



# Blessed Sacrament School

## Summer Newsletter

July 19, 2022

Dear Blessed Sacrament School Family:

Rather than *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, I write to give you "A Midsummer Day's Newsletter." As you can tell already, I've had too much free time. And I do look forward to the coming of the 2022-23 school year. I am so excited about the new members of our staff, which you can see in this newsletter. As a community, we are growing in our adhesiveness together and look forward to providing an excellent education within a disciplined environment that is centered in Christ.

I am also excited about the construction work around our school. It's just a sign of the many good things happening inside the building. Look for future announcements as construction progresses.

This first summer newsletter is the start for a lot of information we want to share with you that will help your family begin the year on a good footing and be well prepared. If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to call the office (402-476-6202).

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Mike Morin

### EXCITING SCHOOL UPDATES

We (mostly Sam, our amazing maintenance man) have been busy this summer making and installing updates. These exciting updates are highlighted below!

Improvements completed, in progress, and yet to come before school begins:

- New carpet in some hallways and classrooms
- Updated security cameras and 15 additional ones inside and outside the school
- New keycard access for all outside entrances
- New glass marker boards for each classroom
- Parking lot renovation (set to be finished by the first day of school)
- New touchscreen monitors for each classroom (all were delivered this last Friday).
- Fresh paint in 3-5 hallway (yet to come)
- New science lab tables for the science classroom
- Blessed Sacrament Van (grant money has just been approved for this purchase)

I have attached the 22-23 school year Calendar, which is available on our school website. The 22-23 Parent Handbook will soon be updated on the website as well.



I recently had New Teacher Orientations with all of our new teachers joining us this year, and it has left me with joy and excitement to start the year! Meet our new awesome additions to the Blessed Sacrament School Family:



Mrs. Michelle Furrow  
Music Teacher



Mrs. Brady Bredehoff  
Interventionist



Mrs. Megan Brown  
Librarian/Counselor/  
Extended Care



Mrs. Sharon Groothuis  
Kindergarten Teacher



Mrs. Jean Jochum  
First Grade Teacher



Mrs. Jennifer Parker  
Fourth Grade Teacher



Mr. Thien Chu  
JH Math & Science  
Teacher



Mr. John Buchkoski  
JH Social Studies &  
Religion Teacher

**PHYSICALS**

Students in Kindergarten and 7<sup>th</sup> grade need physicals by the first day of school. Students in 8<sup>th</sup> grade who plan on participating in sports also need a physical before that sport begins.

### **BREAKFAST & LUNCH**

There will no longer be free breakfast and lunch for everyone for the 22-23 school year. Reduced cost and full cost for meals and cost for milk will be sent out once they are set. **You will find the Free and Reduced Meal Application for the 22-23 school year attached. Please submit to me (you may complete, scan and email back, or turn in to the office) at your earliest convenience.**

Reminder there are two ways to put money into your child's lunch account. You can send money (cash or check) to the school office with your child but please include your child's lunch number with all payments. You may also use the My School Bucks app. You will need your child's lunch account number for this as well. If you had an 8<sup>th</sup> grader that graduated, that money will either be moved to a younger sibling or returned via check.

Once your child's lunch account reaches a negative \$5 balance, they will no longer be allowed to charge school lunches. You can go in under your My School Bucks account at any time to view the balance in your child's account. Please email [Melissa-tvrdy@cdolinc.net](mailto:Melissa-tvrdy@cdolinc.net) with any questions!

### **EXTENDED CARE**

Please register for Extended Care if there are circumstances that you will have to pick up your children later than 3:30pm. Registration costs \$25 for the school year. **Morning and afternoon cost is \$6.00 per hour and is billed quarterly** (\$1.50 every 15 minutes). The most you would be charged for a 5:45 pick-up is \$15.00 per day. And this is a reminder that breakfast must be paid for this year unless you fill out an application and qualify for Free/Reduced Lunch.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS & CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Thursday, July 21 – Blessed Sacrament **Pool Party** at Star City Shores 6:30-8:00pm
- Friday, August 12 – **Meet the Teacher Night** at school 6-7:30pm—come visit your classroom and meet your new teacher for the year!
- Tuesday, August 16 – First day of school—noon dismissal with no Extended Care
- Wednesday, August 17 – First full day of school
- Thursday, September 1 – Picture day (students can dress up for the day)
- Sept. 24-25 – Fest Quest

