



**Blessed Sacrament School**  
**Wednesday Weekly**  
**December 7, 2022**

*Boys Town Skill of the Week: Greeting Others*

1. *Look at the person.*
2. *Use a pleasant voice.*
3. *Say "Hi" or "Hello."*

Dear Blessed Sacrament Families,

Our poor kids (and some staff) seem to be dropping like flies with cold and bugs and viruses—one of my sons included! I have seen many in the office with heads down and flushed cheeks. Although it's so hard to see our students sick, I've seen great responses from teachers and classmates. A student who feels ill almost always has a teacher or fellow student bringing them down and comforting them on the way. One of our Pre-K students who had an especially bad stomach ache had his best friend sitting a seat away from him for a little extra emotional support (although I'm sure he was fine missing the first part of nap time) until he was picked up. These acts of kindness and service are great models of being Christ-like for everyone. I pray that our holy day tomorrow with no school will allow our sick to get some much needed rest!

In Christ,

Mrs. Jennifer Tran

**NO SCHOOL TOMORROW (THURSDAY)**

There will be **no school on Thursday, December 8**, due to it being a Holy Day—Immaculate Conception. BSS Mass times are tonight at 5:30pm and tomorrow at 6:30am, 8:15am, and 7pm. There will be no archery practice tomorrow after school. 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 (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!

## 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.

## 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](mailto:Melissa-King@piusx.net) with any questions or if your child is unable to attend.

## CHOOSE LOVE

As a reminder, we are using Choose Love for our social emotional learning curriculum. Although it’s not a Catholic one, I do think the core units of courage, gratitude, forgiveness, and compassion have a lot of foundation in the teachings of our faith. Like other secular curriculums (science, math, etc.), our teachers make connections and references to our faith. Our teachers have also discussed creating a committee to make Biblical connections to various lessons. In the end, we plan to implement a Catholic SEL program (one is currently in the works) but until one is fully created, we plan to continue with Choose Love while putting an emphasis on faith through the Christian lens of our teachers.

## 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: [jdelarosa393@gmail.com](mailto:jdelarosa393@gmail.com), (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](mailto:jenniekorth@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

## 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mroh@nesylvan.com) or Wes Miller-Executive Director/Lincoln Center Director: [wmillers@nesylvan.com](mailto:wmillers@nesylvan.com).