◆ May 29<sup>th</sup>: Grade 8 Final Exams Begin

## 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:

Everyone was happy to get back to work this past week after a relaxing Spring Break. The teachers are very busy planning their lessons and preparing for our many extra-curricular activities. Ms. Hart, our art teacher, has begun a new club with the goal of helping the theater department get ready for this month's performance of *The Lion King*. Ms. Hart donates so much of her own time to enrich our students' artistic endeavors, and for the next three weeks she will be directing her students on set design. It will be very interesting to see what they come up with. Speaking of donating a good deal of personal time, Ms. DeMarco, our Middle School Literature teacher and Theatre Director, has been conducting rehearsals four days a week after school. She has also obtained a number of donated costumes and set pieces, so it's looking like it will be a great performance. "Thank you for all you're doing Ms. DeMarco!" The play will be performed on May 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> at Bishop



**To our Grade 8 Parents-** We are moving closer to graduation, so students will have their graduation picture taken in the Church on May 7<sup>th</sup>, and the class trip to High Meadow is on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Please be aware that all financial obligations must be up-to-date for students to participate in graduation activities. Thank you for your cooperation.

Hendricken High School. **Performances will begin at 6:00PM and students in the troupe should be at Bishop Hendricken by 5:00PM.**

Hope to see you there!

Please don't forget about our **Box Tops** program. Many General Mills' products carry the familiar Box Top for Education cutout, and for every one 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, and we will pass them along to Mrs. Kachel, who works so hard to benefit our school. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

God Bless,

*Mr. Weber*

## Upcoming Events

May 2<sup>nd</sup> - First Communion Rehearsal: 3:30PM-4:30PM in the Church

May 3<sup>rd</sup> - Spring Picture Day- Dress Up and order must be placed.

May 10<sup>th</sup> - Ascension Thursday/May Procession School Mass: 9:00 AM in the Church. All are welcome.

May 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> - Blessed Sacrament School presents *The Lion King* at Bishop Hendricken H.S. 6:00PM.

May 18<sup>th</sup> - Dress Down Day sponsored by Kindergarten.

May 18<sup>th</sup> - Casino Royale and Silent Auction. Dinner & Dancing in the Church Hall. Tickets must be ordered by May 11<sup>th</sup>.

May 24<sup>th</sup> - Blessed Sacrament School Choir Performance. 1:00 PM in the Church-Parents Welcome.

May 25<sup>th</sup> - Nerf Battle Fundraiser-Grades K-3: 7-8:30 PM.

May 28<sup>th</sup> - Memorial Day: No School



Preschool Science

This month in PK-4 we will be learning about plants through many fun experiments, including growing beans in a jar and observing how plants drink water by putting white carnations in colored water. We will also be learning about insects. The children are very excited about the arrival of our caterpillars. It will

be a lot of fun to observe the caterpillars as they grow, spin chrysalises and then emerge as beautiful butterflies. The butterflies will be released in our playground. We will continue to review the **literacy** and **math** skills the children have acquired this year as we prepare for Kindergarten.

## Pre-Kindergarten News

## 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, subtraction and decomposing numbers 11 to 19. 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. Our exciting **science** experiment this month will be to make a papier mâché volcano and having it erupt! The children have been waiting for this since the winter!

## First Grade News

May is the month we honor our Blessed Mother Mary. Our class has written letters to her, which are on display near the office. We hope you enjoy reading them. Their **writing** skills have really blossomed since September. The children are eagerly reading several books every day. Between our **Reading Street** stories and the **Accelerated Reading** program, the boys and girls are making lots of progress as readers. Many of the children are reading series of chapter books. It is a pleasure to see them so excited about reading and I am very proud of their efforts and success.

**Math** is another area the children are doing quite well with. We have already added double digits and are now subtracting double digits. We will also be working with measuring and telling time this month. Singing is another part of our day in first grade. I hope you have seen the children singing to Mrs. Fioravanti on Secretary's Day. If not check it out on our school Facebook page.

## Second Grade News

May is an exciting month for second grade. On Sunday, May 6th, some of the children will make their First Holy Communion. On Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, the second graders will prepare Ascension Thursday Mass and will participate in the May Procession. 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.pearsonsuccessnet.com](http://www.pearsonsuccessnet.com) to prepare for the final reading test. We will learn about community workers for **social studies** and observe plant growth and create plant booklets in **science**. 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.

