

Boys Town Skill of the Week: Asking for Help

- 1. Look at the person.
- 2. Ask the person if they have time to help you.
- 3. Clearly explain the kind of help that you need.
- 4. Thank the person for helping.

Dear Blessed Sacrament Families,

I'm ecstatic about all the fun plans we have for Catholic Schools Week next week! Having the ability and opportunity to choose a Catholic school is important and something that I believe should be open for all. I want to bring to your attention the Opportunity Scholarship Bill (<u>Legislative Bill 753</u>) that Senator Linehan has introduced. This bill creates a tax credit that will incentivize more donors to donate to scholarships for low-income and vulnerable kids. While this bill does not take money from public schools, it does create access to schools for all children regardless of income. Forty-eight other states have school choice and it's time for kids in Nebraska to have opportunity.

In Christ.

Mrs. Jennifer Tran

FACTS & GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOLARSHIP '23-'24

Attached is information about the Good Shepherd Scholarship program for next year (*Spanish translation coming soon!*). This is a simple scholarship to receive, but you must apply to receive it! Families whose income level is below 225% of the federal poverty level or have more than 3 students enrolled in any Lincoln Diocese Catholic School (regardless of income) are eligible to receive the scholarship. You only have to apply. We had qualifying families not receive the scholarship last year because they didn't apply. *Our application process is now open and must be completed by March 31.* Use the following link to apply to FACTS: https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/4GVQP. Please let us now if you need help with the application process. Contact Melissa at Melissa-tvrdy@cdolinc.net or 402-476-6202 with any questions.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK EVENTS

The daily schedule for CSW is attached. Students are always able to wear their uniform if they would not like to dress up. School theme t-shirts will be given to students on Friday morning at school.

Monday - Parents/Grandparents Day, decade/throwback dress

Grandparents and/or parents are welcome to join us at daily Mass (8:15) and afterward for doughnuts in the gym. **RSVP here!**

Tuesday – Vocations, future career dress

Wednesday - Teachers & Staff, book/movie character dress

Thursday – Students, sports/jersey

Volleyball game will be livestreamed on Facebook at 2:25

Friday – Community, school family shirts w/ jeans or uniform

We invite you and your families to join us for our Food Festival from 12:00 to dismissal at 1pm. RSVP & sign up here or use the QR code. A flier with more information is attached! After each Mass on the following weekend, students will have a chance to volunteer to hand out thank-you notes to each parishioner and possibly say a couple words of thanks at the end of

Mass. Please email Mrs. Tran if your child would be up for helping after your normal weekend Mass time.

CSW DIOCESAN CHALLENGE

Post one or more photos (or videos or reels) on social media, highlighting <u>something you love about</u> <u>Blessed Sacrament</u>. Caption it by sharing something ***positive*** about your Diocese of Lincoln Catholic School and mention one of these categories in your post:

Catholic Identity, Excellent Academics, Supportive Community, Parent & Faculty Partnerships, Affordable & Accessible. Then, (1) Tag YOUR school(s), if they have a social media presence. (2) LIKE the Diocese of Lincoln Catholic Schools Facebook page (if you haven't already). (3) Tag the Diocese of Lincoln Catholic Schools Facebook page. (4) Use the hashtag #wearecatholic in your post.

One winner will receive a \$150 VISA gift card, and several honorable mentions will receive other sweet prizes. Contest open to staff, students, parents, and supporters of Diocese of Lincoln Catholic Schools. Posts between January 28 and February 3, 2023 will be eligible. Enter as many times as you'd like, just make sure your posts are properly tagged to be entered! Facebook will be the primary means of evaluating entries, but you're encouraged to share on Instagram as well.

PIUS X OPEN HOUSE

Pius X New Student Open House will be **Monday**, **February 6**th at 7pm. There will be an information session at 7 to be followed by an opportunity for families to travel around the building to find out more information about clubs, sports, and fine arts.

PAGE ONE CLUB IS BACK!

Page One is a reading club for any student in grades 3-8 that focuses on getting kids to read different types of literature, read for enjoyment, and identify themselves as readers. We will be meeting after school on Mondays until 4:10 in the school library. If your student is interested in joining, please fill out the attached registration form and return with the membership fee of \$10 no later than **Friday**, **February 10**. More information about Page One, as well as reading lists for each level can be found at this website: https://www.nepageone.org/. **Additionally**, we are looking for some parent volunteers to help lead the after school meetings. If you are interested in helping out or have any questions please contact Megan Katzmarek at megan-katzmarek@cdolinc.net.

ITBS TESTING VOLUNTEERS

We have testing coming up for grades 3-8 on Feb. 27-March 3. The are a number of students who need to test in separate rooms, have extra time for the test, or need to have the test be read to them. This is a great way to contribute to our school and students, so please let Mrs. Tran know if you're available at any time during the school day on that week to administer these tests.

FEBRUARY 7 MEETINGS

Kindergarten Preview 5-6pm

Open House for new/incoming families @ 6pm

PTO Meeting @ 7pm—the class who has the highest percentage of parents attend receives a dress down day!

SCRIP

Did you know that if every adult in the Blessed Sacrament parish bought a \$100 gift card to purchase groceries just once we would raise over \$7000 for our church & school? Just like that! What if they did it every month for a year? It is a quick & easy way to support Blessed Sacrament without spending any extra money! Contact Jennie Korth at jenniekorth@gmail.com or text 402-366-4218 if you want to learn more. Scrip will be available between Masses on Jan. 29th and is always available at the rectory.

PIUS X JUNIOR TRAP TEAM

Grades 6-8 are invited to join the Pius X Trap Team as Junior Shooters. The season begins in February and ends in April with conference meets taking place on weekends in March and April. If interested, please attend the Shooter/Parent Meeting on **Sunday, January 29** at noon at the Lincoln Izaak Walton League (10801 South 134th Street). Contact Jeffrey Dreith (dreithman@neb.rr.com) with any questions.

TABLE FOR TEN

Registration is now open for this year's Table for Ten! Join us **March 25** for an evening in the "Wild West." The night will include a cocktail hour, a BBQ dinner, and a Dueling Pianos performance. See attachment for more details. To register, visit: one.bidpal.net/TableForTen2023. For any questions, contact Katie Kudron at 402-314-2222 or katie.kudron@gmail.com."

MATH & READING TUTOR

Holly Kruger, retired Blessed Sacrament teacher and principal, is available for tutoring for grades 2-5 in reading and math. \$25 per 45-minute session. Contact grammieholly11@gmail.com for more information.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR (23-24)

First day of school: August 16 – Noon dismissal

Thanksgiving break: November 22-24

Christmas break for students: December 20 (1pm dismissal) – January 3

Easter Break: March 28–April 2 Last day of school: May 23–full day