



Blessed Sacrament School
Wednesday Weekly
September 27, 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,

I am beginning my formal observations of our great teachers, which I know they so look forward to each semester 😊. I’ve only had two so far, but I’m always walking away from the class having learned quite a bit (whether in regards to content or strategies our teachers use to motivate or manage students). I sat next to one unlucky kindergartener in art class today who must have thought I would be an intense art critic. With almost each brush stroke, he would peek over at me to see if I approved of his art skills. It was very hard not to laugh each time, but I made sure to give him a reassuring smile and nod with every glance. On the flipside, there was a student who finished his project early and walked to get in line to go, and he was shocked to see that I had been in the room the whole time. With all of these different skills, personalities, and needs; our teachers do a great job finding various ways to meet each student where they are at.

In Christ,

Mrs. Jennifer Tran

PICTURE RE-TAKES

Picture re-takes are this **Friday, September 29**. If your child would like to participate, they can come to school in their picture clothes and bring their uniform in their back packs to change into afterwards.

SCHOOL FAMILY T-SHIRTS

Thanks for getting in your children’s sizes for our themed t-shirts this year. The shirts ended up costing about **\$14 each**. If you are able to pay for your children’s shirts (and maybe more if you’d like to try to cover some families who can’t afford to pay), you can do one of the following: **bring a check to the office, bring cash to the office, or Venmo the money to <https://venmo.com/u/Clarissa-Luther-Hunt>**. I’ll leave you all in suspense as far as the design.

ST. JUDE RELIC

St. Michael Church in Lincoln will be hosting a relic (forearm) of St. Jude the Apostle, the patron saint of lost causes **TODAY**. As this is the first time this major relic of St. Jude has left Italy, we would like to invite you to come with your families to venerate the relic beginning at **4:00pm**.

VOLLEYBALL VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to those who have volunteered for our home volleyball games. We are close to filling all positions, but this is what we have left:

- **Thursday, October 19**
 - 1 Line Judge – 5:45-6:30
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Email Mr. Cappel at skTyler-cappel@cdolinc.net if you are able to help out. The schedule for the volleyball season is on the school website under Athletics.

FEST QUEST

This annual event and fundraiser is a great opportunity to meet fellow parishioners, eat great food, and win prizes! The auction will be online again this year via BidPal: <http://bidpal.net/bscfestquest2023>. If you registered last year or for Table for 10, then you will not need to re-register.

Here are some important dates to remember:

- *Fill the Envelope*—Sept. 23rd - Oct 7th
- *Silent Online Auction*—Oct. 2nd - Oct. 8th @ 1:00 pm
- *Adult Night*—Oct. 7th @ 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm
- *Parish Meal and Family Activities*—Oct. 8th @ 11:00 am - 1:30 pm
- *Lottery Drawing*—Oct. 8th @ 1:30 pm - School Gym

LOTTERY COMPETITION

Your kids are doing awesome! So far, we have 2nd grade in first place, 5th grade in second place, and Kindergarten in 3rd place (these places have fluctuated within the last week *often*). Each ticket is \$2 and you have until **Friday, October 6th** to sell and turn them in. As of today, we have **sold about 1,500 tickets, raising about \$3,000 with over a week to go!** The class that sells the most tickets per student will not only get bragging rights, but a **dress down day** and a **special treat**. We will also be rewarding the student who sells the most tickets with a \$25 gift card of their choice! Students can turn in their sold tickets with money to the office or their homeroom teacher in the envelope provided with their grade on it. Thank you in advance for helping us raise money for our school and making this the BEST Fest Quest, yet!

CANDY DONATION

The Fest Quest Committee is requesting that each Blessed Sacrament School family donate one bag of mini/fun size, individually wrapped candy. The candy will be used as prizes for the children's games at Fest Quest on Sunday, October 8. **Donations can be brought to the school office, and will be collected through Friday, October 6.** Thank you for supporting Fest Quest, our Church, and School through your donation!

Do your kids need to get some **service hours** in? See the [sign-up genius](#) for the volunteer positions available. Can't decide? Clarissa Hunt, Fest Quest Volunteer Coordinator will help find the perfect place. Please remember that Fest Quest is Blessed Sacrament School's largest fundraiser of the year. This year the money will go towards ongoing construction projects at the Church and School. Questions? Please contact the Fest Quest Committee at BSCFestQuest@gmail.com.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Conferences are fast-approaching—**Tuesday, October 10 from 3:40-5pm and 5:45-7pm and Thursday, October 12 from 1:30-6pm.** A sign-up will be sent out early next week for these required conferences, and we are looking forward to connecting with you!

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. 🍕

If you are interested in volunteering for any of the earlier games, please email or text Clarissa as we will always take more volunteers.

November 11th against Maryland TBA, **3 volunteers needed**

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

MUSIC ON THE TRAIL



The trunks are full, the wagons are loaded, and we're ready for an exciting month of *Music on the Trail* at Blessed Sacrament with Mrs. Parker's class. For the third year, fourth grade students will be working with Nebraska Arts Council teaching-artist Donna Gunn as she leads a residency focused on the Oregon Trail experience. It is an excellent partner program that intersects with fourth grade Nebraska History curriculum. Stay tuned for future messages from *the Trail!* The residency is funded by the Nebraska Arts Council.

CSS COATS FOR KIDS

Catholic Social Services is hosting its 8th annual Coats for Kids event put on by the Knights of Columbus. This event is on **Saturday, October 7** and runs from 9am until supplies run out. This year we are looking to give away around 400-500 coats plus gloves, hats, scarves, etc.

SPIRITUAL WARFARE CONFERENCE

St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center at UNL's City Campus is hosting a one-day conference on **Saturday, October 14** to speak to strategies for families to address spiritual warfare.

PARISH ALL SAINTS' DAY CELEBRATION

Kids are invited to dress up as a saint for the 8:15a.m. Holy Day Mass. After Mass, the saints will process around the church, have a group photo taken, be given a small holy gift, and then head to the gym for a saintly party with games & treats! Lots of easy saint costume ideas online. Questions? Text or call K of C Family Directors Clem & Maggie Pella at 402-443-7343. Also keep in mind that Blessed Sacrament School's first graders will be doing an All Saints' Day Procession the day before at 2:55pm in the church.

Left over Halloween candy? Bring to the 8:15 a.m. Holy Day Mass or drop it off in the gym for the parish All Saints' Day party!

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.