



Blessed Sacrament School
Wednesday Weekly
November 30, 2022

Boys Town Skill of the Week: Having a Conversation

1. *Look at the person.*
2. *Use a pleasant voice.*
3. *Listen to what the other person says.*
4. *When there is a break in the conversation, ask a question or share your thoughts.*

Dear Blessed Sacrament Families,

“So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come” -Matthew 24:44. Like most years, Advent has snuck up on me seemingly unexpectedly after the hustle and bustle of Thanksgiving. Although many see these weeks before Christmas as a time to get a large number of things done before December 25, it’s a good time to reflect and slow down, remembering what we are truly preparing for. Christmas shopping, travel plans, preparing your home for visitors, etc. often take priority to prayer and reflection before the coming of Jesus. Take time to put a wreath in your home (whether it’s candles and a fire or construction paper), talk about the significance of Advent with your kids (google is a great tool to find some reflections), and say a prayer as a family. No age is too young to talk about it. I’m not sure how much my two-year-old and six-month-old understood when I talked about Advent last night, but they were definitely excited to see fire on the table! Thank you for sharing your love of God with your children.

In Christ,

Mrs. Jennifer Tran

UPCOMING EARLY OUTS/DAYS OFF

There is a **1pm dismissal this Friday, December 2**. There will be no Extended Care and students must be picked up by 1:15. There will be **no school on Thursday, December 8**, due to it being a Holy Day—Immaculate Conception. We **do** have school on Friday, December 9.

CSS HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Catholic Social Services is giving away 150 Christmas baskets to those in need. Requests for Christmas Baskets are currently being taken. Anyone in need can call CSS and sign up for a time to pick up their basket and have a holiday meal with their family and loved ones. CSS wishes to make all in the community known, loved, and seen during the holiday season.

PTO CHRISTMAS BONUS



Blessed Sacrament PTO is excited to continue the tradition of organizing an appeal to provide a generous Christmas bonus to every Blessed Sacrament School teacher/staff member. Please join us this year in acknowledging the substantial contributions and efforts of these important people who, on a daily basis, make 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 by **Thursday, December 15**. The letter is attached and will also be sent home with your child. Thank you!

CCD DRIVE

CCD is sponsoring a “change” drive during Advent. Students in CCD are encouraged to donate coins (change), to be used to purchase SCRIP gift cards for families in need in Blessed Sacrament parish. Our goal is to raise at least \$50 which will purchase gift cards for two families during this Christmas season. Students can bring change through **December 14**. Thank you in advance for supporting this “change” drive.



PTO – DINE OUT TO HELP OUT

Plan to join us for our next dine out event at **VILLAGE INN**, 7101 South 27th Street, **Tuesday December 6th from 10:00am – 7:00pm**. You can come for coffee/breakfast, lunch, supper or all three! The PTO will receive 20% from all sales that mention Blessed Sacrament. SCRIP also has gift cards from Village Inn for pies, which is perfect for the upcoming holidays as a gift for someone or for yourself! You can contact Jennie Korth via email at jenniekorth@gmail.com or through the [SCRIP form](#) that can be purchased through the rectory! Look for the event reminder on Facebook!

CSS FOOD BAGS

Catholic Social Services will have food bags available after school for families to take on **Tuesday, December 6**. Please take what you need—we always have bags left over!

BSS GIRLS CHOIR

Girls Choir is returning to Blessed Sacrament Parish with an updated schedule! All girls in grades 4-8 are welcome to participate. Choir will sing for 7PM Mass on December 8 (Immaculate Conception) and for 5:30pm Christmas Eve Mass. Rehearsals will take place from 4:00 - 5:00 PM on December 2 and 16. It is okay if not all practices can be attended. Contact Julia Delarosa Lang for more details - jdellarosa393@gmail.com, (254) 405-0928.

JH BAND CONCERT

The Winter Band concert will be **Saturday, December 10 at St. Teresa School Gym at 5:00pm**. Call time is **3:15** for a dress rehearsal. Students should bring their instruments, music, a fold up music stand, and percussionists should bring their sticks, mallets, and drum kits if necessary. Kids may wear plain black slacks/solid button-down shirt (optional tie), modest (knee length, no shoulders) church appropriate dress or school uniform. Please email Melissa-King@piusx.net with any questions!

SCRIP

In the hustle and bustle, don't forget to buy your gift cards through Scrip this Christmas. To make things easy this year, **Santa provided me with a list of all the teachers' favorite gift cards**, so you can get them exactly what they want! Scrip and the teacher wish list will be available for purchase between Masses on Sunday, Dec. 18. Otherwise, you can always pick it up at the rectory. An updated order form is attached. (PS - McDonald's was just added for any Big Mac lovers!) What is Scrip? We are able to buy gift cards at a discount and sell them to you at face value, then Blessed Sacrament keeps the difference. It's that easy! As always, feel free to email jenniekorth@gmail.com if you have any questions.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Our Christmas Program will be on **Monday, December 19 at 7pm** in the gym. Mrs. Furrow and our students have been working hard to prepare for the show and are very excited to perform. More details to come!

SYLVAN SCHOLARSHIP

Sylvan of Nebraska is giving back this holiday season by offering a scholarship worth 60 hours of free tutoring at each of their centers! This award is worth over \$3,000.00 of personalized tutoring! This income-driven scholarship can be used in one of our core programs (Reading, Writing or Math) for students in Kindergarten through 12th grade. A completed application will be added to our candidate pool, and 1 student will be selected from each of our 4 local centers (Lincoln, Omaha West, Omaha Northwest and Bellevue). Applications are **due December 15**, and recipients will be selected no later than Thursday, December 22. Students who receive the scholarships will be eligible to start January 2, 2023. The application is attached along with other details. If you have any questions please reach out to Missy Roh-CEO/Owner: mroh@nesylvan.com or Wes Miller-Executive Director/Lincoln Center Director: [wmiller@nesylvan.com](mailto:wmilller@nesylvan.com).