



Blessed Sacrament School
Wednesday Weekly
February 22, 2023

Boys Town Skill of the Week: Asking Permission

1. *Look at the person.*
2. *Use a calm and pleasant voice.*
3. *Say "May I..."*
4. *Accept the answer calmly.*

Dear Blessed Sacrament Families,

It was wonderful seeing so many grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, and siblings join our students for Ash Wednesday Mass. I have read that although it isn't a Holy Day of Obligation, it is the most well-attended Mass. This may be simply because there is an outward sign that says a person attended Mass (ashes). However, in a hurting culture that often dismisses faith or sees it as harmful; I think it can be courageous to attend Ash Wednesday Mass for just that reason. Going to Mass in the morning or over the lunch hour and coming back to a secular workplace is a wonderful sign of your commitment to faith. It may even spark a conversation about the meaning of the ashes and be the first step in another's conversion. There's a tough balance that we must find between humility and being evangelists, and I pray that all are able to find that perfect balance today and throughout Lent!

In Christ,

Mrs. Jennifer Tran

FACTS & GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOLARSHIP 2023-2024

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-tvrdy@cdolinc.net or 402-476-6202 with any questions.

ITBS TESTING FOR GRADES 3-8

Standardized testing will be held **next week** for students in grades 3 through 8. Grades 3, 5, and 7 have extra tests each year indicating the aptitude of each child. Third graders will do practice tests prior to testing week to help calm their nerves as this will be their first time taking these tests. These tests are useful, though not infallible, tools in the educational process. The test results relate which skills have been mastered and which still need more work for each individual child. The tests are also useful in objectively showing which children are working at, below, or above grade level. With this information, the teachers are more able to meet individual academic needs. Furthermore, the tests reveal where our strong and weak points are as a school.

There are several ways in which you, as parents, can help us during this testing week:

- Make sure your children get enough rest. Enforce bedtime rules and do all that you can to avoid the "late nights," which can easily creep into the school week.
- Breakfast, of course, is important for children.
- *Please avoid appointments during school hours this week, especially during the mornings.*

- As always, it is good to pray with your children, asking the Lord's assistance that they think clearly and do their best for love of Him. These tests tell us a bit about how God wired their brains, as well as what they have learned.
- If your child misses part of testing, we will need to make it up on Friday of testing week and possibly the beginning of the following week.

While most of the children have no problem in keeping a balanced perspective about standardized testing, a few may come home with some anxiety, especially third graders. By listening to their concerns, praying with them, and assuring them of your support and love, you can help diffuse the butterflies. We will work to do the same.

ARCHERY TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Results from last Saturday's Archery Tournament are attached. Congratulations to all those who competed!

OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP ACT

Information regarding this proposed act is attached. If you are comfortable, please read it and voice your support as it would help a large number of our school families.

PTO DINE OUT



Mark your calendar for the next dine out event at the Pine Lake **Chipotle** (2801 Pine Lake Road), **Wednesday March 8th, from 4:00-8:00pm**. The PTO will receive 33% of the sales who mention Blessed Sacrament. There is also SCRIP available for Chipotle and Blessed Sacrament will receive 10% of all gift card sales. In order to ensure we order enough gift cards for the Chipotle Dine Out event on March 8, please complete [this form](#) at your earliest convenience. You can purchase SCRIP at the rectory or with Jennie Korth jenniekorth@gmail.com using the [SCRIP form](#) or through the Raise Right app. Look for the event reminder on Facebook!

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 Feb. 19 and 26 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. To register, visit: one.bidpal.net/TableForTen2023. For any questions, contact Katie Kudron at 402-314-2222 or katie.kudron@gmail.com."

UPCOMING BSS STUDENT EVENTS

After a long break, we are bringing back our annual Science Fair and Spring Music/Arts Night: Our **Science Fair** will be for grades 7-8 on Tuesday, March 28 in the gym at 6:30pm. Mr. Chu and our students have started brainstorming and working on these projects. Be sure to ask them about it and support them at home! If the 7th and 8th graders aren't as efficient/productive as expected with these projects, the fair may be postponed.

Our **Arts Appreciation Night** will be on Thursday, April 20 at 6:30pm in the gym and hallways. The music performance will be for grades Pre-K – 5 plus the 6th grade choir students. The artwork of all grades will be displayed in the hallways for perusal after the 6:30 music performance.