## Third Grade News

*"Success is not final,  
failure is not fatal: it is  
the courage to  
continue that counts."  
- Winston Churchill*

During the month of May, we will be comparing fractions and learning more about two-dimensional shapes in **math** class. 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, and logging their observations about the changes that occur in a seed as it sprouts! 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** life cycle unit and our study of Rhode Island in **social studies** class.

## Fourth Grade News

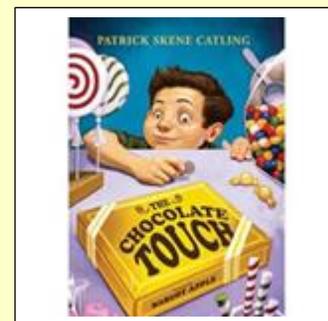
April showers bring May flowers and Grade 4 is in full bloom! Last month, for the In-Class Novel Study, the students read *The Chocolate Touch* by Patrick Skene Catling. Upon completion of the novel, each student created a Pizza Box Report. This is a fun and creative way to report the setting, characters, 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 12: Adding and Subtracting Fractions and Mixed Numbers with Like Denominators. In **Religion**, the students will be learning about the Sixth and Seventh commandments. In **Social Studies**, the students just completed The Southeast Region Unit and will now begin The Midwest 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.

## Fifth Grade News

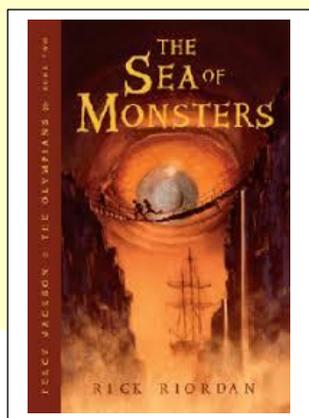
Hail Mary! May is a month where we draw closer to the Blessed Mother in prayer and in deed. 5th grade is working hard as we become strong thinkers! We are exploring many different text types and calculating complex **mathematical** problems. In **math**, we are solving multi-step problems as we venture into learning about the order of operations. We are becoming strong **readers and writers** as we expand our vocabulary and learn greek and latin roots. In **science**, we are learning about ecosystems and composting.

Working with the worms in our compost has been exciting for the students. As we pray for those about to receive the Blessed Sacrament, we are continuing to learn about the seven sacraments of the Church. Please know that you are in our prayers! What is on the horizon for grade 5? **Math** computations involving **geometry**, **science** experiments, a retreat with other fifth graders and our spring musical. 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** is working diligently during the last few months of the school year. **The 6th grade** finished reading the novel "Gathering Blue", the second in "The Giver" series, and has begun the third book in the series. They are enjoying seeing connections between the books and are starting to piece together their initial question, "What happened to Jonah and Gabe?" which was the reason that we decided to read the series. **The 7th and 8th grade** utopian projects were a great success and will be displayed in the classroom. **The 7th grade** is now going to move on to a fantasy book from the Percy Jackson series, *The Sea of Monsters*. **The 8th grade** is gearing up for graduation, so their two last projects for me will follow a high school assignment format. They will read a book of their choice and will write a book report based upon the story. Then they are doing a Research Project of their choice where they will write a report and then present to their classes.



Lion King Jr. at  
Bishop Hendricken  
H.S. May 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>  
at 6:00 PM.

## Middle School Spanish

**GRADE 6:** We are conjugating 'AR' verbs, recognizing pronouns and we will conjugate the verb 'IR'.

**GRADE 7:** We are learning how to conjugate some irregular verbs and the use of possessive adjectives.

**GRADE 8:** We are still reviewing. We are now on the vocabulary in Chapter 3. We are also doing some audio activities that go with the chapters.

## Middle School Religion

**GRADE 6:** There are three more chapters until the Unit 3 test. The theme for Unit 4 is: *The Covenant Fulfilled in Jesus*.

**GRADE 7:** We are continuing our study of the sacraments. The next chapter is on Matrimony and Holy Orders. The Unit 3 test will be in two weeks.

**GRADE 8:** We will take the Unit 3 test in the first week of May. The theme for Unit 4 is: *What Does It Mean To Be Catholic?*

## Middle School Skills

**6th Gr.** - Students are currently in Unit 13. Students will be completing Unit 13 and Unit 14. Homework assignments are 3x each, sentences and a writing assignment. In the classroom, students are working in the Sadlier workbook and students have access at home for extra study material.

