



**Blessed Sacrament School**  
**Wednesday Weekly**  
**February 8, 2023**

*Boys Town Skill of the Week: Accepting “No” for an Answer*

1. *Look at the person.*
2. *Say “Okay.”*
3. *Stay calm.*
4. *If you disagree, ask later.*

Dear Blessed Sacrament Families,

Mrs. Groothuis continued on with her Kindergarten Preview as a brave one-year-old sibling of one of our upcoming kindergarteners wobbled around munching on a bag of Veggie Straws clutched tightly in his dimpled hand. I saw no disapproving or annoyed looks from our families or presenters—only those of understanding smiles and loving intrigue. Although yesterday was a long day for our teachers and probably for some of you, it was moments like these that allow me to see how loving and inviting our community is. Our upcoming kindergarteners were then able to explore their future classroom while parents chatted with each other, already forming friendships. As I mentioned in our PTO meeting last night, I’m seeing great things at our school, and I’m looking forward to seeing many more in the future!

In Christ,

Mrs. Jennifer Tran

**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-tvrdy@cdolinc.net](mailto:Melissa-tvrdy@cdolinc.net) or 402-476-6202 with any questions.

**3-8 PROGRESS REPORTS**

Progress reports went home today for students in grades 3-8. Please take some time to go over these with your children, and you can also use these as a way to decide whether coming to conferences would be a good idea.

**PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Our next round of PT Conferences are next week—**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)

**PAGE ONE CLUB**

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](mailto:megan-katzmarek@cdolinc.net).

*Meeting dates:* 2/13, 2/27, 3/6, 3/20, 3/27, 4/3, 4/17, 4/24, 5/1

*Some other important dates:*

- Fun Day (grades 3-6): Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> / 10:30am-12:00pm / St. John's Lincoln (gym)
- Bishop Conley's Book Club (grades 7-8): Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> / 10:00am-11:30am / TBA
- Annual Competition (grades 3-8): Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> / 1:00pm-4:00pm / Pius X High School

### **MASTER LEE'S TAEKWONDO**

Our K-5 students had the pleasure of learning some basics of taekwondo during PE class yesterday and today. I was impressed with the calm and focus they gave the teacher, and it was clear that they highly enjoyed the class. Attached is more information about Master Lee's Taekwondo if you are interested in taking a short session that will benefit our PE program. Classes are offered for students as young as four-years-old.

### **ITBS TESTING FOR GRADES 3-8**

Standardized testing will be held **Monday, Feb. 27 through Friday, March 4** 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 outside school during 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.

*We have a number of students who need accommodations during these tests. We are looking for **volunteers** to read the directions and the questions for each test on Monday-Friday mornings. Please*

*email [jennifer-tran@cdolinc.net](mailto:jennifer-tran@cdolinc.net) if you are interested. Thank you for those who have already volunteered—a schedule is still being put together, and you will be contacted!*

### **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](mailto: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](http://one.bidpal.net/TableForTen2023). For any questions, contact Katie Kudron at 402-314-2222 or [katie.kudron@gmail.com](mailto:katie.kudron@gmail.com)."