



Blessed Sacrament School
Wednesday Weekly
December 7, 2021

Boys Town Skill of the Week: Accepting Compliments

1. *Look at the person*
2. *Use a pleasant voice*
3. *Say "Thank you"*

Dear Blessed Sacrament Families,

THE NEW CAFETERIA TABLES HAVE ARRIVED! I have been overly excited about our new cafeteria tables since they were ordered back in August through a grant. They arrived at about 8:30am on Monday morning, and thanks to the hard work of Sam Hamilton, Mark Stoley, and Matt Stegman; they were all moved into the school unharmed. Sam quickly set to work putting them together (they came a little less assembled than expected), and the PreK-2 teachers and students handled the little extra disorganization well as almost all tables were ready for their lunch. There are a couple reasons why I am excited about these new tables. One of them is that they are a breeze to fold up (for sweeping) and put back down, especially in comparison to the old tables. The second and most important reason is the design of the tables. They are round, which encourages all to be included in lunch conversations. They also have individual seats, so students stay in their own space; and there is no need to swing a leg up and around the bench to get out of the seat. Based on the happy and excited conversations I witnessed on their first day of use, I would say that the students loved them as well. *Please reach out if you are interested in any of the six old cafeteria tables that seat at least eight in the background of the picture—first come, first served.* Also, don't miss this week's [Monday Minute](#) to learn more about the awesome clubs happening at our school!

In Christ,



Mrs. Jennifer Tran

SCHOOL FOOD MARKET

*School Food Market will be at Blessed Sacrament **today** after school. 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.*

NO SCHOOL TOMORROW -

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

There will be no school tomorrow, Wednesday December 8, due to it being a Holy Day.

WINTER CONCERT UPDATE

Thursday, December 9

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.

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**. 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!

OFFICE NOTIFICATION REMINDER

When your student is absent, please notify the school office by phone or email between 7:15-8:30 am. The school will contact parents to verify unreported absences. It is considered an unexcused absence if no contact is made.

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 school's 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!

Clarissa Hunt
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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 ends **December 15**. Thank you for your generosity!

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.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM INFO

The Christmas Program is coming up! As a reminder, the date has been changed to **Monday, December 21 at 7pm**. Doors open at 6:30. Students participating in the program should arrive between 6:30 and 6:45 and will go straight to their classroom. Students should dress up in their Sunday best or they have the option to wear their uniform—please no jeans. Due to the mask mandate extension, masks will be required. The kids can't wait to show you what they have been working on! See you there!

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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