

# BLESSED SACRAMENT QUARTERLY

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## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

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Catholic Schools Week is celebrated to focus on the value a Catholic education brings to our youth. Blessed Sacrament does this by allowing all students to dress according to a given theme every day for a whole week, along with participating in a variety of fun activities. Some of the themes for this year were Family T-shirts, Saints or Sunday best, Red, white, and blue, Crazy clothes, and Comfy clothes. Along with the creative outfits, we also celebrated different things on each day of the week. On Monday we celebrated with our parents and grandparents.

Tuesday was vocation day, and there was an all-school rosary. Wednesday was teachers and staff day; we had a guest speaker, Mr. Molina. He talked about his time in the army. There was also a teacher swap. Thursday was students' day. There were movies going on in every classroom, a pizza party, and an 8th grade vs teachers volleyball game. Teachers won two sets and 8th graders won one. On Friday there was an early dismissal. The 6th graders had a cultural fair, and then we had a food festival where parents brought different foods.

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- Student and Staff Spotlights
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- The inside scoop on the Archery team
- What students are doing in Specials classes

# Student Spotlights

Written by Angelyna Huerta and Natalie Meysenburg

## MEET OAKLYN



Oaklyn is a Preschooler here at Blessed Sacrament. She loves playing outside, especially during winter. She loves to play in the snow. Oaklyn's favorite movie is *The Mario Movie*. Her favorite character in the movie is Princess Peach.

## MEET MICHAEL



Micheal is a Preschooler at Blessed Sacrament this year. He likes to go to Lost and Fun and the Children's Museum to have fun outside of school. Michael's favorite movie is *Spiderman Venom*. He likes this movie because it is very thrilling!

## MEET JUSTIN

Justin is a first grader here at Blessed Sacrament. His favorite special is gym because he really likes to play basketball. His favorite movie is *Spiderman 2* because he enjoys watching Spiderman swing around buildings.



## MEET CLARE



Clare is a first grader at Blessed Sacrament. Clare's favorite special is art because she wants to become an artist when she gets older. Her favorite song is Happy Birthday. She likes singing Happy Birthday at every birthday party.

## MEET CARTER



Carter Taylor is a third grader here at Blessed Sacrament. One of Carter's favorite hobbies is playing on his oculus. He likes playing the oculus because it's fun. He likes to listen to the song Daylight. It is one of his favorite songs to listen to.

## MEET MIKE



Mike is a fifth grader here at Blessed Sacrament. His favorite hobbies are watching *One Piece* and playing video games. He likes doing these things because they are fun. He also likes to draw air because it is easy to draw.

## MEET MORGAN



Morgan is a fifth grader at Blessed Sacrament this year. Some of Morgan's favorite hobbies are reading and drawing. Morgan's favorite thing to draw is dogs. She likes drawing them because they are one of her favorite animals.

## MEET BROOKLYN



Brooklyn is a third grader at Blessed Sacrament this year. Brooklyn's favorite special is art. She likes art because she gets to create new projects. She likes the movie *Despicable Me*. She likes watching this movie because she likes minions.

# Staff Spotlights

*Written by Roxana and Joanna Garcia Martinez*

## **MRS. GROOTHUIS**



Mrs. Groothuis is the kindergarten teacher at Blessed Sacrament. She has been teaching here for almost two years. She loves her job because the kids make her smile and laugh (especially Ben). Her favorite food is ice cream (any flavor) with chocolate chips. The most memorable thing that has happened to her during her teaching career is when she took her sixth grade class on a field trip to Missouri from Indiana in 1994 (almost 30 years ago!!).

## **MISS MIKA**

Miss Mika is the fifth-grade teacher. This is her third year teaching at Blessed Sacrament. Her favorite food is cheese pizza. She likes her job because she can teach about her Catholic faith. Her favorite subject to teach is math. The most memorable thing about teaching is the impact she can have on the kids.



# Ice Cream Preferences

*Written by Hannah Hoang and Edhleen Leija Puente*

We asked 4-6 students from each grade in the elementary, as well as a few Junior High students what type of ice cream they like and would rather eat. The options were strawberry, chocolate, vanilla, and cookies and cream. The most voted for was chocolate and vanilla, both tied at 12 votes. Cookies and cream got 9 votes, and strawberry at 6 votes. Although most of the school prefers chocolate and vanilla, our favorite is cookies and cream! I hope you find this poll very interesting, thank you very much for reading this poll.



# Sports

## ARCHERY

*Written by Isaac Baumert and Drake O'Neill*

Have you ever wondered what archery is like at Blessed Sacrament? Well, we asked 7th graders, Antonio and Zoe, who have been doing archery for about 3 years, about their experience with archery. Antonio said his favorite thing about archery was that he “got to shoot a bow for the first time.” Zoe’s favorite thing is getting to hang out with her friends. Antonio’s best score is 241, while Zoe’s is 257. The highest score possible is 300.

Both Antonio and Zoe went to Nationals last year. Zoe said that the place where the tournament was held was “a big place and full of people.” If they could change where Nationals is held, Antonio would keep it where it is, but Zoe would move it to Disney Land. When asked about the biggest mistake made at a tournament, Antonio said he did not have an extra bow and someone was using his. Zoe didn’t pull the string all the way back and her arrow didn’t go as far as it should have. So now you know a little about archery. We hope you have a wonderful day!



*Archery members take practice shots.*



*Bradleigh (4th grade) gets ready to take a shot during practice.*

# Student Life

## **SPECIALS CLASSES**

*Written by Chelsea Billioux and Ayauna Shonka*

For a peek into Blessed Sacrament student life, we met with the Specials teachers to see what each grade was doing. With Mr. Cappel in gym, preschool, kindergarten, and first grade are working on bowling, while second-seventh grade are working on whiffle ball. The eighth graders are playing handball.

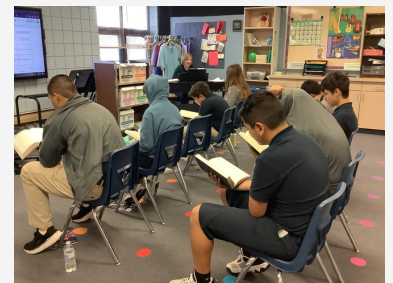
In library with Mrs. Brown, preschool worked on learning the alphabet, while kindergarten learned about Antarctica and winter weather. First grade learned the difference between fact and opinion, and second grade did animal research. The third and fourth graders used a Venn diagram to compare and contrast. Fifth graders worked on booklet boards. The sixth graders designed and constructed roller coaster dioramas, and the seventh graders learned different note-taking strategies. Lastly, the in eighth grade, they learned about finance, credit and debit cards, and cooking.

In music with Mrs. Furrow, preschool learned about keeping a beat. The second and third graders learned about different notes like the eighth and half notes. Fourth grade practiced their recorders, and the fifth graders learned the orchestra families. Sixth grade has been learning about melody and unhitch instruments, and the eighth graders have been receiving excellent knowledge about composers.

You can see all of the different art projects from art class with Ms. Schmidt hanging in the hallway. Preschool and kindergarten just got done painting their clay ceramic projects. First grade just created a clay owl that will be ready to paint next week. Second grade will be glazing their ceramic pig they made, and third grade will be glazing their clay lizard they made. Fourth grade will be working on their clay gnome homes they are building. Fifth graders are working on building a clay coil pot, and sixth grade just finished painting a sunflower still life. Art 1 students are starting their watercolor landscape painting, and Art 2 students are painting a watercolor observation painting.



*(above) student artwork hung in the main hallway  
(below) clay fish painted by PK & K students.*



*Junior High choir students practice hymns for Mass.*