



Blessed Sacrament School
Wednesday Weekly
September 1, 2021

Boys Town Skill of the Week: Staying on Task

Look at the task or assignment.

Think about the steps needed to complete the task.

Focus all of your attention on the task.

Stop working only when instructed.

Ignore distractions and interruptions from others.

Dear Blessed Sacrament Families,

As we come to the middle of our third week back at school, I can't help but feel like we have been back for months. There are a number of reasons for that—we will leave aside the reasons related to COVID and this being my first year as a principal. What I do want to emphasize is how much has been accomplished and how the Blessed Sacrament School and families have shown unity in this short time. It's common to feel a bit out of the loop when you are new to a school, but I have rarely seen that with my colleagues and myself who are at the school for this first year. This is almost 100% due to the warm welcome and helpfulness of you, our Blessed Sacrament parents; the faculty and staff both in the school and at the parish office, and Fr. Morin. Every question is answered with kindness, every misstep is met with understanding, and every moment of feeling overwhelmed or confused is met with compassion. Although these moments were more common in the summer and in the first week, I don't see as many now due to the unified response of grace. These graceful responses seen by students are also given to students, strengthening our culture of grace and compassion. God gives us the choice to show compassion to others even at the most difficult times, so it is up to us to model this decision and follow through for our students and children. I'm so blessed to have the chance to see it happening first-hand at Blessed Sacrament School.

Thank you for all who made it to the PTO meeting last night and who I met face-to-face for the first time. If you want to learn a little bit more about me and my background, Sara Sharp has created the first of many [Comet Connections](#) highlighting our faculty and staff.

In Christ,

Mrs. Jennifer Tran

BOYS TOWN MODEL

Like most schools in our diocese, we have been incorporating the Boys Town Model at Blessed Sacrament for a number of years. We are re-vamping and re-focusing a bit on it this year as all teachers went to workshops regarding this behavioral model. We have had some requests from parents about the steps for each skill and a list of skills to go over at home. This is a request that I'm very excited to oblige! You can find more information on the skills and steps [here](#). I'll also post the steps along with the Boys Town Skill of the week at the beginning of each Wednesday Weekly.

FIRST FRIDAY COLLECTION

Our first First Friday Collection is happening this Friday, September 3. If you are able, please send a monetary donation of any amount with your child to give to their teacher. Thank you for your generosity!

ROBOTICS CLUB

The Robotics Club of Blessed Sacrament will begin in late September. If your child is in grades 4-8, they are welcome to join the robotics fun! Please send an email to Miss Feilen at Amanda-feilen@cdolinc.net or Mrs. Swerczek at Jennifer-swerczek@cdolinc.net to let them know your student is interested in joining Robotics! Keep watching the Facebook page and the Wednesday Weekly for more information.

4H CLOVER COMETS

Our 4H club meetings will begin this month on **Tuesday, September 14!** Meetings will take place on the **2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month** right after school until 4:30. 4H is open to all students, age 5-18 (Ages 5-7 will be Clover Kids). If you have not signed up yet, this first meeting will be open to anyone who may be interested. If you have any questions, please email Caitlyn Schmidt at Caitlyn-Schmidt@cdolinc.net.

TEAMMATES MENTORS NEEDED

Blessed Sacrament School is in the beginning stages of implementing the TeamMates program. Do you want to make a difference in a young person's life? TeamMates provides positive relationships, support, and encouragement for students. A mentor would meet with a student one time a week at Blessed Sacrament for 30 to 45 minutes. If you are interested, please contact Mary Thompson at mary-thompson1@cdolinc.net.

iPAD SURVEY

If you have not already, please take this quick [survey](#) regarding government-funded iPads that the school recently received, especially if you are interested in receiving an iPad for your child(ren)'s use at home.

ARCHERY

There is still time to sign up your child for archery! Any student from grades 4th through 8th is eligible to participate. We are in need of elementary girls in 4th or 5th grade for our elementary team. Please sign via this [registration form](#) and send to mark-stoley@cdolinc.net or bring to the front office.

HUSKER CATERING

Blessed Sacrament PTO is in charge of boxing pizza's for the September 11th football game. The PTO will receive \$100 per volunteer! Come to Memorial Stadium at 11:15am, and you will be provided parking and check-in information. Volunteers will be done at half time at the latest and are welcome to stay and watch the rest of the football game. There is a 16-year-old minimum age requirement to volunteer. Please email Clarissa Hunt at ceceluther@yahoo.com if you are interested. GO BIG RED!

HUSKER SEAT BACKS

Our Blessed Sacrament Knights of Columbus council is in charge of selling and picking up stadium seat backs for all the Husker home games. If you are interested in helping, the funds will go to the school to be used as you wish. They pay \$58 per person per game. Jesse Hines, the Grand Knight, is compiling the list of names for the September 11th home game. Please contact him at jeepin09@yahoo.com. GBR!

ROADSIDE CLEAN UP

Roadside Clean Up will be held in September. In the past, assistance has been asked from the school children that are eligible for Service Hours. Roadside Clean Up is scheduled twice a year—in the fall and the spring. Registration forms are attached to be signed by parents/guardians. Please return them to the school office or email them to Jerry Kruger at jerrykruger@alphamediausa.com by Thursday, September 16. More information about the Roadside Clean Up is on the attached forms. A picture would like to be taken of the students that participate which is why a Parental Authorization form is included.

FREE/REDUCED LUNCH FORM

There are certain scholarships and grants individual students can receive along with the school as a whole based on these completed forms. If you may qualify, please fill out the attached form email it to Melissa-tvrdy@cdolinc.net or drop it off in the office.

MASS & ADORATION VOLUNTEER

We are in need of a piano player for daily Mass on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. Please email Jennifer Tran at jennifer-tran@cdolinc.net if you are interested. There is also a vacancy in a Eucharistic Adoration timeslot on Fridays from 9am to 10am (and other possible hours on Fridays). Please contact Cathy Rokke at 402-423-6844 if interested.

SCHOOL FOOD MARKET

School Food Market will be starting up again this year starting on September 7 for Blessed Sacrament on the first Tuesday of every month! They will be up and ready for the kids to come grab food after school gets out. Any food that is left behind or doesn't get picked up will be left to use for school lunches.

PIANO LESSONS

Interested in pursuing piano instruction? Piano enrollment for First Semester is open! Nationally certified teaching-artist Donna Gunn has joyfully worked with Blessed Sacrament students (grades 2 and above) for over 15 years and looks forward to teaching this semester's eager music-makers. Donna's studio, The Piano Place, is conveniently located 1.5 miles from school. Donna has reserved Wednesday afternoons for Blessed Sacrament students. Students are required to have a piano or electric keyboard at home for practice. For more information about Donna or to contact her visit [Focus On Piano, LLC](#). Handouts with more information will be available in the Blessed Sacrament front office.