

Boys Town Skill of the Week: Accepting Criticism or a Consequence

- 1. Look at the person
- 2. Say "Okay"
- 3. Stay calm

Dear Blessed Sacrament Families,

I'm using this week's blurb to emphasize the importance of parent-teacher conferences. These conferences are an important means of communication between our teachers and school families. It is a chance for parents/guardians to hear about the strengths and weaknesses of their kids while also having a chance for collaboration to allow your children the best possible learning experience at Blessed Sacrament. Because of this, these first conferences tomorrow open from 1:30-5:00, 5:45-7:45 is **required**. I know circumstances and schedules may cause you to have to miss the conference but if that is the case, please check in with your child(ren)'s teacher via email. It's possible they may want to set up a different time to meet or have a phone call. Teachers also want to share the joy of what they see in their classroom daily, which is evident in this week's Monday Minute. Please sign up through the links below—there will be no closing time, so don't feel like you aren't allowed to come if you didn't sign up by a certain time (although the earlier the better for planning purposes!). I look forward to seeing you all at conferences tomorrow!

In Christ,

Mrs. Jennifer Tran

EARLY DISMISSAL TOMORROW

Due to PT Conferences, there will be a 1pm dismissal tomorrow, October 7. Please have your child picked up no later than 1:20pm as teachers need to prepare for conferences. There will be no Extended Care offered.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE SIGN-UP

Conferences are tomorrow—Thursday, October 7. Parents are required to attend this first conference, and you must wear a mask to enter the building. Please try to sign up by tonight. In Pre-K through 5th grade, we ask that you keep your children home if possible or that they sit quietly during the conferences if no other option is available. In 6th through 8th grade, we ask that your children participate with you during the conference. Click the links below to sign-up for a time that works best with your schedule:

PreK-5 Sign-Ups 6-8 Sign-Ups Specials/Electives Sign-Ups

HUSKER CATERING

The PTO is in need of one more volunteer for the pizza boxing for this weekend's game on **October 9**. You arrive at Memorial Stadium at 2:45pm and will be provided parking and checkin information. Volunteers will be done at half-time at the latest and are welcome to stay and watch the rest of the football game. The PTO will receive \$100 per volunteer! There is a 16-year-old minimum age requirement to volunteer. Please email Clarissa Hunt

at <u>ceceluther@yahoo.com</u> if you can volunteer or go to the volunteer hub <u>BSS Volunteer Hub</u> to sign up. GO BIG RED!!!

HEALTH CHECKS

Health checks for 1st-6th and 8th graders will be next Wednesday, Oct. 13. If your child wears contacts/glasses, please make sure they do on that day. Thank you!

FEST QUEST

Our online auction opens for bids at 8am on **Monday, Oct. 18**. The adult event (must be 21+ to attend) will take place **Saturday, Oct. 23** from 6-9pm with a meal, cash bar, and exclusive live auction items. Fun for the whole family begins on **Sunday, Oct. 24** from 11:30am-2:30pm with a parish meal, games, cake walk/sweet shop, and online auction. The online auction will close at 2pm with the lottery drawing to follow. Bid winners will be able to pick up their auction prizes following the lottery drawing.

Donations/volunteers needed!

- Donations for the auction and may be delivered to the bride's room or the rectory. Last day to drop off donations is October 15th. Lottery tickets will be dispersed after mass and are also available at the rectory. Tickets must be returned to the rectory with payment to be eligible for the cash prize drawing.
- Please consider donating a pie for the sweet shop and cakes, brownies or cookies for the cake walk. Items may be dropped off the weekend of Fest Quest.
- We are asking that each Blessed Sacrament School family **donate one 12-pack of pop**. The cans will be used for the Pop Toss game and also sold during the day on Sunday, October 24th. Donations may be brought to the school office.
- In addition, students in grades 5-8 may volunteer to help with the games. This is a fun and easy way to get service hours. There are 3 work shifts: 1st Shift: 11:30am -12:30 pm, 2nd Shift: 12:30pm 1:30pm, and 3rd Shift: 1:30pm 2:30pm. Games include: Balloon Pop, Wheel of Fortune, Duck Pond, Fish Pond, Lollipop Tree, Putt Putt Golf, Pop Toss, Tic Tac Toe, and Bean Bag Toss.

Parents, please watch your email for a sign-up genius link for volunteer opportunities. If you have any questions or want to volunteer, contact Janice Malone - <u>bscfestquest@gmail.com</u> or 402-936-2643.

