



# THE BLESSED SACRAMENT QUARTERLY

## PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENTS

There is a lot happening in 5th grade, so we decided to write an article featuring the class. They have been preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this spring. Confirmation will happen on May 4th. We interviewed three students from the class: Matthew Bol, Felipe Gomez, and Lyla Haddan. They are all ready for Confirmation. Matthew's Confirmation saint is St. Matthew, Felipe's is St. Michael, and Lyla's is St. Clare. Since they will be moving up to Middle School next year, we asked if they were ready for 6th grade. Matthew and Felipe said they were, but Lyla isn't ready quite yet.

We also interviewed the 5th grade teacher, Ms. Mika. She said that there is always something happening in 5th grade and that she loves teaching her class!

The 2nd grade class is also preparing to receive some sacraments this spring. They received their First Penance on March 1st and will be receiving their First Communion on April 23rd. We asked them if they were ready for their sacraments. Most of the group said they are ready. In class they have been preparing for the sacraments for a while now. Mrs. Wetovick, the 2nd grade teacher, says she thinks they are ready. They are well-prepared and are still studying so they can be even more ready for the big day. Some said they are nervous, but most of the class is just excited!

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*The 2nd grade class at their First Penance*

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# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Meet Rogan Carey. I chose Rogan for the student spotlight because I think he is interesting and he likes to do all these different things, like drawing. His favorite thing to draw is dragons. These dragons have different names, such as Ram Horned, Scorched Scale, Sea Screecher, and many more. He recently just got a google pixel 6 for his birthday. Rogan likes to play football and basketball. He is the star center on his flag football team. Rogan also likes to play basketball for the YMCA. He likes to hang out with his best friends Charlie, Grant, and myself. We like to do lots of stuff together like go to the YMCA, hang out at the park, and play Minecraft and different video games.

*Article by Zach Lehr*

# STAFF SPOTLIGHTS

In addition to our wonderful students, we also have a stellar staff. Below are three staff members that we highlighted this quarter.



Mrs. Katzmarek is the 6th grade homeroom teacher and the English and Literature teacher. She has been teaching here for 3 years and student taught here for half a year before she became a full-time teacher. When asked about which class she likes to teach most she said, "I like Literature because I love to read, and I love to teach about reading." Her favorite book to teach is "And Then There Were None" by Agatha Christie because it is a mystery. Her favorite thing about this school is the community. She likes how it is easy to get to know everyone and build relationships.

*Article by Charlie Mattern*

*Article by Mauricio Alatraste*

Mr. Buchkoski is the 8th grade homeroom teacher and also teaches Theology and Social Studies. This is his first year teaching at Blessed Sacrament. He moved to Lincoln because his wife and his wife's family and friends live here and everything is closer than in his previous home in Texas. He taught at some high schools in Houston, Texas. He likes to collect coins, belt buckles, autographs, gold, and silver. His favorite food is potato salad. In his free time, he likes to watch movies, and his favorite movie is Gladiator. His favorite sport is football. Hopefully, you learned new things about Mr. Buchkoski.



# JH ELECTIVES

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At Blessed Sacrament there are classes called electives that are offered to the Junior High. The electives are classes that can help you prepare for the future. For example, you can be a teacher assistant. As a TA, you help a class that you are assigned to and what you do is help the teacher or read to the students. You can also help in the office or the rectory. Other electives include ceramics, painting, strength training, lifetime sports, music, choir, band, leisure games, newscasting, newspaper and yearbook, and resource. I interviewed some people and most said they like strength training and lifetime sports the best. In these classes, they get to do activities, sports, and learn how to do exercises and workouts. Sometimes we can play soccer, basketball, football, or gym polo.

The Junior High students will soon be selecting their electives for next year. They will have some different options to consider including a German, Theater, and Interior Design elective.

*Article by Isaac Montoya-Morales*



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## LUNCH PREFERENCES

Thanks to our wonderful cooks, Meredith Stegman and Natalie Izaguirre (pictured below), we always have delicious and nutritious lunches! We asked several students to learn what their favorite school lunch was. The majority of the school said that popcorn chicken was their favorite. They also really liked french toast sticks.

Our favorite school lunch is chicken alfredo. We think it is very tasty, and since the Junior High students have the last lunch, we often get extras. The chicken alfredo is usually served with a breadstick, a fruit, and a vegetable. Some days we also get a dessert with our lunch!

*Article by Sara Diedrichsen and Chelsea Tran*

