



Blessed Sacrament School
Wednesday Weekly
December 13, 2023

Boys Town Skill of the Week: Asking for Help

1. Look at the person.
2. Ask the person if they have time to help you.
3. Clearly explain the kind of help that you need.
4. Thank the person for helping.

Dear Blessed Sacrament Families,

The generosity that I have seen among our Blessed Sacrament families has been immense as we get closer and closer to Christmas. As we ask for many donations—Days of Giving, Change Drive, Fund-A-Want, Christmas Bonus, etc.—we also have many wanting to give back to the families in our community. Even last week we had collected lots of food that was going out to the community on the same day that CSS brought in food bags for our families. This may seem a little odd to some, but I think people who both give generously and receive generosity are the ones who best understand its gift. Thank you for knowing the beauty of giving and receiving this Christmas season.

In Christ,

Mrs. Jennifer Tran

THE DAYS OF GIVING

In light of our December virtue of the month, generosity, we will be having The Days of Giving. Thank you so much for your generosity. We have only one day of giving lift, and that is this Friday:

Dec. 15 – *Winter clothing (anything from socks to coats)

The donations will be taken to a wide variety of places in need including CSS, People City Mission, Children's Hospital, Nursing Home, and City Impact.

***New or gently used**

CHRISTMAS BONUS FUND



Blessed Sacrament PTO is excited to continue the tradition of organizing an appeal to provide a generous Christmas bonus to every Blessed Sacrament School teacher and staff member. Please join us this year in acknowledging the substantial contributions and efforts of these important people who, on a daily basis, make such an important difference in the spiritual, intellectual, emotional and physical development of our children. This bonus will be made possible from donations from our school families like you, who during this season of giving, contribute a generous gift to show our teachers and staff how much they are valued and appreciated. Please send your donation via your child's backpack (Please make checks out to Blessed Sacrament PTO in an enclosed envelope labeled PTO) or send via Venmo to PTO President Clarissa Hunt at the QR code below by **Monday, December 18.**

TEXTBOOK LOAN FORMS

Each of your students (PK-7th) should have brought home a Textbook Loan Form yesterday for you to sign in order to get funding for some of our books. **Please fill out and sign the form FRONT and BACK**

and return it to school no later than Friday, December 15. If you have any questions, please feel free to email or stop in the office. We can help you fill it out in the office if need be!

\$ CHANGE DRIVE



We are asking your children to bring in any spare change to help fund a playground improvement project for the Immaculate Conception School in Basseterre, St. Kitts, West Indies. It is the only Catholic school on the island in a very low-income area. The current playground equipment is dilapidated

and unsafe. **Students may bring “change” to their homerooms by Friday, December 15 for this worthy cause.** Thank you for your generosity!

FRIDAY – WEAR PINK SHIRT/SWEATSHIRT

To honor the third week in Advent, students are invited to wear a pink shirt and/or sweatshirt with uniform bottoms on Friday, December 15. *They will also be able to wear a Christmas/Advent explosion of colors on Wednesday, December 20* to celebrate the last day of school before Christmas break.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM DECEMBER 18

This year’s Christmas program will be on **Monday, December 18 at 6:30pm** and will feature all PK-5 students and students in junior high who participate in choir and theater. All students participating in the show should leave their coats with their parents/guardians. PK-4 will report to their homeroom classroom. Students 5-8 will report to the hallway area outside of the gym back door. All those who don’t need to change prior to the program should arrive at **6:15** and those who do change prior to the program should arrive at **6:10**. Please have your children dressed in their best!

BSS EXTENDED CARE WORKER NEEDED

We have only one opening left on **Thursdays** for second semester of this ’23-’24 school year. Duties include co-supervising a small group of students at Blessed Sacrament School from 3:15 to 5:45 at the very latest. Keep in mind that if you have children at Blessed Sacrament School, they could attend Extended Care the days you work for free, and you would receive a discount on tuition in addition to regular pay. If interested, please email megan-brown@cdolinc.net.

SCRIP

Gift Cards from SCRIP make great stocking stuffers! Scrip will be available during regular Rectory hours for those last-minute gifts. Contact Jennie Korth at jenniekorth@gmail.com or text 402-366-4218 for more information. Thanks to the many families who used SCRIP this year, we were able to donate \$1,000 each to St. Vincent de Paul, St. Philomena/St. Rita Oblation Fund, and the Blessed Sacrament PTO to help fulfill the Teachers' Fund-A-Want lists.

YOUTH CHOIR – CHRISTMAS EVE

All children of the parish grades 3-8 are invited to participate in youth choir for Christmas Eve. There are 2 options for rehearsal: either Sunday, December 17 from 3:00-4:00 PM, OR Tuesday December 19 from 3:30-4:30 PM, both in the school music room (it is not necessary to attend both rehearsals). For any questions or to indicate your child’s interest, please contact Julia DeLaRosa Lang at (254) 405-0928.

OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP OF NEBRASKA

With the new legislative bill, families who are coming from public school to a non-public school (this includes all Kindergarteners) will have the opportunity to apply for a Nebraska scholarship. Details are attached and you can start the simple application process with no extra cost here:

www.nebraskaopportunity.org.

ARCHERY PRACTICE

There will be no archery practice next week with Christmas Break beginning. Practice will resume on Thursday, January 4.