



CELEBRATE CHRIST'S COMING

This Advent brings a period of time for Christians to set things right. At Christmas, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus to make all things new. We can turn to Christ with grateful hearts. We praise God for the generosity that has been shown to us in our lives. We celebrate the fact that we are a "Eucharistic people"- a people of praise and thanksgiving. It is time for us to acknowledge our need for forgiveness and to experience a change of heart. To make this season more meaningful and prayerful for everyone, beginning November 27th through December 22nd each morning all students, teachers, and staff will participate in Advent prayers. This is a special time of prayer and reflection. It is our fervent wish that you and your family will be especially blessed and filled with the Holy Spirit and may the activities you share in the holiday season ahead bring you closer to each other and to our Lord Jesus Christ.



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Join us for the Annual Blessed Sacrament PTA Breakfast with Santa on **Sunday, December 3rd**, in the Parish Center from 8am-11:30am. Adults \$7, Children 3-12 \$4. Children under 3 are free. Don't miss out on the pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, milk, juice, coffee, tea, and hot cocoa. Santa will be on hand for pictures throughout the breakfast. All proceeds from Breakfast with Santa benefit the Blessed Sacrament Food Pantry. If you have any questions regarding Breakfast with Santa, please contact the PTA at bss.pta@syrdiocese.org.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Beginning on Sunday morning, **December 3rd**, at Breakfast w/Santa, and running through Wednesday, December 6th, you and your family and friends are invited to attend the Blessed Sacrament Scholastic Book Fair. Why not take the time to browse and see if you would like to purchase some new books for your home library? Books always make great gifts, and you would be helping to add more books to our current library collection.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Blessed Sacrament's annual Christmas Concert will be presented on **Wednesday, December 20th, at 7:00 p.m.** for students grades 2-6. Tiny Eagles, Pre-K, Kindergarten, and First Grade students will have their Christmas concert on **Friday, December 22nd at 9:00 a.m.** Mrs. Mary Lynn Giacobbe, our music teacher, has been working extremely hard with students to prepare them to share the magic of Christmas with their families and friends through this musical program. Each year we look forward to this special presentation. **All students are asked to dress up for the concert. Please, no sneakers or jeans.** Students in grades 2 through 6 will need to come to the school cafeteria at 6:30 pm for the performance on December 20th.



MONTHLY SERVICE PROJECT

For the month of December, we will be collecting donations for Crouse Hospital's NICU from **Thursday, November 30th – Wednesday, December 20th**. Donations of diapers, clothes, baby sleepers, baby socks, scratch mitts, solid color blankets, and baby caps would be most helpful during this unexpected time in a parent's life. Also, during the Advent season, we would like to help children by providing new mittens and hats. These items will be donated to children at our Parish Outreach Ministry. If you wish to help, we will also be accepting these items until **Wednesday, December 20th**. As children bring in these items, we will decorate the tree in front of the main office. These Advent Angels will transform our Christmas tree into a "Giving Tree". Help your children keep Christ in their hearts, as they share with others and show kindness to all.



PIES FOR THE RESCUE MISSION

Thank you to all our families for donating supplies. We are looking forward to pie baking day on Monday, November 20th. We love seeing our students doing chores to raise money for pie supplies and look forward to having the families join us to help with the pouring, mixing, and baking. This tradition is so important for the Rescue Mission, our school, and our students.



PTA EVENTS

- ☪ Poinsettia pick-up during Breakfast w/Santa
- ☪ **Saturday, December 9th**: Parents Night Out 6-9pm
- ☪ **Thursday, December 14th**: PTA Christmas Caroling 5:30-7pm
- ☪ **Wednesday, December 20th**: PTA Bake Sale 6-7pm
- ☪ **Friday, December 22nd**: **PTA Bake Sale**: 8-9am
- ☪ **Wednesday, January 17th**: PTA meeting 7pm. Childcare is available.
- ☪ **Wednesday, January 31st**: 2nd Annual Taste of BSS 6-7:30pm.

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSINGS



That time of year is again upon us when inclement weather and related problems cause schools to either open late or to be closed for the

day. If the Syracuse City School District is announced closed or delayed, we are also closed or delayed. We also will send out a text/email.

BUSING – If you live outside of the Syracuse City District and your child busses, the busing will follow your district. If SCSD is not your district, please call the main office if your child will be late due to delays.

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

We are coming into the cold and flu season; please remember proper hand washing is the best way to prevent spreading the flu and germs. If your child is running a temperature of 100 or more, vomiting, or has diarrhea please keep him/her home. Also, a friendly reminder to update your yearly physical in the nurse's office. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Ladouceur at cladouceur@syrdiocese.org.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- ☪ Epiphany Prayer Service **Friday, January 5th, at 9am** in the gym.
- ☪ Little Eagles Basketball begins **Saturday, January 6th**.
- ☪ Re-enrollment begins **Monday, January 8th**.
- ☪ Catholic Schools Week will begin **Friday, January 26th**. School Liturgy at 9am with Bishop Lucia.
- ☪ **Wednesday, January 31st** Blessed Sacrament School Open House **6-7:30pm**.



EAGLE EXTRAS

- ☪ **Core Banking** - will be at all lunches on **Thursday, December 7th**. Remember to bring your deposits.
- ☪ **School Liturgy – Friday, December 8th at 9am**, for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception planned by Mrs. Becker's 3rd grade class. **NO Tag Day Passes Allowed.**
- ☪ **The Ugly Sweater Faculty/Staff Contest** is on **Thursday, December 21st**. Please bring in \$1.00 on Monday and Tuesday to vote for your favorite sweater. All proceeds go to the Peter Fennessey Scholarship Fund.
- ☪ **Free Tag Day** –Friday, December 22nd. Dismissal is at 10:30am.
- ☪ **School will be closed on Monday, December 25th – January 1st** for Christmas Recess.

KID'S CORNER

Every year, around the world, people celebrate Christmas. It's a season filled with Christmas carols, tree decorating, gift-giving, and parties. And, among all the celebrations, you may be wondering: what is the real meaning of Christmas? Or, why do we have these Christmas traditions? What do they have to do with Jesus? Christmas is about the birth of God's Son – Jesus. It is an opportunity to pause and give thanks for the love, hope, and joy found in Jesus – our Saviour and friend. As we exchange gifts with loved ones, it is out of remembrance of the gift God gave us in Jesus. The gift is that we are loved and are never alone. For December, please color a Nativity Scene and return it to the main office for a Tag Day Pass. Nativity scenes are also available in the main office.