**7th Gr.** - Students are currently in Unit 13. Students will be completing Unit 13 and Unit 14. Homework assignments are 3x each, sentences and a writing assignment. In the classroom, students are working in the Sadlier workbook and students have access at home for extra study materials.

**8th Gr.** - Students are currently in Unit 13. Students will be completing Unit 13 and Unit 14. Homework assignments are 3x each, sentences and a writing assignment. In the classroom, students are working in the Sadlier workbook and students have access at home for extra study materials. Students will also be working on their career packet during exam week..

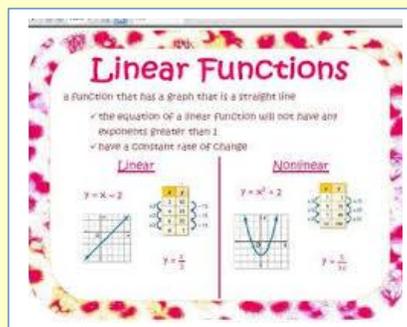
## Middle School Mathematics

**Grade 8 Algebra:** Eighth graders will be taking their final exams beginning on May 29<sup>th</sup>. With that in mind, students will be finishing up Linear Functions (Chapter 5) and will then be studying Systems of Equations in Chapter 6.

**Grade 8 Pre-Algebra:** Eighth graders will be taking their final exams beginning on May 29<sup>th</sup>. Students will continue with Equations and Inequalities in Chapter 6 and will then study Functions in Chapter 11.

**Grade 7:** Students will continue working in Chapter 4 - Equations and Inequalities. We will then study Ratios, Rates, and Proportions in Chapter 5.

**Grade 6:** Students will continue with Chapter 7: Rates, Proportion, and Percent. Students will begin studying Integers in Chapter 11.



### Students of the Month-May

## Middle School Social Studies

**6th Grade:** - Students have begun Chapter 6 - Ancient Greece. Students will be learning about early Greek civilization, religion, philosophy, arts, culture and daily life in Athens. RWU law students are continuing to come in and teach students "Street Law."

**7th Grade:** - Students have begun Chapter 6 - The American Revolution. Students will be learning about the Declaration of Independence, a soldier's life, and the American Revolution.

**8th Grade:** - Students have begun Chapter 21 - World War I. Students will be learning about the road to war, war efforts, Americans at war and shaping peace. Students will also be preparing for their final exam at the end of the month.

Pre-K3: Charles Weber  
 Pre-K4: Elise Garcia  
 Kindergarten: Diego Garcia  
 1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Elisha Johnny  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Dante Marsello  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Ariana Perdomo  
 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Jaden Givens  
 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Autumn Andrade  
 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Bianca Bautista  
 7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Yaily Camacho  
 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Colin King

**Keep up the good work!**



## Middle School Science

**Grade 6 Science:** It's 3D project time! The students had a great mini lesson from the Providence College student teachers, therefore, the class is building, designing and creating their own volcanoes! The due date for the 3D project is May 25<sup>th</sup>. The students will have the opportunity to "activate" their volcano outside and perhaps have the other students observe their volcanic eruptions! Stay tuned for more details via backpack/Friday folders.

**Grade 7 Science:** The students will find out why it is so important to wash their hands. We are learning and discovering all about bacteria and germs? Which do you think has more germs: Their desk at school? Kitchen counter tops? Their backpacks? Find out soon when we collect and analyze all the data.

**Grade 8 Science:** Motion, gravity and forces are up next in science class for grade 8. These chapters will give us the opportunity to get outside and do some experimenting. Skateboards, marbles, softball and a yardstick will be our science tools for the next month. I have some fun experiments in store for the end of the year for grade 8 !!

## Honor Roll-3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr. Grades 3, 4, & 5

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**Grade 4:** Dominic Alarcon, Edward Tavarez Jr., & Samuel Weiner.

**Grade 5:** Giada Achille, Autumn Andrade, Zarianne Dazulme, Ayana Guzman, Yvonne Hernandez, Marianna Kollie, & Melanie Sanchez.

**Honors-Grade 3:** Rere Akanji, Kate DeLaCruz, James Dorival, Herley Fils, Cesar Martinez, Boluwatiwi Oyetibo, & Ariana Perdomo.

**Grade 4:** Jaden Givens, Genesis Monzon, & Jayden Ovalles.

**Grade 5:** Elvis Goins, Hayley Munroe, & Noah Walker.

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