



# Blessed Sacrament School

## Summer Newsletter

July 12, 2022

Dear Blessed Sacrament School Family:

Though it's still only July, I write to welcome you to Blessed Sacrament's 2023-24 school year. I look forward to an easy transition from last year since we have only one change in faculty from last year. Skyler Cappel is our new P.E. teacher, replacing Mark Stoley, who has retired from teaching. I've never seen that kind of stability in my 32 years with schools in which I've been associated with in our diocese. I think it's a credit to the good work of our principal, Jennifer Tran, who goes to great effort to make our learning environment a pleasure for everyone involved.

I also look forward to the completion of our construction projects: the green space south of the playground; renovated ground-level areas, including the cafeteria, library, bathrooms, and storage; and replacing the roof of the old wing of the school. Unfortunately, it doesn't look like all the work will be completed before the first day of school. We will keep you informed as that day nears.

I pray the rest of this summertime is peaceful and restful for you and your family.

Sincerely in Christ.

Fr. Mike Morin

### **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 [Melissa-tvrdy@cdolinc.net](mailto:Melissa-tvrdy@cdolinc.net) 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 has reviewed all files/records and has or will be emailing 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 respond if you have received an email for this. Student records must be properly updated in order for your students to attend. Thank you!

### **SCHOOL UPDATES CONTINUING**

- New roofing on the school
- 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
- Stairs and a little hill to access the (to-be) green space
- Library expansion with new cabinetry
- Additional conference/resource room 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
  - Gym
  - Select classrooms
- New noise control panels in the gym and new music room
- New PA system in the gym

**\*At this point, the kitchen is estimated to be completed near the end of September. Without access to these kitchen appliances, students will be served a variety of sack lunches until that is completed. Thank you for your understanding and patience—I promise it will be worth the wait!**

I have again attached the 23-24 Calendar and Handbook, which are both available on our school [website](#).

### **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 [Melissa-tvrdy@cdolinc.net](mailto:Melissa-tvrdy@cdolinc.net) 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 per hour, and we will be charging for care in the mornings in addition to the afternoons. ***We are also still looking for Extended Care employees***—please email [megan-brown@cdolinc.net](mailto:megan-brown@cdolinc.net) with any questions.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS & CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS**

- 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 are encouraged to 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

## **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 [CMG Connect account](#) 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](mailto: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!*

- **Skirts/Skorts/Jumpers:** They must be either the old or newer Blessed Sacrament plaid. The new plaid can be ordered through [Dennis](#). *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.
- **Pants/Shorts:** 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.
- **Polos:** 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:
  - [Dickies](#)—*material:* pique/performance; *colors:* dark/night navy, heather gray, white
    - Email: [jennifer-tran@cdolinc.net](mailto:jennifer-tran@cdolinc.net), Password: blessed sacrament (*do not save payment info*)
    - School ID for phone orders: e0e57c8b8a
    - There is also the option to order them through a personal account
  - [Land's End](#)—use this link to access the Blessed Sacrament store
  - [Dennis](#)—use this link to access the Blessed Sacrament store
  - [Cat & Jack](#)—*material:* jersey/pique; *colors:* navy, white.
- **Sweatshirts/Cardigan:** 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.
  - [Land's End:](#) Charcoal Heather Women's Cotton Polyester V-neck Pocket Cardigan
  - [Dennis:](#) Heather Gray V-Neck Button Front
  - [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](https://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!