



- ☪ Gertrude Hawk – Candy Orders are due by **Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**.
- ☪ PTA Meeting – **Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.** Childcare is available.
- ☪ PTA Craft Event- **Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10am. Please Note** - Registration is due by **Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**.

**MR. CACCHIONE- ST. BALDRICK'S DAY**

Our very own Gym teacher, Mr. Cacchione, is stepping up in a big way this year by shaving his head for St. Baldrick's Day. He's joining the fight against childhood cancer and we're thrilled to rally behind him. To help Mr. Cacchione reach his fundraising goals, we're hosting a special **\$2.00** Tag Day on **Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup> – St. Patrick's Day!** Wear your **green** and bring in **\$2.00** to show your support. Let's show Mr. Cacchione and all the children battling cancer that our school community is behind them!



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

- ☪ **School Banking – Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>** during all lunches.
- ☪ **School Liturgy – Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 9am,** planned by 5<sup>th</sup> grade. No Tag Day Passes allowed.
- ☪ NYS ELA Testing begins - **Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**.
- ☪ The Student Council will meet on **Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup> after school until 3pm.**
- ☪ **NO SCHOOL – Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> – Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>** for Spring Break. School will resume on **Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**.
- ☪ Report Cards will be emailed for grades K-6 on **Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**.
- ☪ **Free, FAVORITE HAT** Tag Day on **Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**, for Ms. Ross's Birthday!
- ☪ Parish Clean Up Day – **Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>** at 9am. Contact Mr. Decker for details.
- ☪ 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction – **Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>** from 6:30-10:30pm.

**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 28<sup>th</sup>** and score a free Tag Day pass.



**Blessed Sacrament School Newsletter**

Tradition from Beginning to End

March 2025

**SPECIAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK EDITION**

**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 gift 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. Parents volunteered their time in the classrooms, allowing the teachers and staff to relax, unwind, and enjoy a well-deserved meal together.



**CELEBRATING OUR PARISH**

Gratitude filled the air at our parish the weekend of CSW 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

alumni cantors and school choir filled the church with melodies. 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 school 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 day ended with a bang! In what is becoming a favorite tradition of CSW, teachers "SWAPPED" from different grades leaving a trail of laughter and excitement. "Next year's" teachers introduced themselves with flair: Mrs. Minor read The Night Before First Grade to kindergarten, while Mr. Long and third grade played "All About Mr. Long" Kahoot. By the end of the day, nervous anticipation for the next grade had transformed into eager curiosity.



**CELEBRATING OUR FAMILIES**

Day #5 had Blessed Sacrament School buzzed with excitement during our BSS World Tour Open House. This new twist to our traditional open house proved to be a resounding success. Families explored the transformed classrooms, each decorated to represent a different country. Laughter and conversation filled the air as our community came together for this special event. The delicious food provided by our families added an authentic flavor to the "world tour," with treats and snacks representing cultures from around the globe. Students had a blast collecting passport stickers as they "traveled" from classroom to classroom, their excitement and enthusiasm for learning about new places shining through. As the event drew to a close, families departed with smiles, carrying with them fond memories of a fun and engaging experience, and a deeper appreciation for our vibrant BSS community.



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**CELEBRATING OUR FUTURES**

Day #6 offered a unique blend of career exploration and lighthearted fun. Students traded their familiar uniforms for the professional attire of our dedicated faculty and staff, providing a fun and insightful look into the diverse roles that make BSS run so smoothly. It was a chance to appreciate the hard work and dedication of the individuals who guide and support our students every day. The day also featured a thrilling academic competition: "Are You Smarter Than a BSS Student?". Students stepped up to the challenge, matching their knowledge against Father Brendan and Father Walker in a battle of wits and trivia. The energy in the room was



palpable as students cheered on their classmates. Finally, the day concluded with job swap, giving students a chance to experience firsthand some of the many different roles within our school community. It was a day filled with laughter, learning, and a glimpse into the exciting possibilities that lie ahead.



**CELEBRATING BSS**

The final day of Catholic Schools Week was a whirlwind of fun and community spirit! Students enjoyed a free PJ tag day, adding a relaxed and festive vibe to the atmosphere. The excitement reached fever pitch when students were called to the gym and surprised with an in-school "snow day"! Teachers took to the stage, playfully launching (fake) snowballs into the delighted crowd. Adding to the sense of community, students from Bishop Grimes joined us, generously sharing their time to read with our students and offer assistance. The afternoon culminated in an epic kickball game, pitting the 6th grade against the teachers (with some helpful additions from our Bishop Grimes visitors!). The friendly competition was a perfect way to celebrate the week's camaraderie. But the festivities didn't end there! That evening, the PTA hosted a fantastic movie night at the Palace, providing a wonderful opportunity for families to come together and enjoy a shared experience. What a truly memorable and fitting end to a wonderful Catholic Schools Week!



**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.



**CRS RICE BOWLS**

Lent is here, and that means it's time for the CRS Rice Bowl! It's a great way to help kids and families all around the world who might not have enough food. Imagine you're sharing your lunch with someone who's really hungry. That's kind of what CRS Rice Bowl is! Catholic Relief Services helps people in more than 100 countries, and we can help too! On Wednesday, March 5th students will receive a Rice Bowl Bank to put our spare change in. Think of it as a kindness jar! Every time you do something nice, or maybe skip a treat, you can put a little something in your bowl. 25% of what we collect stays right here in our community to help people near us! Let's see how much kindness we can collect together! Please bring your filled Rice Bowl Banks back to school on **Thursday, April 10th**. Let's make a big difference, one coin at a time!

**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. Please refer to your Fish Fry email for more details and ways to order ahead.



**THANK YOU**

Fennessey Fridays was an AMAZING success! We raised an incredible \$278.00 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.



**MONTHLY SERVICE PROJECT**

As we enter March, a time of renewal and spring's gentle warmth, we're continuing our commitment to the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy by focusing on "Comforting the Sick."



A Family When You Need It Most.

This month, we're especially excited to support the compassionate work of Francis House. Francis House provides a loving home and

family for those with terminal illnesses, ensuring they can spend their final days surrounded by God's love. Our classrooms will become busy bakeries and card-making centers! Students will bake delicious cookies and create heartfelt cards to deliver to Francis House residents, sharing a touch of warmth and cheer. These small gifts express our care and support during challenging times. Look for more details from your children's teachers about this special project. Teachers will share details on how families can help, including ingredient information and ways to contribute to this meaningful project. Let's work together to bring comfort and support to our community.

