

# Blessed Sacrament

Celebrating Eighty Years of Faith, Academics, & Service



## NEWSLETTER

## FEBRUARY 2012

### SCHOOL ENROLLMENT



Information for reapplying for admission for the 2012-2013 school year will be sent home to the oldest child in each family on **02/01/12**.

Financial aid information will also be included. If you have younger children who will be entering Kindergarten, Tiny Eagles, or Pre-K, please be sure to include them on the application. If you do not receive these forms please call Mrs. DW for assistance.

After in-house reapplication is completed, open enrollment will be held on Wednesday, February 29, 2012 for families on the waiting list and then the general public if there are any other openings available. It is extremely important for families to return their forms and application fee of \$50 on a timely basis.

Every family who returns their completed application by Monday, 02/27/12, will be eligible for a scholarship drawing. Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded. This drawing will take place at the March 15, 2012 PTA Meeting. Thank you so very much for your cooperation and assistance.

### DRUG QUIZ UPDATE

Students in the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade recently volunteered to take a written test after weeks of studying materials to qualify for their grade level Drug Quiz Team. The following students have qualified:

#### Grade 6

#### **"Drug Defenders"**

- (C) Anna Wojcik
- Dan Corbacio
- Mackenzie Natal
- Queen Williams
- \*Lauren Klee
- \*Natalie Russo
- Cacchione
- \*Nore'ja Williams

#### Grade 5

#### **"Tobacco Tacklers"**

- (C) Will Bianchi
- Jack Coughlin
- Molly Hoffman
- Dylan Millay
- \*Skyler Bertran
- \*Danny
- \*David Cifonelli

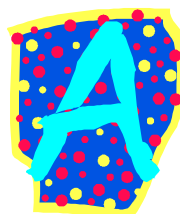
(C) = Captains \* = Alternates

The winning team will represent Blessed Sacrament School in the Diocesan Drug Quiz Playoffs in March.

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

We will be celebrating national Catholic Schools Week from Friday January 27, 2012 through February 3, 2012. This year's theme is "Catholic Schools...Faith, Academics, Service". Throughout the week a variety of activities are planned. All of our fundraising activities proceeds will be donated to "Heroes at Homes" which benefits military families. A brochure listing all of the activities was sent home with each student. Some highlights include the following:

- **Monday 1/30**...Movie and **\$1.00** Red, White, & Blue Dress-Down Day at 9:00 AM in the gym.
- **Tuesday 1/31**...Mid-Point Reading Assembly at 8:30a.m. in the gym.
- **Wednesday 2/1**... Open House and Expert Expo from 6- 7:30 PM. The PTA will be selling refreshments in the Eagles Cafe from 5:30 – 7 PM.
- **Thursday 2/2**...Job Swap at 1PM. **Job Swap Tickets will be sold beginning on 1/25/12. 25 cents each or 5 for a \$1.00.** All proceeds will go "Heroes at Home".
- **Friday 2/3**...VIP Mass and Reception at 9:00a.m each family is asked to invite their favorite VIP to attend Mass. Immediately following Mass, a reception will be held in the Eagles Café. The PTA will also be sponsoring Family Night Bingo at 7:00p.m. as our culminating activity.



### REPORT CARDS

Report cards will be distributed to all students in grades

Pre-K through 6th on Monday, February 6, 2012. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the report card, please feel free to contact your child's teacher for a conference.

## ***BITS AND PIECES***

- Don't forget to register for daycare during the February Break. Call Mrs. DW at 463-1261 if you would like your child/children to participate in this year's Mid-Winter Wonderland during the break.
- Please continue to save Campbell Soup product labels. We are hoping to save enough labels to purchase new software for the computer lab.
- Price Chopper Tools for Schools Program...to date we have accumulated 24,343 points to redeem for instructional materials. We have only one more month to boost our deposit total. Please help us out to reach our goal by shopping at Price Chopper with your advantage card. Our school code is 16674 if you haven't signed up to participate.
- The drop off/pick-up zone is **only for start of school morning drop off and 2:15 school dismissal pick-up**. It is not intended for After School Care pick-up, as you have to leave your car. It is a NO-PARKING zone. **When picking your child up from After School Care, you need to park your car in a PARKING SPACE in the parking lot.** Thank you for your cooperation with this safety matter.

## ***TYSON Project A+***



Turn Tyson products into big bucks for Blessed Sacrament School. Participating schools can earn up to \$12,000 per academic year, and there are no restrictions on how the funds are used. The program is called Tyson Project A+™. Look for the Tyson Project A+™ label, worth 24¢ on various Tyson products that feature the Tyson Project A+ logo on the front of the package. Schools earn money for Tyson by collecting and redeeming the labels.

## ***LENT***

Lent offer us a chance for transformation - a time to radically open ourselves to the power of God. During the season of Lent, we have the chance to re-center our lives, to check and see if we are living according to God's will or simply following our own wants and desires. These holy days are our new year - here is the time for resolutions - ones that will be kept, not only during Lent but throughout our entire lives.

We have been given three ways of re-centering our lives - fasting, prayer and alms giving. *Fasting* means letting go of the unnecessary so as to better concentrate on the necessary. Perhaps we need not just to fast from food, but perhaps from buying things, perhaps from television or the Internet! Perhaps we need to fast from some of the things we have chosen to do that are less necessary than the basics: prayer, family, sleep, play, work, and friendship. What should we let go of that we "want" to do, so that the things we "need" to do get done? This is our chance to re-order our life so that our day-to-day existence reflects what we say is important. This is the time to see what activities we can cut back on, as individuals and families, so as to have more time for God, for each other and for service.

*Alms giving* is giving out of our riches to those who need enough just to live. And this giving isn't giving from our surplus, but giving until it "hurts" so others have enough clothing, food, shelter, education, work. We have been given so much - it's our privilege to share the riches. And alms giving is more than simply giving to those in need - it's also being responsible for their welfare. Alms giving is a lot more than reaching into our pockets for spare change. **Each family** will receive an **Operation Rice Bowl Bank** in which sacrificial offerings can be made for the missions. All banks should be returned to school by **Monday, April 2, 2012**.

*Prayer*, of course, is the center of every Christians' life - communal prayer and individual prayer. During Lent, we take extra time to pray, to sit in God's presence and be still. Here's our chance to deepen and strengthen our prayer life: Lent is also a time to experience new communal prayer experiences which will deepen our relationship with God and with one another, for as Christians we are a community of believers, not just one believer on our own.

The season of Lent is a wonderful time for families to reflect on their relationship with God. Before the season begins, it would be ideal for family members to

talk about actions they wish to undertake, both individually and as a family, to strengthen their relationship with God. It certainly is not too early to begin thinking about your Lenten journey. **Ash Wednesday is February 22, 2012.**