

# Blessed Sacrament

Celebrating 80 Years of Faith, Academics, and Service



## NEWSLETTER

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### OCTOBER MARIAN DEVOTIONS

Each school day during the month of October, students will begin the day by praying one decade of the rosary together. All students will need to have a rosary that they will be able to keep in school for the month. Limited supplies of rosaries are available in the school office.

### BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS LITURGY



On **Tuesday, October 4, 2011**, at 9:00 a.m. we will have a special Liturgy for the feast of St. Francis planned by 5A & 5B students. Parents, parishioners, friends, and relatives are welcome to bring the family pet to be blessed immediately following Mass. All pets must be on a leash or in a cage or crate.

If someone is unable to bring your pet, you may bring a picture, drawing, or a stuffed animal to the Mass and prayer service.

### GET READY TO ROCK

The annual **ROCK-A-THON** will be held on **Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>** at 12:30. This is our major fundraiser of the year to support student activities. Immediately following the 11:30a.m. Mass hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, and soda will be served in the school cafeteria as students rock to the "DJ" sounds of **Rock-A-Rolla**.

Students received their pledge sheets at a special assembly to promote this event and can begin soliciting donations. All donations are due on Monday, October 17, 2011. Every child who participates will receive a Blessed Sacrament School water bottle.

An Awards' Assembly will be held on **Friday, November 4, 2011 at 1:00 P.M.** Students will receive a free tag day pass for every \$10 in pledges they collect. Every student or family bringing in \$100 or more in pledges will receive a special tee shirt and will double their tag day passes.

Why not get your dancing shoes out of the closet or your rocking chair and mark Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> on your calendars now. You won't want to miss this fun-filled event.

### SCHOOL PICTURES



Mark **Friday, October 7, 2011** on your calendar, and have your child start practicing his/her best smile! ALL students will be photographed for school records and the yearbook even if they are not purchasing pictures.

**STUDENTS DO NOT HAVE TO WEAR THEIR UNIFORMS.** Please dress your child in whatever you would like him/her to wear for their picture. More details regarding the purchase of pictures will be sent home in the near future. Any parents who would like to help with school pictures, please contact Mrs. Polcaro.

### "BUGGY FOR BOOKS!"

This year's theme for our Parents As Reading Partners' Program is "**BUGGY FOR BOOKS!**" We strongly believe at Blessed Sacrament School, that a child who can read has opened the door to a lifetime of learning. Parents can help their child/children master this important skill. We are excited that once again parents will have this opportunity to be their child's/children's reading partner in conjunction with the Pizza Hut Book-It Program. Each month students will receive a special calendar. Parents are asked to read daily with their child/children for at least 15 minutes. Calendars are to be returned at the end of each month so that pizza coupons and certificates can be completed for all participants.

A special assembly to kick-off this program is planned for Tuesday, October 3, 2011, at 1:30 p.m. in the gym. The principal's reading challenge will be announced to students at this assembly.

### GOOD NEWS... SHARE IT

Has your child won an award or competition? Has he or she participated in a special project or done something notable in the community? We are eager to learn about student accomplishments-even those not school related. Let us know about those accomplishments by contacting the school office at 463-1261 or by sending a note or e-mail.

## ***BITS AND PIECES***

- **Report Cards** will be distributed to students in grades 1 through 6 on Tuesday, November 15, 2011. All teachers are busy scheduling parent conferences. If you need an appointment, please call the school office at 463-1261.
- Mark your calendars now for **Friday, November 18, 2011 for the PTA Annual Holiday Auction**. You won't want to miss this fun-filled event and the great bargains with Christmas just around the corner!
- Don't forget to enroll in the Price Chopper Tools for Schools program with your Price Chopper Advantage Card. Go to [www.pricechopper.com/toolsforschools](http://www.pricechopper.com/toolsforschools) to register your AdvantEdge Card number for our school. Our school code is 16674. If you don't have Internet access, send your card number and name to the office and we will register for you. Your support is greatly appreciated.
- ***Please make sure your child's teacher is aware of any health issues your child may have especially in regard to asthma and/or allergies to foods.***
- Just a reminder for parents of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders, please send in your child's school physical. If your child has a late birth date please send Mrs. Nicoletti a note indicating the date of the pending physical.
- ***PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY WHEN ENTERING AND EXITING THE PARKING LOT AND FOLLOW ALL PARKING LOT RULES.***
- Just a reminder all After School Care fees are due within ten days of receiving your statement. Families must keep current in order to use this service.
- When using the Internet use the search engine goodsearch.com and we will receive a penny for every time that you use it. It is easy to do and designate Blessed Sacrament School as your charitable organization.

## ***ADA-PEP News***

Red Ribbon Week will take place October 24<sup>th</sup> through 28<sup>th</sup>. This is a time set aside each year to promote Alcohol and Drug Prevention Awareness. Miss Janet Driscoll, our ADAPEP counselor, is coordinating this special event. There will be a Red Ribbon Prayer Service on October 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:30a.m.

Also, Banana Splits Groups (support groups for students with separated/divorced parents) will begin soon. If you would like more information or a

## ***HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES***

Our 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Halloween Parade will be on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 12:30p.m.. Students will change into their costumes after lunch. Following the parade, students will return to their classrooms for their classroom parties.



Students are reminded that absolutely no "weapons" with costumes will be allowed in school or any excessively violent costumes. More information regarding the party will be sent home.

Just a reminder: **STUDENTS DO NOT HAVE TO WEAR THEIR UNIFORMS ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2011**, due to all the special activities planned. All students will need to bring their costumes to school in a bag labeled with their name and grade.

## ***TAKE EVERYDAY ACTIONS TO STAY HEALTHY***

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth. Germs spread that way.
- Stay home if you get sick. CDC recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.
- Follow public health advice regarding school closures, avoiding crowds and other social distancing measures.
- Find healthy ways to deal with stress and anxiety.

## ***PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN TRAINING***

In accordance with diocesan policy, all adult volunteers working with children under the age of 18 must take the Protecting God's Children Training. This training will be offered at Blessed Sacrament School on Wednesday, October 5, 2011 in the All Purpose Room from 6:00 to 9:00p.m. Register online at [virtus.org](http://virtus.org) or call the school office at 463-1261.

If you have taken the training and it has been five years since that training, you will need to be recertified. Keeping the Promise Alive Recertification Training will also take place on

October 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 7:30 pm in the school cafeteria. Please call the school office to register or

go to [www.syracusediocese.org](http://www.syracusediocese.org)