

Boys Town Skill of the Week: Accepting Criticism or a Consequence

- 1. Look at the person.
- 2. Say "Okay."
- 3. Stay Calm

Dear Blessed Sacrament Families,

On Monday, we celebrated Our Lady of Guadalupe in the Mass Liturgy, and Fr. Kovar spoke about her beautiful story in his homily. Later on in Mass, Mrs. Lang beautifully sang Las Apariciones Guadalupanas to celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe. Our Spanish speaking students had smiles on their faces as they understood the words and/or recognized the song. Although it was sung as more of a reflection, I recommend you look up the song and listen to it if you haven't before as a way to reflect on the love of Our Lady and the story of how she appeared to Juan Diego.

In Christ,

Mrs. Jennifer Tran

TEXTBOOK LOAN

It is that time of year for applying to the Lincoln Public Schools for the loan of textbooks. Please complete the application going home today with each child—one sheet *front and back*—and return it to the office by *Tuesday*, *December 20*. All areas that you must fill out are in red. Failure to return an application may result in your child not having a book and/or an additional book fee of \$100.00. When the books arrive in August, our parent representative will pick them up for you. Please ignore any notice sent by Lincoln Public Schools concerning the pick-up of the books. Thank you for getting these back to us in a timely matter!

DRESS UP DAYS – THURSDAY & FRIDAY

<u>Thursday</u>: Students are able to wear Christmas accessories *with their uniform* (headbands, hats, socks, bracelets, etc.).

<u>Friday</u>: To celebrate the third week of Advent, students are invited to wear a rose (pink)-colored top with uniform bottoms—pants/skirt/jumper.

CSS HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Catholic Social Services is giving away 150 Christmas baskets to those in need. Requests for Christmas Baskets are currently being taken (see attachment). 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!

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Our Christmas Program will be on **Monday, December 19 at 7pm** in the gym. Students in grades PK-5 (and some choir students in 6th grade) will be participating. Students in costumes must be at school by 6:40 and meet in room 1 next to the Pre-K room while all other students must be at school by 6:45 and will meet in their homerooms. If not in costume, students must dress up (no jeans please). Mrs. Furrow and our students have been working hard to prepare for the show and are very excited to perform.

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 5:30pm Christmas Eve Mass. Rehearsal will take place from 4:00 - 5:00 PM on December 16. Contact Julia Delarosa Lang for more details: <u>jdelarosa393@gmail.com</u>, (254) 405-0928.

SCRIP

In the hustle and bustle, don't forget to buy your gift cards through Scrip this Christmas. Special orders must be received by 4pm on December 11th and will be available for pick up between masses on Sun., Dec. 18th. 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! 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.

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.