

Tradition from Beginning to End

September 2024

#### **BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT**

The start of a new school year is an exciting time



for everyone involved—students, teachers, and parents alike. The anticipation is palpable, fueled by the promise of new experiences, new friendships, and

the chance to make a fresh start.

To help you get acquainted with your child's classroom and teachers, we invite you to attend our Back-to-School Night on **Tuesday**,

**September 10, 2024.** This evening will provide you with valuable information about your child's curriculum, classroom expectations, and opportunities for involvement.

#### Schedule:

- Grades 1-5: 5:45 PM and 6:30 PM
- **Grade 6:** 7:00 PM only

During Back-to-School Night, you'll also have the opportunity to sign up for our November Parent-Teacher Conferences. We look forward to seeing you there!

#### **THANK YOU**

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our exceptional custodial staff for their tireless efforts in transforming our school for the new academic year. Mr. Decker, Mr. Robert, Mr. Juma, and our dedicated team of helpers have gone above and beyond, painting, repairing, and meticulously cleaning our school. In

addition, our teachers and staff have put in countless hours to ensure that everything is in pristine condition



for the start of the school year. Their unwavering commitment to our school's mission is truly commendable, and we are immensely thankful for their dedication and support.

# **STUDENTS MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

Students in grades 3 through 6 form personal connections with parish shut-ins by writing letters and sending cards. By communicating with the sick and elderly members of our community, all participants in this special project experience the joy of bringing happiness to others.

# PAPERLESS COMMUNICATIONS

To streamline communication, Blessed Sacrament School will continue to maintain a paperless approach for the upcoming school year. Please visit our website and check your email regularly for important announcements, newsletters, and other school documents. The following monthly information may be found on our website:

Monthly School Calendar Monthly Newsletter Monthly Lunch Menu
Monthly Service Project

#### **FACTS FAMILY PORTAL**

We encourage you to continue using the FACTS Family Portal to stay informed about your child's progress. Teachers will use FACTS for daily attendance, electronic grading, and communication. Please ensure your portal information is up to date. If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Calangelo.

### **A MARIAN YEAR**

Blessed Sacrament Elementary School will celebrate a Marian Year, honoring Mary, the mother of God. Throughout the year, students will delve into the rich tradition of Marian devotion, learning about her role in the life of Jesus and the Church. Through prayer, reflection, and service projects, students will deepen their understanding of Mary's example of faith, humility, and love. By honoring Mary, Blessed Sacrament Elementary School aims to inspire its students to follow her example and grow closer to God.

## **SERVICE PROJECT**

This year's service projects will focus on Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. Our service projects will not only benefit our local community but also provide students with opportunities to develop empathy, compassion, and leadership skills. By engaging in Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy, students will learn the importance of giving back and making a difference. For September's project, we're collecting white socks for In My Father's Kitchen. Imagine the comfort and dignity a pair of clean socks can bring to someone experiencing homelessness. Your donation can make a real difference in their lives.

# **GRANDPARENTS DAY MASS**

Join us for a special Mass honoring our grandparents on **Friday, September 13th, at 9 AM**. We'll gather as a school community to express our gratitude for the love, wisdom, and support our grandparents provide.

After the Mass, everyone is invited to join us on the front lawn (weather permitting) for a light refreshment. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect with our grandparents and celebrate their important role in our lives. We ask that you RSVP through the Google form that was previously emailed.

# **PTA EVENTS and UPDATES**

Please join us in welcoming Laura Murphy and Nicole Jackson as our new Co-Secretaries, and Colleen Thorpe as our new Vice-President. These talented parents will bring fresh perspectives and valuable expertise to our board. To learn more about these incredible individuals, please visit our website under the "Parents" tab.

- Join us for a Back-to-School Bingo Night on Friday, September 13th at 7 PM. Enjoy a fun-filled evening with family and friends.
- Don't miss our first PTA meeting of the year on Thursday, September 19th at 7 PM. Find out about exciting upcoming events and how you can make a difference in our school community.

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

We are pleased to announce the recipients of our annual scholarships for Grades K-6. These scholarships are awarded to students who have demonstrated academic excellence, leadership, and community involvement. We are grateful to our generous sponsors for their support of our students' educational goals.

