

Tradition from Beginning to End

September 2023

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

The beginning of the school year is a special



time for all of us: students, teachers, and parents. A feeling of anticipation is perhaps sparked by new

school supplies, new clothes, new teachers, and possibly, new classmates. Best of all, is the thought that this is a fresh start, and that this year will be a success. Keeping this feeling alive is essential, and members of the school faculty are dedicated to this goal. In this spirit, parents of students for grades 1-6 are invited to attend our Back-to-School Night on Tuesday, September 12, 2023. You won't want to miss this opportunity to find out everything you want to know about what your child/children will learn in school this year. Grades 1-5 will be provided with two sessions for parents from 6:15-6:45pm and 7:00-7:30pm. Grade 6 session will be at 7:00 - 7:30pm ONLY. During Back-to-School Night parents will also have the first opportunity to sign up for the November Parent-Teacher Conferences.

THANK YOU

We greatly appreciate all the extra effort our custodial staff put forward in preparing the school for a new school year. Mr. Decker, Mr. Juma, and Mr. Tim have worked hard this summer painting, repairing, and scrubbing our school. Teachers and staff have put in long hours getting everything ready for a brandnew school year. Their dedication and support of the school is to be commended and we are very thankful that they are so committed to our mission.



WE APPRECIATE YOU

STUDENTS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Students in grades 3 through 6 adopt a parish shut-in to write to and send cards. Students in grades Kindergarten through 2nd also correspond with our parish shut-ins as a class through Golden Threads, a monthly newsletter published by our parish. Communicating with the sick and elderly of our parish brings much happiness to all involved in this special project.

PAPERLESS TRANSITION

Blessed Sacrament School will be transitioning into paperless communications beginning in the 2023-2024 school year. This means that we will no longer be sending home paper copies of school announcements, newsletters, report cards, school calendars, or other important documents. Instead, we will be using our school's website and email system to communicate with you. The following monthly information may be found on our website:

- Monthly School Calendar
- Monthly Lunch Menu
- Monthly Newsletter
- Monthly Service Project

FACTS FAMILY PORTAL

Teachers will be using FACTS, our student management software to take daily attendance, electronic grading, and e-mailing parents. All information may be updated through your FACTS Family Portal. Please make sure you have logged in and all information is correct. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Calangelo in the main office.

<u>DO YOU KNOW</u>- At any point in the year, you can apply a lump sum payment that can be dispersed evenly to all payments bringing down the monthly cost, or you can apply it to specific dates that you know may be difficult payment months. Please contact John Giocondo in the tuition office if you have any questions. He can be reached at jgiocondo@syrdio.org or call the rectory at 315-437-3394.

MONTHLY SERVICE PROJECT

This month's service project is collecting toiletries for the Blessed Sacrament Church Pantry. Please consider donating the following items:

Toothbrush Toothpaste Q-Tips
Bar Soap Mouthwash Facial Wipes
Deodorant Shampoo Conditioner
Dental Floss Lotion

Don't have time to shop, we can do it for you. Just send a sealed envelope to the office labeled: SEPTEMBER SERVICE PROJECT

SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year on the final day of school, it has been our tradition to award several scholarships. All students had the opportunity to write a competitive essay for scholarship eligibility. We are so very grateful to all the sponsors of these scholarships.

Scholarships awarded in June 2023:

Strive for Success; Grover Family Scholarship of \$125:

Raelynn Johnson & Marielle Davis

Donna DeFio Scholarship of \$250:

Evalena Tongue

Peter Fennessey Memorial Scholarship of \$500: Zelie Benevento & Payton Marx

Mr. David Hillenbrand Memorial Scholarship of \$500: Lydia Donnelly

Mr. Nicholas V. Petragnani Memorial

Scholarship of \$500: Mercedes Chilbert

Nick & Mary Scholarship of \$1000:

Maria Ciereck

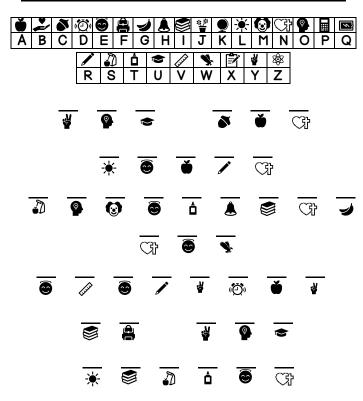


WORDS FROM A STUDENT

Here is an excerpt winning essay based on the question: What gift does Blessed Sacrament School give me? Written by Maria Ciereck

What gift does Blessed Sacrament School give me? Blessed Sacrament gives me the gift to talk about Christianity. This is a gift because there are so many schools that don't talk about God and Jesus and don't have the opportunity to go to church once a month or sometimes even twice. We also learn about what Jesus did for us. Another aift that Blessed Sacrament gives me is their teachers and students. The teachers and students at Blessed Sacrament are always so kind, friendly, welcoming, and empathetic. The teachers and students always come in with a smile on their faces to either teach or learn. The teachers are always understanding, and students help when the teacher is not available. The last gift that Blessed Sacrament gives to me is the learning experience. There are many aids to help with different subjects and do it in fun ways! In art, we do cool art and use oil pastels, clay, and so much more! In the gym, we play games like soccer, dodgeball, capture the flag, stations, and basketball. In music, we sing songs for the Christmas concert and learn how to play the piano and notes. In the library, we read books to each other. Those are the aifts that Blessed Sacrament gives to me.

A SECRET MESSAGE FROM YOUR TEACHERS



Did you figure out the secret message?

Bring your secret message to the main office for your tag
day pass by Friday, September 29th