

Dear Blessed Sacrament Families,

It's possible only educators have this same feeling, but it seems that summer is flying by as we enter into the middle of June. So much is being done at the school, but it feels pretty empty without our wonderful teachers and students bustling around. Although the summer is meant to be a brain break for all, please make sure your students are getting a little practice in some basics to keep their brains cells pumping. Please take advantage of the math booklet most of you received for just this purpose. We see many students backslide/regress in these summer months with little to no schoolwork, so it's good practice to sprinkle in a little learning throughout the summer.

In Christ,

Jennifer Tran

#### **PLEASE REGISTER!**

Thank you for those who have, and please do if you haven't yet, so we can be organized for the beginning of the school year with records, desks, books, name tags, etc.

Use the following link to begin the process: https://www.cdolinc.net/enrollment. *Returning Student Enrollment* will be selected for a student that has been enrolled previously in a Diocese of Lincoln Catholic School. *New Student Enrollment* will be selected for any student that has NOT been enrolled previously in a Diocese of Lincoln Catholic School (i.e Pre-K or Kindergartener that has not been in Pre-K). After filling out this form, PowerSchool will then send an email for the parent to continue registering the new student. Email <u>Melissa-tvrdy@cdolinc.net</u> with any questions you have.

## PHYSICALS

Students in **Kindergarten** and **7**<sup>th</sup> grade need physicals by the first day of school. Students in **8**<sup>th</sup> grade who plan on participating in sports also need a physical before that sport begins.

#### **UPDATING RECORDS**

Melissa will be reviewing all files/records and will email you if you have any missing documentation. It's important that our records are up to date for the beginning of the year, so please keep an eye on your email for this. Student records must be properly updated in order for your students to attend. Thank you!

#### **BLESSED SACRAMENT GARAGE SALE**

Please come browse for treasures on **Thursday**, **June 29** (6-9pm); **Friday**, **June 30** (10am-6pm); and **Saturday**, **July 1** (9am-12pm) as we continue to clean out and organize our school. Students in grades 5-8 can already start to earn service hours by volunteering to help—sign up <u>here</u>!

## **EXCITING SCHOOL UPDATES**

It has been another busy summer of updates. We should be about finished with all of the following by the time school starts:

- New carpet in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, and the library
- New cabinetry in grades 3-5 and 6-8
- Playground updates:
  - New fence
  - Hopefully some green (grass) in our new green space
  - Stairs and a little hill to access the green space
- Library expansion with new cabinetry
- Additional conference next to the library
- Additional food storage room
- Updated kitchen appliances
- Updated basement bathrooms
- New serving table, check-out area, and dumping station in the cafeteria
- Fresh paint
  - o Gym
  - o Select classrooms
- New noise control panels in the gym and new music room
- New PA system in the gym

I have attached the 22-23 Calendar and Handbook, which are both available on our school website.

We have one new teacher this year, and we are very excited to welcome him:



Mr. Skyler Cappel PE Teacher

## **BREAKFAST & LUNCH**

Reduced cost and full cost for meals and cost for milk will be sent out once they are set. Free & Reduced Lunch applications will go out in July. Breakfast is \$1.50 and lunch is \$3.00.

Reminder that there are two ways to put money into your child's lunch account. You can send money (cash or check) to the school office with your child but please include your child's lunch number with all payments. You may also use the My School Bucks app. You will need your child's lunch account number





for this as well. If you had an 8<sup>th</sup> grader that graduated, that money will either be moved to a younger sibling or returned via check.

Once your child's lunch account reaches a negative \$5 balance, they will no longer be allowed to charge school lunches and will be given an alternate lunch. You can go in under your My School Bucks account at any time to view the balance in your child's account. Please email <u>Melissa-tvrdy@cdolinc.net</u> with any questions!

## EXTENDED CARE

Please register for Extended Care (form attached) if there are circumstances that you will have to pick up your children later than 3:30pm. Registration costs \$25 for the school year. Cost is \$6.00 per.