**Eastwood Lions Club Scholarship:** 

Isabella McCarthy-Warner & Ryan Johnstone

# <u>Palmieri Fire Safety Scholarship:</u>

Julian Barzee

#### John L. Macko Scholarships:

Trinity Hills Mercedes Chilbert Charlotte Krzeminski Valencio Phan

## **Robert Murphy Scholarship:**

Maria Ciereck

#### **Thomas J. Shepardson Memorial Scholarship:**

Ryan Johnstone

#### <u>Michael P. & John W. McCormick Spiritual Leadership</u> Scholarship:

**Garrett Thomas** 

#### St. Genesius Scholarship:

Trinity Hills Giavana Herron

# Strive for Success, Grover Family Scholarship

Avery Baxter & Derrick Osvoldik

## **Donna DeFio Scholarship**:

Simon Bacha

## <u>Peter Fennessey Memorial Scholarship:</u>

Cecilia Roman

# Mr. David Hildenbrand Memorial Scholarship:

Elodie White

### Mr. Nicholas V. Petragnani Memorial Scholarship:

Georgios Batakogias

#### Nick & Mary Scholarship:

Samuel Clark

# Summer Rupert Memorial Scholarship:

Marco Moszczynski

# **WORDS FROM A STUDENT**

Here is an excerpt winning essay based on the question: How does Blessed Sacrament help make you successful? Written by Derrick Osvoldik: Blessed Sacrament makes me successful by teaching me to get my priorities straight. What I mean is during after school care they don't let you do anything until your homework is done. In gym class they teach us to be respectful by saying "good luck" before every game we play. They also teach us to treat others the way you want to be treated. We always say the responsibility pledge. It says "my decisions create reactions." Everyone teaches you to be kind. They also say talk to God for help. That's how Blessed Sacrament makes me more successful.

#### **EAGLE EXTRAS**

- First Day of School grades K-6 is on Wednesday, September 4th -10:30am dismissal
- Saturday, September 7th and Sunday September 8th
- First Day of School Tiny Eagles and Pre-K is on **Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> -Full Day**
- September 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Grandparents Day Mass is on **Friday**, **September 13<sup>th</sup> at 9am**
- School pictures are on **Wednesday**, **September 18<sup>th</sup>**

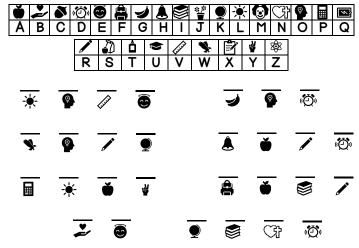
- Chess Program begins grades 2-6 on **Friday**, **September 20**<sup>th</sup>
- © BBA Soccer begins grades K-3 on **Monday**, **September 23**<sup>rd</sup>
- The Drama Workshop begins grades 3-6 on **Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>.**
- BBA Soccer begins grades 4-6 on **Thursday**, **September 26**<sup>th</sup>
- ROCK THEME TAG DAY **Friday**, **September 27th** Rock-A-Thon Money is due.
- Parochial league Basketball sign-ups due on **Monday September 30**th

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

- Christmas Cash Raffle begins Tuesday, October 1st
- Student Council applications due Thursday, October 3rd
- School Banking begins **Thursday**, **October 3rd** during all lunches
- © PTA Movie Night Friday, October 4th at 6pm
- Significantly Blessing of the Animals Mass Friday, October 4th at 9am
- Student Appreciation Week begins **Monday**, **October 7th**
- The Dance begins Tuesday, October 8th
- School Picture Retakes **Thursday, October 10th**
- No School Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> for Columbus Day
- Rock-A-Thon Assembly **Thursday, October** 17th
- Halloween Parade Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 9am dismissal is at 10:30am
- PTA Trunk or Treat Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm
- 3 1st Student Council meeting Thursday, October 24th after school until 3pm

# KIDS CORNER

Famous words from Mrs. coppola:



Did you solve Mrs. Coppola's message? If you did, bring your solution on a separate sheet of paper to the main office by **Monday**, **September 30th** to earn a tag day pass.

