

THE PASSING OF POPE FRANCIS: A TIME OF TRANSITION

The passing of Pope Francis marks a significant moment of transition for the Catholic Church, and we join Catholics worldwide in remembering his dedication and impactful ministry. His messages of love and service have touched many within the Catholic community. In accordance with tradition, the Church now enters a period known as "Sede Vacante," or vacant seat, during which the College of Cardinals assumes governance. Cardinals from around the world will convene to elect a new Pope in a conclave, a secret meeting held within the Sistine Chapel. This process involves a series of ballots until a two-thirds majority is reached. The election of a new Pope will be signaled by white smoke rising from the Sistine Chapel chimney. Before the conclave, and in the days after the passing, there will be a series of funeral rites honoring the Pope. Our school will provide age-appropriate discussions to help students understand this significant moment in our faith. We encourage families to join us in prayer for the repose of Pope Francis's soul and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as the College of Cardinals prepares to elect his successor.



MAY DEVOTIONS

During the 2024-2025 school year, our students, faculty, and staff have been dedicated to the Year of the Blessed Mother. Each day, our school has continued its practice of praying a decade of the



Rosary and reflecting on its rich mysteries. May Devotions, a cherished Catholic tradition observed throughout the month of May, offers a special opportunity for Catholics to honor Mary, the Mother of God, under the beautiful title of "Queen of May." Each morning in May, faculty, staff, and students will continue to unite in

prayer. This meditative practice reminds us that The Blessed Mother is our guide, our exemplar of behavior and love toward others. We invite all parents to join us for our special May Crowning ceremony on **Friday, May 9th, at 9:00 a.m.** Please remember that school uniforms are required for this event, and Tag Day passes will not be accepted. We eagerly anticipate this meaningful expression of our devotion to the Blessed Mother.

DIABETES MINI WALK-A-THON

Get ready to walk for a cause! Our May Service Project launches with a "Mini Walk-A-Thon" every Monday, starting May 5th, during school hours. Join us for a mini walk each Monday as we raise awareness and funds for Diabetes research with a special **BLUE Tag Day**. Students can donate \$3.00 (\$1.00 for each of our BSS superheroes) for the opportunity to wear blue and show their support. Your donation will directly support important research aimed at developing new treatments and finding a cure for diabetes. Participate in our **BLUE Tag Day** and walk alongside us to make a difference in the lives of those affected by diabetes and contribute to finding a cure. Let's show our school spirit and walk together for this meaningful cause!

DRAMA CLUB PROUDLY PRESENTS



Mrs. Nora O'Dea Stevens and Mrs. Mary Lynn Giacobbe along with many volunteers have been working hard with the Drama Club since October to make this year's performance a **HUGE** success. On

Thursday, May 15th, and Friday, May 16th please join us for Blessed Sacrament's performance of Peter Pan Jr. at 7pm in the gym. Tickets are \$5.00 at the door, 5 and under are free.

PTA 26TH ANNUAL AUCTION - RESCHEDULED

In light of the passing of Pope Francis and the respectful mourning period observed by the Catholic Church, our 26th Annual Auction has been rescheduled and will now take place on **Saturday, June 7th, from 6:30 PM to 10:30 PM.**

We extend our sincere gratitude to all the incredible parents who were planning to join us for our 26th Annual Auction. We truly appreciate your understanding and flexibility during this adjustment. Your anticipated presence and support mean the world to the Blessed Sacrament School community. We want to assure you that all previously donated items and sponsorships will be honored on the new date, June 7th. We sincerely hope you will still be able to join us for an evening we're confident will be memorable. Thank you for your continued support of Blessed Sacrament School. We look forward to celebrating with you in June!



BSS TALENT SHOW

The annual Blessed Sacrament Talent Show will take place on **Thursday, June 5th**. All students in grades 3 - 6 are invited to participate. If you are planning to participate, the talent show applications are due no later than **Thursday, May 15th**. **Save the date:** Dress rehearsal is scheduled for **Thursday, May 22nd** after school until 4pm.



NEWS FROM THE NURSE

Physicals are required for grades PK, K, 1, 3 and 5. Students entering 6th grade in September are required to get the Tdap immunization. Students who are 10 years old and in grade 6 who have not yet received a Tdap vaccine **are in compliance until they turn 11 years old**. You may contact the nurse by calling the main office at 315-463-1261 or by emailing bssnurse@syrdiocese.org



SUMMER-RAMA

Summer is right around the corner. Plan now for your child to attend our summer program, **space is limited**. Our program offers all our students a fun and safe experience. This program is exclusive to the families of Blessed Sacrament School. Summer-Rama runs Monday – Friday from 8 am – 5 pm beginning Monday, July 7th and ending on Friday, August 8th. Registration forms will be sent home by May 1st. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Marx hmarx@syrdiocese.org or Miss Baird ebaird@syrdiocese.org.



TUITION OFFICE



For parents that use ASCC in June, there will be two bills: the 1st will be for your May ASCC (your current payment plan), and the last will be on June 30th for June's ASCC.



- ☪ **MOM PROM** – Registration due by **Friday, May 2nd**
- ☪ **FINAL PTA MEETING** – **Thursday, May 8th** at **7pm**. Childcare is available.
- ☪ **PTA MOM PROM EVENT** – **Saturday, May 10th** **6:30 – 8:30pm**



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- **UNIFORM CLOSET** – available in the APR on June 3rd and 4th during school hours. All items are free.
- **TALENT SHOW** – **Thursday, June 5th at 9am**
- **CLOSING LITURGY** – **Friday, June 6th** No Tag Day Passes allowed.
- **26TH PTA ANNUAL AUCTION** – **Saturday, June 7th 6:30 – 10:30pm**.
- **KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION** – **Tuesday, June 10th at 7pm** at church. – Last Day of school for kindergarten.
- **6TH GRADE GRADUATION** – **Wednesday, June 11th at 7pm** at church. – Last Day of school for 6th Grade.
- **LAST DAY PK AND TE** – **Friday, June 13th**.
- **MUSIC RECITAL** – **Tuesday, June 17th at 7pm**
- **FUN DAY** – **Wednesday, June 18th**.
- **LAST DAY OF ASCC** – **Wednesday, June 18th**.
- **NO SCHOOL** – **Thursday, June 19th** in celebration of Juneteenth.
- **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL** – **Friday, June 20th 10:30am** dismissal.

6th GRADE PARENTS

Important Update: Please note that the 6th Grade Graduation Photos have been rescheduled for **Tuesday, May 20th at 8:30 AM**. We kindly request that parents do their best to have all 6th-grade students in attendance for this special occasion.



KIDS CORNER

Celebrate Mary with flowers! In honor of the crowning of the Blessed Mother Mary this May, we're inviting everyone to help decorate the office with beautiful flowers!

- **Show your creativity!** We welcome flowers of all colors, shapes, and sizes.
- **Get crafty!** You can use real or artificial flowers, or create your own using paper, fabric, or other materials. They will be used to surround an image of Mary.

This is a great way to show our devotion to Mary and create a beautiful display in the office. I look forward to seeing your floral creations!