



Blessed Sacrament School
Wednesday Weekly
January 31, 2024

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,

Some weeks I have to think for a bit to figure out what to write about—this is NOT one of those weeks. There are so many great stories I could share, and I'll share a few somewhat abbreviated versions of them:

- We had a free-throw competition put on by the Knights of Columbus this last Friday after school. I wasn't there for all of it, but I did happen to see one student who was struggling to get even one basket. Like every parent's fear, I was worried he would be made fun of. Quite the contrary! He was cheered on extra hard, and everyone blew up in applause when he made a basket. His mom was smiling with so much pride when she saw this reaction.
- If I haven't said it enough, I love our teachers/staff. We had a quiz bowl on Monday where I pit school families against each other. Our family teachers got REALLY into it (still some fun, smack talk happening after the fact). The best part of the whole quiz bowl for me was when the teachers had to run and choose an iPad for the game. One over-excited teacher was so determined to get the one she wanted that she fell a bit on the way and recovered beautifully. We are still all good-heartedly making fun of her competitive spirit.
- We had four servers (two 7th graders and two 8th graders) who did a wonderful job escorting the Holy Eucharist around our school on Tuesday with Fr. Morin. One of our substitute paras even messaged me saying, "The boys serving during the procession this morning brought tears to my eyes. They looked perfect! So beautiful in their red and white and knew their job perfectly, too." What a wonderful compliment!
- This morning we had Sergeant Molina, a parent of a few of our students, speak about his experience in the military—what it entails, the sacrifice and discipline needed, and a bit about parts of his uniform. I was extremely impressed with the respect from our students (it's hard not to quiet down to his booming and confident voice!), their high-level answers/vocabulary to his questions, and the quality of questions that they asked themselves. Thank you, Sergeant Molina!

I better stop for the sake of those still reading! In the end, it has been a wonderful start to this year's Catholic School's Week, and I love that I get to experience it at Blessed Sacrament with all of you!

In Christ,

Mrs. Jennifer Tran

PTO MEETING, OPEN HOUSE, & KINDERGARTEN PREVIEW

Tuesday, February 6 will be a busy night starting off with Kindergarten Preview at 5pm, then an Open House for any grades with families who are interested in joining our school, and it will end with a PTO meeting at 6:45pm that all families are encouraged to attend. Flier is attached. **Please spread the word about our Kindergarten Preview and Open House!**

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

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.

The **Good Shepherd Scholarship** will be \$1,800 in the 2024-2025 academic year 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). 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 of each day:

Thursday – Students Day

Dress: Crazy Clothes

Activities: 5-8 Certificate Presentation Following Mass

Lunch Pizza Party

Movie Afternoon Rotation

8th grade vs. Staff volleyball game at 2:05 (8th grade parents/guardians invited)

Friday – Community Day

Dress: Comfy Clothes—No PJ's

Activities: **1:00 Dismissal**



6th Grade Cultural Fair following Mass

Noon Food Festival - RSVP & sign up [here](#) or use the QR code. A flier 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 PK & K 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



PTO DINE OUT

Join us for our next dine out at **CHIPOTLE on Wednesday, February 21 from 4-8pm at the 2801 Pine Lake Rd location**. PTO will receive 33% of all sales that mention Blessed Sacrament. You can also purchase online using code NQ8836H along with SCRIP, and SCRIP will receive 10% from all gift card purchases. Look forward to seeing you there.

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).

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES COMING UP

A sign-up for Parent-Teacher Conferences will be sent out next week. Although these conferences are optional, they are highly recommended for students with grades at a C or lower or if you have any questions or concerns about your student(s).

TABLE FOR TEN

Registration is now open for this year's Table for Ten! Join us **Saturday, March 9** for a "Blast from the Past." The night will include a cocktail hour, catered dinner, and a Dueling Pianos performance. To register, visit one.bidpal.net/tableforten2024. **New this year: if you wish, you can select to be seated at a table with other parents who have children in the same grade as yours** (see registration options for details). Registration closes March 2. For any questions, contact Katie Kudron at katie.kudron@gmail.com or 402-314-2222.

INTERNET SAFETY

Tips for internet safety from the Nebraska State Patrol have been attached. Please review if you have students who use devices, especially if they use them independently.