



Blessed Sacrament School
Wednesday Weekly
December 1, 2021

Boys Town Skill of the Week: Working with Others

1. *Identify the task to be completed*
2. *Assign tasks to each person*
3. *Discuss ideas in a calm, quiet voice and let everyone share their ideas*
4. *Work on tasks until completed*

Dear Blessed Sacrament Families,

I'm near the end of my formal observations of teachers, which I have enjoyed immensely, and I was able to watch some 6-8 grade students play soccer in their Lifetime Sports elective today. I know I have talked about good sportsmanship when I saw the first basketball game of the season, but I want to touch on it again. I grew up with two older brothers, so I was an annoyingly competitive player. Like everyone, I loved to win; but I was such a bad loser when it came down to it. During this very lively game of soccer, I saw so much positivity. If someone fell down, I heard, "Are you okay?" A player was always honest if the ball touched his/her arm or hand. Those sitting on the bench, awaiting their next turn to play, cheered for their teammates. There were giggles of silliness and no judgement when someone made a blunder. Lastly, I could see that everyone was playing their hardest. It did get a bit more heated near the end of the period, but there were no "Hahas" from the winners or glares from the losers. I believe most were thinking about the excitement of playing dodgeball for their next Lifetime Sports class. I hope we can all model this kind of behavior in our daily lives, especially when dealing with our biggest challenges. God give us the grace to not say "Haha" when we succeed or glare when we fail!

In Christ,

Mrs. Jennifer Tran

FRIDAY EARLY DISMISSAL

We have a 1pm dismissal this Friday, December 3. There will be no extended care, and all should be picked up by 1:15. Also, don't forget to bring mission collection money on this day that will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul.

WINTER CONCERT INFO

Wednesday, December 1

Rehearsal @ Pius X LPAC (Auditorium)

Beginning Band 6:00 - 6:50*

Advanced Band 7:00 - 8:00*

**Students should arrive 10 min early to set up*

Meet in the LPAC

Use LPAC door (6)

Thursday, December 2

Concert @ Pius X LPAC (Auditorium)

Concert Begins at 7:00pm

Students arrive at 6:45pm

Meet in the band room

Students use new addition door (11)

The dress code for the concert will be school uniforms—pants and polos preferred. Leggings need to be worn under skirts/jumpers. Please NO SHORTS. Be sure to bring your instrument and music. Pius X has stands that will be available to use, but may need to be shared. If your student wants to be guaranteed their own stand, I suggest that they bring their folding stand from home. Both the Rehearsal and Concert are mandatory for band students. Please let us know immediately if there is a conflict. Contact Megan Burkle megan.burkle@piusx.net or Jared Wilhelm jared.wilhelm@piusx.net with any questions.

NEW CAFETERIA TABLES

After months of anxious waiting, we are finally receiving our new tables on Monday at 8am (provided by a grant). However, we are not being provided with the service of having them taken down to the cafeteria. If you are in decent shape and have no fear of throwing out your back, could you please email Sam Hamilton, sam-hamilton@cdolinc.net, that you are **willing to help load the tables inside**? Thank you!

TEACHER BONUS DONATION

Blessed Sacrament PTO is excited to begin a new tradition of organizing an appeal to provide a generous Christmas bonus to every Blessed Sacrament School staff member. Please join us this year in acknowledging the substantial contributions and efforts of these important people who, on a daily basis, make such an important difference in the spiritual, intellectual, emotional and physical development of our children. Your contribution is appreciated and will make a difference no matter what the amount. We hope you will consider adding this gift to your Christmas giving list this year. Please send your donation via your child's backpack (Please make checks out to Blessed Sacrament PTO in an enclosed envelope labeled PTO) or send via Venmo to PTO President Clarissa Hunt (left) by Thursday December 16. The letter is attached and will also be sent home today with your child. Thank you!