# **UPCOMING EVENTS & CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Garage Sale in the gym Thursday, June 29 Saturday, July 1
  - Thursday 6-9pm
  - Friday 10am-6pm
  - o Saturday 9am-12pm
  - There will be used uniforms to browse!
- Monday, August 14 **Meet the Teacher Night** 6:30-7:30 following Mass—come visit your classroom, drop off supplies, and meet your new teacher for the year!
- Wednesday, August 16 First day of school-noon dismissal with no lunch or Extended Care
- Thursday, August 17 First full day of school
- Thursday, August 31 Picture day (students can dress up for the day)
- Friday, Sept. 29 Picture re-takes

Looking ahead:

- Thursday, March 7 Confirmation at 7pm
- Sunday, April 14 First Communion at 2pm
- Thursday, May 16 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation at 6:30pm

## SUMMER WRITING WORKSHOP

UNL's Nebraska Writing Project is sponsoring a writing workshop on June 19-23 for ages 7-11, 12-15, and a family workshop. Each is \$100 for a week of fun. Register at <a href="https://www.unl.edu/newp">www.unl.edu/newp</a> or email <a href="https://www.unl.edu/newp">xlove2writex@gmail.com</a>.

Youth 7-11: 9-11am Youth 12-15: 12:30-2:30pm Family Workshop: 4-6pm

## VOLUNTEERS

If you plan on volunteering and you need to renew (or complete for the first time) your safety training, please log on to your <u>CMG Connect account</u> and renew your Safe Environment Training or take it for the first time along with the background check if you are volunteering for the first time. Please email jennifer-tran@cdolinc.net if you are interested in future volunteer opportunities.

## UNIFORMS

All new purchases should be the newer plaids and gray, navy, or white polos. Other plaids and red polos are no longer part of the uniform. Please encourage your children to tuck in their shirts as they get ready in the morning, especially students in grades 3-8!

• <u>Skirts/Skorts/Jumpers</u>: They must be either the old or newer Blessed Sacrament plaid. The new plaid can be ordered through <u>Dennis</u>. *This 2022-2023 school year will be the last time the old BSS plaid will* 

*be accepted*—23-24 school year must be the new plaid. Skirts and jumpers should be no more than one inch above the knee, and shorts should be worn underneath in order for students to play freely and modestly during recess and PE. Leggings/tights worn underneath must be solid black, gray, navy, or white.

- <u>Pants/Shorts</u>: They must be khaki or navy, not excessively tight, and shorts no higher than mid-thigh. Pants/shorts are recommended to one of the following: Dickies, Cat & Jack, Land's End, Dennis.
  - Pants or leggings under uniform bottoms must be worn November 1 through the end of February due to cold weather conditions.
- <u>Polos</u>: They must be gray, navy, white, or red (short or long-sleeve) polos. This 2022-2023 school year will be the last year red polos are accepted. No long-sleeve t-shirts are to be worn underneath polos, and shirts must be tucked in. Newly purchased polos are recommended from one of the following in navy, gray, and white:
  - o <u>Dickies</u>—material: pique/performance; colors: dark/night navy, heather gray, white
    - Email: jennifer-tran@cdolinc.net, Password: blessedsacrament (do not save payment info)
    - School ID for phone orders: e0e57c8b8a
    - There is also the option to order them through a personal account
  - o Land's End—use this link to access the Blessed Sacrament store
  - o <u>Dennis</u>—use this link to access the Blessed Sacrament store
  - <u>Cat & Jack</u>—*material*: jersey/pique; *colors*: navy, white.
- <u>Sweatshirts/Cardigan</u>: Sweatshirts must be the gray BSS crew neck or quarter zip that can be ordered through the front office. A gray cardigan may also be worn in a Cat & Jack, Land's End, or Dennis brand. Additional non-uniform sweatshirts may only be worn during recess.
  - o Land's End: Charcoal Heather Women's Cotton Polyester V-neck Pocket Cardigan
  - o <u>Dennis</u>: Heather Gray V-Neck Button Front
  - o Cat & Jack: Heather Gray Girls Cardigan Sweater

## AMAZON DONATION OPPORTUNITY

If you use Amazon, there is a way to give a small percentage to Blessed Sacrament Church and School for each purchase. You can do this through Amazon Smile (smile.amazon.com). There should be an option to support a non-profit group on the tab near the top left of your screen. Search for "*Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church of Lincoln*." Each time you purchase something from Amazon, be sure to go to Amazon Smile, and it will automatically donate .5% of every purchase to the church and school. Now you have more of an excuse to use the convenience of Amazon!