

Dear Blessed Sacrament Families,

Although school is out for the summer, it has been great seeing it come back to life with students participating in our summer program (snacking on the leftover food is a great perk as well!). Seeing the happiness and excitement of our students reminds me of the success from our previous year. Due to technical difficulties at our last assembly, we weren't able to show a wonderful video created by Mrs. Katzmarek. If you haven't already, I encourage you to take a break and watch this 3-4 minute video with your children: 2023-2024 School Year Video. It brought a lot of joy to our faculty and staff when we watched it at our end-of-the-year party. It's great to have a break and a quiet school, but I'm already looking forward to having our spirited students back!

In Christ,

Jennifer Tran

PLEASE REGISTER!

Thank you for those who have, and please do if you haven't yet, so we can organize details for the beginning of the school year with records, desks, books, name tags, etc.

Use the following link to begin the process: https://www.cdolinc.net/enrollment. Returning Student Enrollment will be selected for a student that has been enrolled previously in a Diocese of Lincoln Catholic School. New Student Enrollment will be selected for any student that has NOT been enrolled previously in a Diocese of Lincoln Catholic School (i.e Pre-K or Kindergartener that has not been in Pre-K). After filling out this form, PowerSchool will then send an email for the parent to continue registering the new student. Email Melissa-tvrdy@cdolinc.net with any questions you have.

Winners of the registration raffle are the following, earning a \$50 Scrip gift card of their choice:

- 1. Kendal Danner
- 2. Marcellinu Bawmu
- 3. Charley Carey

Congratulations! Mrs. Tran will email you details for pick up.

OFFICE HOURS

Mrs. Melissa Tvrdy will be available in the office on most Tuesdays from 6am-2pm and Wednesday from 8am to noon. Mrs. Tran will also be in the office most days from 9am-5pm.

OSN SCHOLARSHIP

Attached is information about the benefits of your donations to this scholarship through tax credits. If you have an incoming Kindergartener, 9th grader, or are moving from public to private, you are still eligible to apply for this scholarship **here** by the end of the month. Please email Mrs. Tran with any questions.

TUTOR AVAILABLE

Audrey Loosvelt is a 4th grade teacher and a member of St Joseph's Catholic Church in York offering tutoring services this summer to students looking to enhance their learning and academic skills. With 23 years of experience, she has many activities and projects to help students become proficient in Math and Language Arts Standards. She can also adapt her activities to challenge students who have already

mastered skills and need extensions to help them reach their full potential. She is an extremely motivated teacher dedicated to building students' confidence. Sessions will be facilitated at a City Library in Lincoln. If interested, email audrey.loosvelt@yorkdukes.org. She has included her principal's contact information as a reference: Katie Burger York Elementary School, (402) 362-1414, katie.burger@yorkdukes.org. Details are attached!

PHYSICALS

Students in **Kindergarten** and **7**th grade need physicals by the first day of school. Students in **8**th **grade who plan on participating in sports** also need a physical before that sport begins.

UPDATING RECORDS

Melissa will be reviewing all files/records and will email you if you have any missing documentation. It's important that our records are up to date for the beginning of the year, so please keep an eye on your email for this. Student records must be properly updated in order for your students to attend. Thank you!

FUTURE SCHOOL UPDATES

After being recently notified of an approved grant, we plan to start the following udpates (and complete ones that have been started) to our school:

- New carpet in four classrooms
- New sound system in the gym
- New AC unit in our northern JH classrooms
- New intercom/PA system in the school
- Additional security cameras for our green space, church, and blind spots throughout the school

We have four new staff members this year, and we are very excited to welcome them!:



Mr. Joseph Ambs JH English & Literature Teacher



Sr. Edith Marie Part-time 5th Grade Teacher



Sr. Marie Caritas Part-time 5th Grade Teacher & Part-time Assistant Principal



Mrs. Kandi Lange PK Para & Extended Care Director

EXTENDED CARE

As you read above, Mrs. Kandi Lange will be our new Extended Care Director! Please register for Extended Care (form attached) by the first day of school if there are circumstances that you will have to drop off your children earlier than 7:40am or later than 3:30pm. Registration costs \$25 for the school year.

