



SPECIAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK EDITION

MONTHLY SERVICE PROJECT

This March let's fuel young dreams and academic excellence! Our service project will involve collecting gently used or new athletic equipment for Tillie's Touch, an organization dedicated to empowering children through sports. They bridge the gap for families facing financial hardship, ensuring no child's athletic aspirations are sidelined by their circumstances. Through Tillie's Touch, donated equipment becomes the key that unlocks a world of opportunity, allowing children to experience the joy of playing sports while fostering important skills like teamwork and discipline. Let's join forces to make a child's dream of playing a sport a reality!



PTA EVENTS

- Family Paint Night – **Thursday, March 7th at 6pm.**
- PTA Meeting – **Wednesday, March 13th at 7pm.**



EAGLE EXTRAS

- School Liturgy** – Friday, March 1st at 9am, planned by 5th grade. **NO Tag Day Passes allowed.**
- RED RIBBON WEEK**- March 4th - March 8th celebrating a healthy, drug free YOU. Concluding with a prayer service in the gym on **Friday, March 8th at 9am.**
- School Banking** – Thursday, March 7th during all lunches.
- FREE TAG DAY**- Thursday, March 14th. Wear your **GREEN!** Happy St. Patrick's Day!
- Dance Recital** – Thursday, March 14th at 6pm.
- NO SCHOOL**- Friday, March 15th, Teacher In-Service day.
- FREE TAG DAY**- Tuesday, March 19th. Wear your **RED** for the Feast of St. Joseph!
- \$1.00 Tag Day** – Friday, March 22nd for Francis House
- NO SCHOOL** – **Thursday, March 28th – Monday, April 1st** for Easter. School will resume on **Tuesday, April 2nd.**

KIDS CORNER

Channel your inner leprechaun and decorate the main office for St. Patrick's Day! Show off your creative spirit by making a shamrock decoration. It can be anything: a festive cutout from green construction paper, a colorful drawing, or your own artistic masterpiece. Bring your creation to the main office by March 27th and score a free Tag Day pass. Bring it in before March 14th, for a special treat along with the Tag Day pass!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- BBA grades K-3 begins on – **Tuesday, April 2nd.**
- School Banking** – Thursday, April 4th during all lunches.
- BBA grades 4-6 begins on – **Thursday, April 4th.**
- School Liturgy – Friday, April 5th at 9am, planned by 4th grade.
- NO SCHOOL** – **Wednesday, April 10th** for Parent/Teacher Conferences.
- NYS ELA Testing begins - **Thursday, April 11th.**
- 25th Annual Auction – **Saturday, April 13th** from 6:30-10:30pm.
- Share the Wealth – Drawing on **Saturday, April 13th** at the 25th Annual Auction. Many chances to win. Tickets are available in the main office.
- Report Cards will be emailed for grades K-6 on **Tuesday, April 16th.**
- \$1.00 RAINBOW**-themed TAG DAY- **Friday, April 19th** to celebrate Autism Awareness.
- Parish Clean Up Day – **Saturday, April 20th** at 9am. Contact Mr. Decker for details.
- NO SCHOOL** – **Monday, April 22nd – Friday, April 26th** for Spring Break. School will resume on **Monday, April 29th.**

CELEBRATING THOSE WHO LEAD

Bishop Lucia celebrated a special Mass to help us kick off Catholic Schools Week with a spirit of prayer and gratitude. Students, parents, teachers, and community members filled Blessed Sacrament Church, their voices joining in hymns of praise and thanksgiving for the unique gifts of Catholic education. During his homily, Bishop Lucia highlighted the importance of faith-based learning in shaping young minds and hearts, and he expressed appreciation for the dedication of educators who nurture the next generation of Catholic leaders.



The PTA hosted a special luncheon to show appreciation for the teachers and staff. Alex Muraca cooked a mouth-watering meal with the help of all the donations she received. Parents volunteered their time in the classrooms, allowing the teachers and staff to relax, unwind, and enjoy a well-deserved meal together. Day #1 ended with a bang! In our newest



tradition, Teacher Swap, teachers from different grades buzzed through classrooms, each leaving a trail of laughter and excitement. "Next year's" teachers introduced themselves with flair: Mrs. Marx read The Pigeon Has to Go to School, while Mrs. Heppeler talked about all the fun things to look forward to in 5th grade. By the end of the day, nervous anticipation for the next grade had transformed into eager curiosity.



CELEBRATING OUR PARISH

Gratitude filled the air at our parish this weekend as we celebrated the heart and soul of our community. "Thank you" posters, handcrafted by students, adorned the walls, their vibrant colors reflecting the warmth in their hearts. Each Mass saw student participation: young voices carried the first readings, hands offered gifts with reverence, alumni cantors and school choir filled the church with melodies. Mass ended with a heartfelt thank you read by a student to our wonderful community. The spirit of appreciation culminated in a delicious pasta dinner hosted by the Knights of Columbus, the proceeds nourishing not just bodies but also the future of our parish through the Eagles Fund. It was a weekend where actions spoke louder than words, reminding us that our parish thrives on the dedication and love shared by generations, young and old. More than a celebration, it was a promise to continue nurturing this spirit of gratitude, ensuring our parish remains a beacon of faith and community for years to come.



CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY

Day#4 began with "Wear Your Favorite Team Jersey Day," filling the halls with vibrant colors and friendly rivalries. But the spirit of unity went beyond sports teams, "Souper" Monday saw our collection bin overflowing with canned goods for our Blessed Sacrament Church food pantry. Reminding us that community means helping those in need. Our hearts were further touched by the "Feed the Hungry" prayer service in the gym, uniting our voices in gratitude and compassion. And to spread love beyond our walls,



students made heartfelt Valentines that we mailed to our dedicated community workers, brightening their days. The school day ended in an epic battle of brains and brawn: a football game in the gym played by the top readers from each classroom! More than just fun and competition, it was a celebration of academic achievement and teamwork.



CELEBRATING READING

Storybooks came to life as students donned their favorite character costumes, bringing imagination and laughter to the halls. Lunchtime morphed into a



delicious adventure with towering ice cream sundaes – the perfect reward for young bookworms. But the real magic unfolded when our friends from Bishop Grimes arrived.



Nestled in cozy

corners, they read aloud with animated voices, transporting younger students to fantastical worlds. Wide eyes followed the adventures of talking animals, brave knights, and mischievous fairies. Celebrating reading wasn't just about dressing up and sundaes; it was about the power of shared experiences, the joy of imagination, and the magic that unfolds when we open a book. It was a day that reminded us all that stories have the power to connect, inspire, and transport us to



worlds beyond our wildest dreams.

CELEBRATING OUR FAMILIES

Blessed Sacrament School buzzed with warmth and excitement as the annual Open House unfolded. Families, both new and familiar, flowed through the halls. The school buzzed with activity, offering prospective families a glimpse into the vibrant heart of our community. Warm greetings awaited visitors

as they met our dedicated staff, eager to share their passion for education and faith. The gym transformed into a gallery, showcasing student projects that burst with creativity and ingenuity. Even the hallways became canvases, adorned with colorful artwork that spoke volumes about the artistic talents nurtured within these walls. As the evening drew to a close, families departed with smiles, carrying with them a deeper understanding of what makes Blessed Sacrament School so special – a place where learning and laughter go hand-in-hand, and where every family feels welcome and celebrated.



CELEBRATING VOCATIONS AND CAREERS

Day #7 was all about the future. Students, transformed into their future selves – doctors, teachers, firefighters, policewomen – gathered for a day dedicated to exploring vocations and careers. The morning unfolds with a lively Career Fair, where passionate volunteers – parents, friends, and community members – showcase their diverse professions. They answer eager questions, share personal journeys, and ignite sparks of curiosity in young minds. The afternoon took a reflective turn as students penned heartfelt letters. Words of appreciation flowed to the Seminarians, the parish priest, and the sisters of St. Josephs, acknowledging the vital roles they play in the community and sparking curiosity about vocations beyond the traditional career paths. This day wasn't just about picking a job; it was a celebration of potential, a chance to explore passions and be inspired by the



dedication of those who serve in various capacities. It was a day that planted seeds of ambition and purpose,

reminding everyone that every path, every vocation, contributes to a richer, brighter future.

CELEBRATING BSS

Eagles were soaring as we celebrated the end of Catholic Schools Week in style. The theme, "Eagle Pride!" Students donned their most spirited BSS gear and let their school spirit show loud and proud. The morning kicked off with an epic kickball game – 6th graders facing off against their parents in a friendly, yet determined, competition. Cheers echoed across the field as both sides displayed impressive plays and sportsmanship. In the afternoon, "job swap" winners traded places with their chosen teachers and staff. Students donned



gym teachers, glasses and laptops like teachers, and even took on the mantle of authority in the principal's office. Students had a new found appreciation for the hard work that keeps the school running smoothly. As the day drew to a close, the BSS community gathered for the PTA Family Bingo Night. Parents, teachers, and students alike huddled around tables, eagerly marking their cards with



anticipation. The night culminated with cheers and excited chatter as winners claimed their prizes, bringing the week's festivities to a joyful close.

LENT

Lent offers us a chance for transformation - a time to 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. We have been given three ways of re-centering our lives: **fasting**, **prayer**, and **almsgiving**. **Fasting** means letting go of the unnecessary to better concentrate on the necessary. This is the time to see what activities we can cut back on, as individuals and families, to have more time for God, each other, and service. **Almsgiving** is making a gift of alms, which are physical gifts (money, food, or goods) intended to help those who are in need. Choosing to give

alms makes a difference for those who give. It is a reminder that money is not the ultimate good. Money can, in fact, be a distraction from things that are more important, so giving up some money helps to redirect our attention to what we really value. **Prayer** is the center of every Christian's life. During Lent, we take extra time to pray, to sit in God's presence and be still. Our chance to deepen and strengthen our relationship with God.



SMALL MITE BOXES

Mite boxes are named after the story of the "widow's mite": Jesus looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury; he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. He said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on." - Luke 21: 1-4

Each of our families received a *Small Mite Box* in which sacrificial offerings can be made. All boxes should be returned to school by **Tuesday, April 2nd**.

FISH FRY

During Lent St. Vincent De Paul and Blessed Sacrament Church host an annual fish fry in the Blessed Sacrament School cafeteria. Dine in and enjoy a fish dinner for \$15.00. You may also pre-order delivery on the **day of** the fish fry by calling **315-382-6652 before 2pm**, or you may call ahead for takeout on the **day of** by calling **315-380-4946** or **315-350-8646**. Please contact Griffin Harmon at griffinharmon@gmail.com if you have any questions.

THANK YOU

Fennessey Fridays was an AMAZING success! We raised an incredible \$297.00 for the Fennessey Scholarship through our February Service Project. This year's service projects have been especially meaningful to us, and Fennessey Fridays was no exception. Peter Fennessey, in particular, holds a very special place in the hearts of Blessed Sacrament School.

