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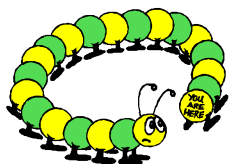
P. T. A. Holiday Auction



Mark your calendars now for November 18th. The P.T.A. is presenting the 14th annual Holiday Auction from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Join us for an evening of cocktails, fabulous desserts and the excitement of a live auction, all for a worthy cause! Do your Christmas shopping early. Cash, checks, and credit cards will be accepted. Admission fee is \$15.00 for advance sale and \$20 per person at the door.

Thanks to the generous support of many, our previous auctions have raised over \$300,000. Please show your support and join us for an **adult only** evening of good cheer and great shopping.

"Buggy for Books"



Yes, it is really true. Your child is not telling a fib. Mrs. Polcaro really did promise that she would let the students decide what she would have to do this year if the students read a total of \$25,000 books. Mrs. Polcaro wants everyone to be "buggy" over books this year. Keep those suggestions coming...

Students are given a special incentive that is displayed in the school hallways whenever they read ten books. The classes that have the highest percentage of students participating will have a week of free tag days. We hope that you all are ready to read, read, and read more because the more you read the smarter you will be!

Thanksgiving Food Drive



All students are asked to please bring in canned goods, non-perishable food items, and/or paper products for our parish pantry during the month of November. **Each class will present their gifts at our Thanksgiving Liturgy, November 22, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.** Sixth graders from Mrs. Corbishley's class are preparing this special Mass. As always, all parents and families are invited and encouraged to join us at the children's Eucharistic Celebrations, which are planned each month throughout the school year.

Rock-A-thon Huge Success



We would like to thank all of the students and their families who participated in this year's Rock-A-Thon. This event was so much fun due to all of our volunteers who helped with set-up, cooking, and cleaning up. The gym was really rocking as students danced to the sounds of Rock A Rolla DJ Services. Everyone really enjoyed the refreshments, the Blessed Sacrament water bottles and the spirit of this event.

A special Rock-A-Thon Awards' Assembly will be held on Friday, November 4, 2011, at 1:00p.m. Tag day passes, t-shirts to \$100+ club members, and other prizes will be awarded at this assembly. *(Please remember that all tag day passes must be used during the 2011-2012 school year.)* An iPod Touch will be given to the student or family group that raised the most money. Thank you to everyone for a job well done and for your tremendous school spirit and support.

Report Cards

Report cards will be distributed to all students in grades 1 through 6 on **Tuesday, November 15, 2011**. Parent Conferences will take place on Friday, **November 18, 2011** from 7:45 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. All students in Tiny Eagles, Pre-K, and grades 1 through 6 will not have school. A reminder on the report card will indicate each parent's scheduled conference time. **Please remember that parents may initiate a conference at any time during the school year by calling their child's teacher to set up an appointment that is mutually convenient.**

Dress Code Update

After **October 31, 2011**, the fall/spring seasonal uniform of navy blue shorts may no longer be worn until **April 1, 2012**. **The polo shirt can be worn for the entire school year with long pants, skirts, and jumpers.** The polo shirts must have the Blessed Sacrament School logo imprinted or embroidered on them. Please refer to pages 30-31 of the handbook for a complete description of the dress code.

Bits and Pieces

- Again this year we will be conducting a magazine subscription fund-raiser to raise money for programs and activities that benefit our students. This drive will take place in March. We are asking you if you have a subscription to be renewed, or if you would like to order a subscription to a new magazine, to please save your orders for our fundraiser. Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation.
- The bimonthly meeting of the **Parent Teacher Association** will take place on **Thursday, November 10th at 7:00 P.M.** in the cafeteria. Babysitting and refreshments will be provided.
- School will be closed on **November 11, 2011** for **Veterans' Day**.
- Our **Basketball Program** for students in grades 4, 5, & 6 will begin during the week of November 7th thanks to the terrific parents who have volunteered to coach our six different teams.
- **Reminder to parents of 2nd and 4th graders that Physical Exam reports are due now.** Late birth dates are due as soon as possible. Parents of 5th graders please note that the Tdap vaccine is required for entrance into 6th grade. This is a NYS Mandate. The Tdap vaccine should be given around your child's birth date.

Breakfast with Santa



The annual PTA Breakfast with Santa will take place on Sunday, December 4, 2011 from 8:00a.m. until noon in the school cafeteria. The PTA successfully organizes the event each year. Fluffy, light and delicious pancakes, prepared by expert chefs, will be served along with eggs and sausage. Bring your cameras to take pictures of your child with Santa. Each child will receive a treat after seeing Santa. To volunteer to help at Breakfast with Santa, please call Jennifer Schultz at 475-4232. Don't forget about the Book Fair also during Breakfast with Santa and to pick up your poinsettia and/or wreath that you have ordered through school.

Heroes at Home

On Tuesday, November 29, 2011, students and their families are invited to participate in our Heroes at Home project at 6:00p.m. in the cafeteria to make cards for children whose family members have been deployed. More information regarding this worthwhile endeavor will be sent home by Sage Murnane who is coordinating this event. We hope that you will be able to participate.

2011-2012 Student Council

The following students have been selected as this year's representatives to the Student Council:

Grade 3A- Olivia Coppola, Jarrell Harrison
Grade 3B- Katelyn Courcy, Joey Andaloro
Grade 4A- Rocco DeLorenzo, Jaliyah Harrison
Grade 4B- Katie Knittel, Addy Ilacqua-Nucci
Grade 5A- Molly Murnane, Mari Saya
Grade 5B- Kathleen Mathewson, Bianca Indelicato
Grade 6A- Anna Wojcik, Nick Lanza
Grade 6B- Noreja Williams, Lisa Huynh

School-wide At-large Representatives-
Dan Corbacio
Jack Coughlin
Grace Murnane

Substitute Representative:
John Galeazza

Target Makes School Fundraising Easy

Thanks to parents, teachers and other supporters in our community, our school is already benefiting from Take Charge of Education, one of the easiest ways to raise funds for Blessed Sacrament School.

Here's how the program works: When school supporters enroll and use their REDcard, Target donates up to 1% of every purchase made with their REDcard to Blessed Sacrament School. As more people join the program, the funds really add up.

To participate in Take Charge of Education, all you need is a REDcard and to designate Blessed Sacrament School online at Target.com/tcoe, or by calling 1-800-316-6142. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Annual Appeal Drive

All parishioners, alumni, and parents will be mailed a letter asking for contributions to the Capital Improvement, Endowment, or Light A Child's Future funds. In the past, we have received a very generous response to our appeals. We are extremely grateful to our benefactors. The Light A Child's Future fund allows partial and full scholarships and provides matching tuition assistance grants. The Capital Improvement Fund enables us to continue to make necessary improvements to our physical plant. The Endowment Fund continues to grow steadily thanks to everyone's generosity. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.