



Blessed Sacrament School

Wednesday Weekly

February 1, 2023

Boys Town Skill of the Week: Disagreeing Appropriately

1. *Look at the person.*
2. *Use a pleasant voice.*
3. *Tell why you feel differently.*
4. *Give a reason.*
5. *Listen to the other person.*

Dear Blessed Sacrament Families,

It has been a fantastic whirlwind as we reach the halfway point of Catholic Schools Week. My favorite part has been hearing the teachers and staff highlight some of their letters that they received from students. Parents/Guardians, I want to give you a big thank-you for helping me with those letters and keeping it a secret (I'm hoping our staff forgets we do this every year 😊). I was also very impressed with how quiet and reverent our students were during the Eucharistic Procession and Adoration (feel free to view it on our Facebook page). It was a beautiful chance for our students to have some prayerful time with Jesus as we reflect on how amazing it is that we are able to do this in the middle of our school day.

In Christ,

Mrs. Jennifer Tran

DROP-OFF & PICK-UP REMINDERS

We are still transitioning using the parking lot for drop-off and pick-up. Unless you need to come into the school or have a longer drop-off with young children, please use the parking lot. **It is important that each car using the parking lot pulls all the way down to the end and right next to the curb so anyone coming behind isn't waiting in the street.** For pick-up, all should be parking in the lot where kids are either coming to your car or you are walking to the front to retrieve them. Please let Mrs. Tran know if you have any questions or concerns!

FACTS & GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOLARSHIP '23-'24

Attached is information about the Good Shepherd Scholarship program for next year. 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-tvrady@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.

Thursday – Students, sports/jersey

Volleyball game will be livestreamed on Facebook at 2:25

Friday – Community, school family shirts w/ jeans or uniform (shirts will be passed out at school)



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 say a couple words of thanks at the end of Mass.

I'm still looking for helpers to pass out cards for the 5:30pm and 11:30am Mass. I am also looking for a student to say a quick thank-you at the end of the 8:30 Mass. Please email Mrs. Tran if you are interested.

CSW DIOCESAN CHALLENGE

Post one or more photos (or videos or reels) on social media, highlighting something you love about Blessed Sacrament. 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.

NASP BULLSEYE TOURNAMENT

There will be an archery tournament on **Saturday, February 4** at Prairie Bowmen Archery Club. If you are part of our BSS Archery Team and are interested, sign up [here](#). There are only a couple slots left!

PIUS X OPEN HOUSE

Pius X New Student Open House will be **Monday, February 6th** 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.

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!*

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. Members of the Page One club will also be participating in several events within the diocese, including a Fun Day with games and prizes, competing in an Annual Competition along with other schools in the program, and the Bishop's Book Club (7-8th grade). 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.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Our next round of PT Conferences are coming up—**Thursday, February 16** from 1:30-6:00pm. These are not required, but they are highly encouraged if your child seems to be struggling in any area or if you'd like to touch base with your child's teacher in person. **Please sign up below by February 15:**

- [Specialties/Electives PT Sign-ups](#) (*most located in the gym*)
- [PK-5 PT Sign-ups](#) (*located in classrooms*)
- [6-8 PT Sign-ups](#) (*located in the gym*)

ITBS TESTING VOLUNTEERS

We have testing coming up for grades 3-8 on Feb. 27-March 3. There 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.

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.

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