



Blessed Sacrament School
Wednesday Weekly
August 19, 2022

Boys Town Skill of the Week: Following Directions

Dear Blessed Sacrament Families:

We made it through day #2! It has been so fun seeing our school burst with life and energy again these first couple days. Of course we have a number of students who are pretty bummed that summer is over (who can blame them), but most of the students I have talked to are very happy school is back in session. We have a number of new students this year—at least one in almost every grade. During our all-school assembly, I introduced our theme of Unity in the Eucharist and spoke to how important it is to welcome our new students with love and encouragement. An example that I saw of this was during Mass this morning. Father invited all to give their signs of peace, and a brave sixth grader turned around to the eighth grade class and held out his hand to one of these upperclassmen with bright, hopeful eyes. The eighth grader, a little surprised, smiled and shook his hand. I could then see the ripple effect on the rest of the eighth graders as they couldn't help but crack some smiles. May we all have the courage that sixth grader had to act faithfully and the acceptance the eighth grader had when we face challenges in life. God bless this fresh start to our school year!

In Christ,

Mrs. Jennifer Tran

BSS SWEATSHIRT PURCHASES

You have until Friday, August 26 to purchase Blessed Sacrament Sweatshirts. Go to the following link: https://stores.inksoft.com/blessed_sacrament/shop/home. Email Melissa-tvrdy@cdolinc.net with any questions!

THERAPY DOG

Our school Counselor, Mrs. Brown, will be routinely bringing in a therapy dog. See attachment for details about Remi! If your child has an allergy or a specific fear of dogs, please email megan-brown@cdolinc.net.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

It is important for our school to have the most accurate contact information in case of an emergency. You will be receiving forms to be filled out and returned soon. Thank you for taking the time to do this!

PTO PIZZA BOXING



PTO is doing pizza boxing for the Husker Home Football Games. There is a 16-year-old minimum age requirement to volunteer. The PTO receives **\$100 per volunteer** and with these funds the PTO is able to fund field trips, positive office referral parties, and so much more. Below are the dates and times of the first four football games and the number of volunteers we need. Please email Clarissa Hunt at ceceluther@yahoo.com or text/call 402-480-2225 if you can volunteer. These volunteer hours will go towards your family's 15 hours of stewardship hours. Thank you for helping the PTO. 🍕

September 3rd arrive at Memorial Stadium at 11:00 am. Need 1 more volunteer
September 10th arrive at Memorial Stadium at 2:45 pm. Need 7 more volunteers
September 17th arrive at Memorial Stadium at 8:00 am. Need 8 volunteers
October 1st arrive at Memorial Stadium at 2:45 pm. Need 8 volunteers

JUNIOR HIGH SPORTS

Volleyball will start on the first full week after Labor Day (Sep. 12) and run through mid-October. Cross Country will have the following meet dates: **League dates** - Sept. 17, Sept. 24, Oct. 1 and **optional meets** - September 3 in Beatrice and State Meet in Papillion on October 8.

PIUS FUNDRAISER

Pius X Foundation needs your help to receive \$100,000 from Union Bank & Trust's "The Big Give." Help Pius X build a new front entrance to enhance our school's safety and security, while creating a central "welcome center" for students' families and visiting community members. **By August. 26: Please VOTE at piusx.net/biggive, and SHARE this with everyone you know!**

5th GRADE BAND

We plan to have every student in fifth grade play an instrument for the year in order to promote our band program. We have grant money available for purchasing instruments if needed for this to happen. Because of this, JumpStart Band Camp would be a great opportunity:

We strongly encourage you to attend our **JumpStart Band Camp** on Saturday August 27th at Pius X High School. Please enter on the west side of the building at the entrance to the LPAC. (Behind the big yellow bolt) The times are 9am to 12pm if your student plays Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, and Saxophone, and 1pm to 4pm if they play Trumpets, Horns, Trombones, Baritones, and Percussion. The camp is free with a free will offering if you wish.

We have found that this camp is an excellent way for students to get started. Students are taught how to care for the instrument, assembly/disassembly, the first few notes, rhythm basics, and sometimes even get to some first songs. It is an excellent experience for the students and gives them a little bump into playing songs sooner.

Please sign up here: <https://forms.office.com/r/bEzGXfnHim>. Walk-ins welcome as well!

Also attached is a Band fundraiser.

PICTURE DAY

Picture day is Thursday, September 1 this year. Students are able to dress up for the day if they'd like to. We want them looking their best, so please no jeans or athletic wear. Please no words or inappropriate pictures on shirts/dresses. If the outfit is sleeveless, they must bring a cardigan or jacket. Skirts/dresses must be no shorter than two inches above the knee.

THE PIANO PLACE

Starting the new school year is a great time to begin piano lessons! Nationally certified teaching-artist Donna Gunn has joyfully worked with Blessed Sacrament students (grades 2 and above) for many years and looks forward to teaching eager music-makers again this year. Donna's studio, *The Piano Place*, is conveniently located 1.5 miles from school. 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](https://www.focusonpiano.com) (www.focusonpiano.com).