*Looking ahead:*

- Wednesday, March 1 – First Penance at 6:30pm
- Sunday, April 23 – First Communion at 2pm
- Thursday, May 4 – Confirmation at 7pm
- Friday, May 19 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation at 7pm

### **VOLUNTEERS**

If you plan on volunteering and you need to renew (or complete for the first time) your safety training, please log on to your [CMG Connect account](#) and renew your Safe Environment Training or take it for the first time along with the background check if you are volunteering for the first time. Please email [jennifer-tran@cdolinc.net](mailto:jennifer-tran@cdolinc.net) if you are interested in future volunteer opportunities.

### **SCHMOKER READING CENTER OPPORTUNITY**

Application for fall semester tutoring is now online and can be covered through grant money. We've had several students successfully participate in the past, and would encourage it for students who might benefit from extra help with reading. The application is online at: [cehs.unl.edu/readingcenter](https://cehs.unl.edu/readingcenter).

## UNIFORMS

*All new purchases should be the newer plaids and gray, navy, or white polos. This will be the last year that the old BSS plaid and red polos will be accepted.*

- **Skirts/Skorts/Jumpers:** They must be either the old or newer Blessed Sacrament plaid. The new plaid can be ordered through [Dennis](#). *This 2022-2023 school year will be the last time the old BSS plaid will be accepted—23-24 school year must be the new plaid.* Skirts and jumpers should be no more than one inch above the knee, and shorts should be worn underneath in order for students to play freely and modestly during recess and PE. Leggings/tights worn underneath must be solid black, gray, navy, or white.
- **Pants/Shorts:** They must be khaki or navy, not excessively tight, and shorts no higher than mid-thigh. Pants/shorts are recommended to one of the following: Dickies, Cat & Jack, Land's End, Dennis.
  - Pants or leggings under uniform bottoms must be worn November 1 through the end of February due to cold weather conditions.
- **Polos:** They must be gray, navy, white, or red (short or long-sleeve) polos. This 2022-2023 school year will be the last year red polos are accepted. No long-sleeve t-shirts are to be worn underneath polos, and shirts must be tucked in. Newly purchased polos are recommended from one of the following in navy, gray, and white:
  - [Dickies](#)—*material:* pique/performance; *colors:* dark/night navy, heather gray, white
    - Email: [jennifer-tran@cdolinc.net](mailto:jennifer-tran@cdolinc.net), Password: blessedssacrament (*do not save payment info*)
    - School ID for phone orders: e0e57c8b8a
    - There is also the option to order them through a personal account
  - [Land's End](#)—use this link to access the Blessed Sacrament store
  - [Dennis](#)—use this link to access the Blessed Sacrament store
  - [Cat & Jack](#)—*material:* jersey/pique; *colors:* navy, white.
- **Sweatshirts/Cardigan:** Sweatshirts must be the light gray BSS crew neck or quarter zip or dark gray BSS quarter zip that can be ordered through the front office. A gray cardigan may also be worn in a Cat & Jack, Land's End, or Dennis brand. Additional non-uniform sweatshirts may only be worn during recess.
  - [Land's End](#): Charcoal Heather Women's Cotton Polyester V-neck Pocket Cardigan
  - [Dennis](#): Heather Gray V-Neck Button Front
  - [Cat & Jack](#): Heather Gray Girls Cardigan Sweater

## AMAZON DONATION OPPORTUNITY

If you use Amazon, there is a way to give a small percentage to Blessed Sacrament Church and School for each purchase. You can do this through Amazon Smile ([smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)). There should be an option to support a non-profit group on the tab near the top left of your screen. Search for “*Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church of Lincoln*.” Each time you purchase something from Amazon, be sure to go to Amazon Smile, and it will automatically donate .5% of every purchase to the church and school. Now you have more of an excuse to use the convenience of Amazon!