



Blessed Sacrament School
Wednesday Weekly
January 10, 2024

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,

God graced us with two snow days at the start of this first full week to get us back in the swing of second semester (although I’m sure it slowed your swing with possibly having to take off more work). It feels like it’s been a while since we’ve gotten a good, solid snowstorm; so I was excited about having the opportunity to take my boys out to play. With the snow being absolutely perfect for sledding, snowballs, snowmen, and forts; I hope you all had a chance to bond with your children in such a fun and playful environment. It is also a good time to give thanks to God for having a warm and safe place to buckle down during what can be such damaging and detrimental weather. And we will see what Friday brings as another possible storm may be headed our way!

In Christ,

Mrs. Jennifer Tran

PTO DINE OUT



Mark your calendars for the next Dine Out at Panera Bread, **TOMORROW January 11th from 4-8 pm** at the 1424 Pine Lake Road location. The PTO will receive 25% of the sales that mention Blessed Sacrament. There is also SCRIP available and SCRIP will receive 8% back on all gift card purchases. Look forward to seeing you there!

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

There will be no school on Monday, January 15 due to Martin Luther King Jr. Day. School will resume on Tuesday.

’24-’25 GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOLARSHIP, MARCH 31 DEADLINE

We are delighted to announce that the Lincoln Diocese will continue offering Good Shepherd Scholarships for the 2024-2025 school year to students attending diocesan Catholic Schools who participate in the program. Since its inception in 2019, the Lincoln Diocese has awarded over \$12 million in financial aid to families enrolled in diocesan Catholic Schools. During the current academic year, the Good Shepherd Scholarship Program achieved the following milestones:

- Awarded 1,551 student scholarships, totaling over \$3.1 million dollars
- Provided scholarships to 25% of Catholic School students
- Attained a 100% Graduation Rate for senior scholarship recipients (84% Nebraska Rate, 85% U.S. Rate)
- 27% of the scholarship recipients were from minority backgrounds

The **Good Shepherd Scholarship** will be \$1,800 in the 2024-2025 academic year to for grades K-8 and will cover families within 225% of the Federal Poverty Level. The **Family Tuition Cap Scholarship** is offered to families with more than three students enrolled in the Diocese of Lincoln Catholic Schools. Families pay tuition for the first three students and the rest will be tuition-free (K-12).

To be eligible for the Good Shepherd Scholarship or the Family Tuition Cap Scholarship, families must complete an application and upload tax documents (2022 or 2023 tax forms) through the **FACTS Scholarship Management** program. Any family may apply, regardless of religious affiliation. For more information or to apply for these scholarships go to www.goodshepherdscholarship.com. See attached document for more detailed information. If you have questions or need assistance with the process, please reach out to Melissa Tvrdy at Melissa-tvrdy@cdolinc.net or 402-476-6202.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK EVENTS

The daily schedule is attached, and I want to highlight a few events:

Saturday & Sunday Mass Volunteers

We are looking for at least two students to volunteer at each weekend Mass before CSW to hand out thank-you cards to all parishioners and/or read a short statement of thanks at the microphone at the end of Mass. Please email Jennifer-tran@cdolinc.net if you are interested in either!

Monday, January 29: Grandparents Day

Grandparents and/or parents are welcome to join us at daily Mass (8:15) and afterward for doughnut holes in the gym.

Friday, February 2: Community Day



We invite you and your families to join us for our Food Festival from 12:00 to dismissal at 1pm. RSVP & sign up [here](#) or use the QR code. A flier with more information is attached!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

We are looking for 2-3 volunteers to assist with the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) for Pre-K and Kindergarten on Wednesday mornings from 8:15 - 10:20am during the school year. CGS is a Montessori based catechesis for children ages 3-6. Volunteers would help direct students to their individual work, sitting in a circle, keeping hands to themselves, etc. during presentations given by the catechists during the session. No training is necessary. If you are interested in hearing more about volunteering or CGS in general, contact Stef Rash at 402-440-4199 or stefanierash@gmail.com

TARDY REMINDER

Per our handbook: **If a student arrives after 8:05, a guardian must be present to sign his/her student in at the front office. Students will sit in the office until a guardian comes to sign them in.** Students are expected to be in attendance when school is in session, except in cases of illness. When a student is absent, the parent must notify the school office by phone or email between 7:15-8:30 am. The school will contact parents to verify unreported absences.

SCRIP

Did you know that if every adult in the Blessed Sacrament parish bought a \$100 gift card to purchase groceries just once, we would raise over \$7,000 for our church and school? Just like that! What if they did it every month for a year? It is a quick and easy way to support Blessed Sacrament without spending any extra money! Visit <http://tinyurl.com/4ucn4t29> or contact Jennie Korth at jenniekorth@gmail.com if you want to learn more! SCRIP is always available at the rectory and on select Sundays between Masses (watch the school or church Facebook pages for dates).

IMPORTANT DATES FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR ('24-'25)

First day of school: August 16 – Noon dismissal

Thanksgiving break: November 27-29

Christmas break for students: December 20 (1pm dismissal) – January 6

Easter Break: April 17–22

Last day of school: May 22 – full day