FUND-A-WANT

At Blessed Sacrament we are blessed to have amazing teachers and staff that help our children grow in their education and faith. There is no better way to show support to our teachers than helping them get the resources they need/want to have in their classroom to help our students become the best they can be. PTO is excited to sponsor the Fund-A-Want project. On this Amazon wish list, there are supplies/tools our teachers are requesting for their classrooms. This project will run through Friday October 15th. Items can be shipped directly to Blessed Sacrament, 1725 Lake St, Lincoln, NE 68502 or you can bring them in. Thank you for helping us support our teachers. If you have any questions, please contact Clarissa Hunt at ceceluther@yahoo.com.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Sarah Kroner with the Women's Care Center will have baby bottles and information on their Baby Bottle Campaign after the Masses Oct 9th and 10th. The Pro-Life Committee invites you to take a bottle home and fill it with your most generous gift of change, cash, or check and return it to the Rectory, the Ushers on Sundays, or to the Pro-Life Table at the Stewardship Fair. Please do not leave in the back of the church. This will go through the end of October. "Empty bottles" will be available in the back of the church throughout the month.

SCRIP

Christmas is right around the corner! You can support Blessed Sacrament Church & School by purchasing gift cards at face value through our Scrip program. Scrip gift cards make great gifts or can be used for all your holiday shopping! Scrip is available after the 8:30am and 10am masses on the first and third Sundays of the month. It is also available at the Rectory during the week. The current order form can be found here. Students can turn in their order form and payment to the school office by Friday, October 15 and the order will be available to pick up on Monday, October 18. Contact Jennie Korth at 366-4218 or jefraz@yahoo.com for more information.

PROLIFE COMMITTEE

Please prayerfully consider coming to a pro-life committee meeting this year! Our mission is to protect all life, from conception until natural death. Please open your heart and let God work through you—no dues or obligations. We meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month from 7-8 PM in the school meeting room. Here are some of the activities we did last year:

Provided mother's day gifts to the moms at St Gianna's Women's Home, spiritually adopted children (see poster in the back of Church), "Thinking of you cards" for home bound church members and Care Centers, Rosary for Life during Lent, Lift for Lent project (box to put in prayers/sacrifices), 40 Days for Life (praying outside of Planned Parenthood), food drive, diaper/wipes drive, Christmas cards for the home bound and Care Centers (made by students), coffee and rolls after Mass.

TABLE FOR TEN VOLUNTEERS

Are you looking for a great way to get involved with the Blessed Sacrament Community? Then the Table for Ten committee is just for you. Help coordinate the annual Table for Ten Endowment Night event, which raises money for the endowment fund for Blessed Sacrament. If you aren't sure what the Table for Ten committee is, then stop by the Table for Ten booth at the upcoming Stewardship Fair after Masses October 16-17. Our next meeting for the 2022 Table for Ten Endowment Night will be held in October. Any questions or interest in joining the committee, contact Angela Nosal at 651-269-6269.

BSS VOLUNTEER HUB

We could always use more volunteers at Blessed Sacrament! To make it easier for you to know what is needed and to sign up, Sara Sharp has created a <u>BSS Volunteer Hub</u>. The first tab explains how it works, and the rest of the tabs are different areas where volunteers may be needed. We are just getting it up and running, so not all tabs are prepared to accept volunteers at this moment, but they will once the events get closer. Thank you for donating your time to a worthy cause!

GIRLS CHOIR

Girls' Choir returns on Saturday, October 9! All 4th through 8th grade girls are invited to sing with the Girls' Choir. We come with willing hearts and a desire to raise our voices (masked) together in song—no previous experience needed. We sing for Mass twice a month on Saturday afternoons, rehearsing in the choir loft at 4:15 and singing for the 5:30 Mass. We'll sing again on October 23. Come make a joyful noise to the Lord! Contact Hannah Jo Smith for more information: hannahjosmith@yahoo.com.

BOLT EXPO

Eighth grade students and their families interested in learning more about Pius X High School should attend the Bolt Expo from 1:00 to 2:30pm on Saturday, Oct. 16 at Pius X, 6000 A St. Current students and staff from multiple clubs and activities will be on hand to share information about the school. This is an outdoor event, with tours of the building available. Pius X will begin registration for the 2022-2023 school year in February 2022. Learn more at https://PiusX.net/expo.