

Blessed Sacrament



~ Celebrating Eight Years of Faith, Academics & Service ~

NEWSLETTER

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Happy New Year... Time For New Beginnings

"This is a time for reflection as well as celebration.

As you look back on the past year and all that has taken place in your life,

Remember each experience for the good that has come of it and for the knowledge you have gained.

Remember the efforts you have made and the goals you have reached.

Remember the love you have shared and the happiness you have brought.

Remember the laughter, the joy, the hard work, and the tears.

And as you reflect on the past year, also be thinking of the new one to come.

Because most importantly, this is a time of new beginnings and the celebration of life."

(Taylor Addison, Blue Mountain Arts, 1989)

As we begin another year, it is our hope and prayer that Christ will be the center of our lives. May He send forth His choicest blessings to you and your family throughout this coming year.

We look forward to working with you in preparing your child/children to meet the challenges of the future. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.



Mid-Winter Wonderland 2012

We will again be sponsoring a Mid-Winter Wonderland during the winter break, **February 20th through 24th.**

This program will run from 7:30 AM until 5:30 PM Monday through Friday here at Blessed Sacrament School. The purpose of the program is to provide the children with an opportunity to enrich their lives through learning, sharing, caring, and, of course, enjoying this vacation time. **Registration for the "Winter Wonderland 2012" will be limited. Registrations will be taken only through the main office by Mrs. DW at 463-1261.**

The cost will be:

<u>Full Week Rates</u>		<u>Daily Rates</u>	
1 ST CHILD	\$110	1 ST CHILD	\$30
2 ND CHILD	\$90	2 ND CHILD	\$25
3 RD CHILD	\$75	3 RD CHILD	\$20

P.T.A. News

The bimonthly Parent Teacher Association Meeting will be held, **Thursday, January 19, 2012**, at 7:00 PM in the lower Parish Center. Child-care and refreshments will be available.

The Holiday Auction, Breakfast with Santa, Book Fair, and Santa's Secret Shop were all very successful events due to the many volunteers who helped and the organization of the chairpersons. Thank you everyone for your continued support of P.T.A. events and fundraisers.

Catholic Schools Light the Way Dinner Dance

The fifth annual Diocese of Syracuse Catholic Schools Light the Way Dinner will take place on Friday, January 27, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at the Oncenter Complex. Tickets are \$125 per person. Reservation forms are available in the main office. All proceeds from this dinner support scholarships to all of our schools. The dinner this year will be honoring Rev. Charles Vavonese for his years of service to the Catholic Schools Office and LeMoyne College for the partnership forged between the college and our Catholic schools over the past several years.

A special raffle for 4 tickets to a Notre Dame 2012 Home Football Game on Saturday, October 20th, 2012 vs. BYU and \$500 cash are also being sold for \$20 each. To purchase tickets, call Pat at (832) 244-9176 or e-mail Kerry at cbendall@twcny.rr.com by Friday, January 19th. Tickets will also be available at the dinner. Winner need not be present.

Thank You



We would like to sincerely thank everyone who donated warm hats, mittens, socks, and other items for our "Giving Tree". All of your thoughtful gifts were given to our Parish Outreach Ministry for distribution throughout the winter months.

Students felt good about having the opportunity to help others. Students said that this experience helped

them to realize the true meaning of Christmas. We are very proud of them and their efforts.

Bits & Pieces

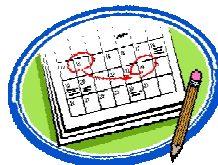
- Please continue to save the **Big G Box Tops**. Look for the "Big G Box Tops for Education" logo on the box tops; send in only the half with this logo. The Big G Box Tops for Education program ends on **March 1, 2012 for this school year**.
- Tag Day passes cannot be used when students attend Mass, when individual teachers advise students of a special field trip or event or during Catholic Schools Week.
- Please make sure your children are having a healthy breakfast before coming to school each day. Breakfast supplies fuel to the body and brain. Studies have shown that students perform better on their work and tests when they start the day off with a healthy and nutritional breakfast. Also please make sure your child/children have hats, scarves, and mittens to keep warm.
- Childcare tax statements for tax year 2011 will be printed during the week of January 2, 2012. All payments received by the end of the year will be included in the calculation of the tax statement. At mid-week, we will distribute statements for amounts \$75.00 or greater. The statements will be sent via the oldest child in school.
- Tax statements for regular Sunday offerings are created weekly upon request. Please contact the rectory (437-3394) for your tax statement.
- Katelyn Courcy (3B), Kennedy Gregory (3A), Lucas Brundin (3A) and Luke DeLorenzo (1A) recently were cast members of Syracuse Children's Theatre's production of **The Rockin' Tale of Snow White**.
- Just a reminder that **our dress code is listed on page 30 of the Parent-Student Handbook**. Many students are not following the school policy regarding uniforms. ***Please review the policy and be sure that your child is in compliance.***



Student Council Update

Student Council representatives have been meeting twice a month after school since October with Mrs. Corbishley and Miss Macomber to plan activities for the year. These student leaders recently were instrumental in assembling "goody" bags for the children whose families are clients of the Parish Outreach Pantry. They decorated and filled over 90 bags. Council members are also organizing a monthly popcorn sale with proceeds going to a scholarship in memory of Peter Fennessey.

Please Note



As a reminder we are sending home the monthly school calendar, lunch menu and newsletter to the oldest & only children. ***Please look for these with your oldest child only.***

In our effort to be environmentally friendly we are trying to both conserve the use and cost of so many copies. All this information will be on our website each month and you can access the website to see or make any additional copies at www.blessedsacramentschool.org.

News From the Health Office

Just a few health reminders:

- Please inform Mrs. DW or Mrs. Nicoletti when your child has been diagnosed with a communicable disease. Examples would be Strep, Chicken Pox, Fifth Disease, etc.
- Please send in a copy of your child's physical from their physician. Mandated grades for physicals are kindergarten, 2nd and 4th. If you have an appointment scheduled please let Mrs. Nicoletti know. In February, the district Nurse Practitioner will be called to set a time and date for her to come to Blessed Sacrament to complete physicals on the students who did not have them done. If you do not want your child to have a physical please let Mrs. Nicoletti know. If you have any questions please feel free to call her.

