



Blessed Sacrament School
Wednesday Weekly
August 23, 2023

Boys Town Skill of the Week: Listening

1. Look at the person who is talking and remain quiet.
2. Wait until the person is through talking before you speak.
3. Show that you heard them by nodding your head, saying “Okay,” “That’s interesting,” etc.

Dear Blessed Sacrament Families,

Happy first full week of school! It feels like we have been in school for at least three weeks with how busy it has been in the school. I want to commend our teachers and staff for their adaptability and positivity with the beginning of any school year. There are often many changes made to enrollment, schedules, and duties. On top of that, teachers are learning the personality, needs, and culture of a whole new set of students. It always amazes me how classes can be so unique even if they were the same age as the prior class. On the flip side, each class has to adapt to and learn the norms of a new classroom teacher. There are so many things to learn and get acquainted with in the first couple weeks, so be sure to ask your students about how their new year is going and to give some show of appreciation to our wonderful teachers and staff here at Blessed Sacrament.

In Christ,

Mrs. Jennifer Tran

UNIFORM ASSISTANCE

If you feel you are unable to pay for your children’s uniform (maybe going up a size, replacing ripped pants, or getting a school sweatshirt), please email jennifer-tran@cdolinc.net. We have money set aside to assist you! And please remember that polo colors are now only gray, white, and navy; and the skirt must be the updated Blessed Sacrament plaid. **Information about uniform sweatshirt orders will be sent out by the end of these week. Thanks for your patience!**

FAMILY AT DAILY MASS

We have been trying different policies with having family at daily Mass, and I think we have landed on a good compromise. A skill that we teach at school is being able to sit, participate, and pray as a class during Mass. However, the parent/guardian is the primary educator of school and faith, so we want to be able to give you time with your child at Mass as well if you attend. Therefore, here is our new policy in regards to this:

A student is allowed to leave their class during daily Mass and sit with an adult family member *one day a week*. Please notify your teacher ahead of time. Thank you for supporting your child in learning and faith!

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Please turn in your Emergency Contact Information sheet if you haven’t already. It is important for our school to have the most accurate contact information in case of an emergency. Thank you for taking the time to do this!

SCHOOL PICTURES

School pictures will be on Thursday, August 31. Please have your students dress up for the occasion or wear their uniform. School dress code applies

CGS IS BACK!

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, a Montessori based catechesis program, will benefit our younger grades (Pre-K and Kindergarten for this year) beginning in mid-September with hour-long sessions every Wednesday morning. This is a beautiful experience described as contemplation and enjoyment of God. The hour includes time for students to listen, reflect, learn, and “work” through various activities. This will be led by trained volunteer catechists from the parish who are also Safe Environment certified. Stef Rash, a parent and parishioner at Blessed Sacrament will be serving as the lead catechist and will serve as the main point of contact. If you have specific questions, you are welcome to reach out to her at stefanierash@gmail.com. More information about CGS can also be found at: cgsusa.org. As we get closer to the start of the program in September, we would love to have the parents tour the CGS space, referred to as the "Atrium," which is located within Blessed Sacrament School. There will be more info to come!

DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP ROUTINE

Please use the **parking lot** drop-off lane in the morning unless you are coming inside or have a slow drop off (more than a few kids). And **all should be parking in the parking lot for pick-up**. If you haven't told your teacher which group your child is in, please do so! **Group #1** is for students who will be retrieved by a guardian (or they walk home) and **Group #2** is for students who will walk directly to the car. Thank you!



I SCREAM, YOU SCREAM, LETS MEET UP FOR ICE CREAM!

Come join us for the year's first DINE OUT at **Dairy Queen at 3835 South Street on Wednesday, September 6th from 5pm-8pm**. The PTO will receive 15% of the profits from that evening. You can also purchase SCRIP gift cards and Blessed Sacrament SCRIP will receive 3%. Check Facebook for an event reminder.

N PIZZA BOX VOLUNTEERS

The PTO is doing pizza boxing again this year for the home football games. This is an amazing fundraiser for the PTO that helps us support our teachers and students by providing supplies, funding field trips, positive office referral parties, and so much more! The PTO receives \$100 per volunteer! There is a 16-year-old minimum age requirement to volunteer. Please email Clarissa Hunt at ceceluther@yahoo.com or text/call 402-480-2225 if you can volunteer. Below are the dates of the football games and the arrival time of the games we know the start time for. These volunteer hours will go towards your family's 15 hours of stewardship hours. Thank you for helping the PTO. 🍕

September 16th Northern Illinois, **arrival at stadium 2:30 pm, 2 volunteers needed**

September 23rd Louisiana Tech TBA, **6 volunteers needed**

September 30th Michigan TBA, **4 volunteers needed**

October 21st Northwestern (100th anniversary of Memorial Stadium) TBA, **2 volunteers needed**

October 28th against Purdue (Homecoming) TBA, **2 volunteers needed**

November 11th against Maryland TBA, **5 volunteers needed**

November 24th against Iowa **arrival to stadium at 8:00 am, 4 volunteers needed**

SAINTS AND SCHOLARS NOMINATIONS

The Diocese will once again be taking nominations for five awards for those working in our diocesan schools. The Diocesan Education Awards are as follows:

- St. Thomas Aquinas Award (Administrator of the Year)
- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award (Elementary Educator of the Year)
- St. John Cantius (Secondary Educator of the Year)
- St. Catherine of Alexandria (Special Education/Underserved Communities Educator of the Year)
- St. John Bosco (Support Staff Member of the Year)

Nominations for the awards must be submitted by noon on Friday, September 1 using the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/PirWMUYd5Q>

Each recipient will receive a \$250 cash award plus \$250 for their school's library. The recipients will be publicly recognized at the Saints & Scholars Dinner and through diocesan communications channels. All school personnel of Diocese of Lincoln Catholic Schools are eligible to receive these awards. A small committee of clergy, religious, and lay professionals will select the winners.

iPADS STILL AVAILABLE

If you are lacking in sources of technology for your children in regards to school, we have more iPads available from a government funded grant during the beginning period of the pandemic. Please email Jennifer-tran@cdolinc.net if you are interested in receiving one.

HEALTH CHECKS

Health checks will be on the morning of **Friday, September 8**. Please avoid pulling your children out of school, so they have the opportunity to have their health checked.