PAGE ONE

Blessed Sacrament will be starting the Page One program back up this winter, but we need your help! Page One is an extracurricular reading program for any student in grades 3-8. The program focuses on getting students to read different types of literature, read for enjoyment, and identify themselves as readers. **Right now we are looking for 1-2 more coaches to lead a group.** Coaches meet weekly with their groups for about 40-50 minutes after school to lead reading-related activities and to monitor student reading time. All coaches are required to complete the diocesan Safe and Sacred training. If you are interested in coaching or have any questions, please contact Megan Katzmarek at megan-katzmarek@cdolinc.net. Once we have our coaches, we will be sending out more information and registration forms! Thank you!

COMET CUBERS

Do you want to learn how to solve a 3x3 Rubix Cube in a relaxed and no-pressure environment? This student-led club will teach you everything you need to know to solve this elusive puzzle! This is an after school club that is open to grades 4-8. The student will receive group instruction, a club t-shirt, his/her own cube, and have the opportunity to learn a fun, new skill. Club size is limited to 15 students. Meetings will be twice a month starting on January 18 and 31 from 3:30-4:30. A registration form is attached if you are interested. Please register no later than December 21.

PTO

Mark your calendars and plan to attend Blessed Sacrament School's PTO Dine Out at Panda Express (14th & Pine Lake) on **December 16!** A portion of that evening's sales will go back to PTO. If you purchase Panda Express gift cards through our Scrip program, the rebates from those sales will be directed to PTO as well! PLUS, our Scrip program will match the rebate, doubling the amount earned from Panda Express gift card sales! Check out the schools Facebook page for an event reminder.

WAIT, THERE'S MORE! Panda Express is temporarily offering a rebate of 13% (regularly 8%) for online orders placed before December 10 via the Raise Right app or via <http://www.shopwithscrip.com>. Thank you for your generosity!

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WINTER APPAREL DRIVE

Pius is sponsoring a drive to bring winter apparel to refugees coming through Catholic Social Services. Please bring in of the following items in good condition to the front office: coats, mittens, hats, gloves, blankets, or socks. This drive starts today and ends December 15. Thank you for your generosity!

HELP INCLUDE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

We need your help to ensure the Build Back Better Act does not effectively exclude Catholic schools from child care and pre-K programs, thereby severely limiting options for families. Please respond this USCCB Action Alert: <https://www.votervoices.net/USCCB/campaigns/89541/respond>

OFFICE & CLASSROOM SUBS NEEDED

There is currently a sub shortage in education—not unlike the rest of the workforce. If you are interested in subbing in the office every so often or if you are open to subbing in the classroom and have a valid sub/teaching license, please contact Jennifer Tran jennifer-tran@cdolinc.net. Subbing in the office would include answering phones, opening the front door for visitors, and giving students band aids or ice packs when needed.

SCRIP

Good news! We now have Panda Express gift cards available for the dine out event on December 16. Even better news is that we will be directing the rebates from Panda Express sales (physical cards and online) between now and December 16 to PTO! Even better than that, is Blessed Sacrament's Scrip Program will be matching the rebate! Don't delay in getting your order in. We have a limited number of physical gift cards in stock; however, they are also available for immediate purchase via the Raise Right app. Scrip will be sold after the 8:00a and 10:30a masses on December 5, 12, & 19. Scrip is also available at the Rectory during the week. The current order form can be found here: <https://blessed-sacrament-school.com/support-us/scrip/>. Contact Jennie Korth at 366-4218 or jenniekorth@gmail.com for more info.

SCHOOL FOOD MARKET

School Food Market will be at Blessed Sacrament on **Tuesday, December 7**. 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.

GIRLS' CHOIR

Girls' Choir brings beautiful music to our parish community—deepest thanks to all the girls who share their gifts and love of singing! We serve again (masked) on Saturday afternoon, December 11. All 4th through 8th grade girls are invited to sing with the Girls' Choir anytime. Rehearsal in the choir loft begins at 4:15 and we sing for the 5:30 Mass. Bring a friend to celebrate Gaudete Sunday—all are welcome! Contact Hannah Jo Smith for further information: hannahjosmith@yahoo.com

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