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

- Wednesday, August 14 **Meet the Teacher Night** 6:30-7:30 following Mass—come visit your classroom, drop off supplies, catch up with classmates, and meet your new teacher for the year!
- Friday, August 16 First day of school—noon dismissal with no lunch or Extended Care
- Monday, August 19 First full day of school
- Thursday, September 5 Picture day (students dress up or wear their uniform for the day)
- Friday, September 27 Picture re-takes

Looking ahead:

- Tuesday, December 16 Christmas Program
- Tuesday, April 15 Arts Appreciation Night
- Monday, March 10 Confirmation at 7pm
- Wednesday, April 9 First Penance at 7pm
- Sunday, May 4 First Communion at 2pm
- Thursday, May 15 8th Grade Graduation at 6:30pm

SCRIP

Keep Scrip in mind for all your summer activities!

- Vacations VISA, national fast food chains (McDonalds, Wendy's, etc.), gas (Shell)
- **School shopping** Dennis Uniforms (the store is open in Omaha and they're are super nice & helpful!), Walmart, Target, Amazon
- Kids are at home and bored and eating all the snacks... Marcus Theatres, Scheels, Top Golf, Roblox, Barnes & Noble

View all gift cards available at www.raiseright.com and watch Facebook/Instagram for announcements when Scrip will be available to purchase between masses. Contact Jennie Korth via text (402-366-4218) or email (jenniekorth@gmail.com) with questions or to place a special order.

VOLUNTEERS

If you plan on volunteering and you need to renew (or complete for the first time) your safety training, please log on to your <u>CMG Connect account</u> and renew your Safe Environment Training or take it for the first time along with the background check if you are volunteering for the first time. Please email <u>jennifertran@cdolinc.net</u> if you are interested in future volunteer opportunities.

UNIFORMS

All new purchases should be the newer plaids and gray, navy, or white polos. Other plaids and red polos are no longer part of the uniform. Please encourage your children to tuck in their shirts as they get ready in the morning!

- <u>Skirts/Skorts/Jumpers</u>: They must be the newer Blessed Sacrament plaid, which can be ordered through <u>Dennis</u>. Skirts, skorts, and jumpers should be no more than two inches above the knee, and shorts should be worn underneath in order for students to play freely and modestly during recess and PE. Leggings/tights worn underneath must be solid black, gray, navy, or white.
- <u>Pants/Shorts</u>: They must be khaki or navy, not excessively tight, and shorts no higher than mid-thigh.
 Pants/shorts are recommended to be from one of the following: Dickies, Cat & Jack, Land's End,
 Dennis.
 - o Pants or leggings under uniform bottoms must be worn November 1 through the end of February due to cold weather conditions.
- <u>Polos</u>: They must be gray, navy, or white (short or long-sleeve) polos. No long-sleeve t-shirts are to be worn underneath polos, and shirts must be tucked in. Newly purchased polos are recommended from one of the following in navy, gray, and white:

- o <u>Dickies</u>—material: pique/performance; colors: dark/night navy, heather gray, white
 - Email: jennifer-tran@cdolinc.net, Password: blessedsacrament (do not save payment info)
 - School ID for phone orders: e0e57c8b8a
 - There is also the option to order them through a personal account
- o Land's End—use this link to access the Blessed Sacrament store
- Dennis—use this link to access the Blessed Sacrament store
- <u>Cat & Jack</u>—*material*: jersey/pique; *colors*: navy, white.
- <u>Sweatshirts/Cardigan</u>: Sweatshirts must be ordered through the school with the options of a crew neck, quarter zip, and full-zip jacket. A gray cardigan may also be worn in a Cat & Jack, Land's End, or Dennis brand. Additional non-uniform sweatshirts may only be worn during recess.
 - o Land's End: Charcoal Heather Women's Cotton Polyester V-neck Pocket Cardigan
 - o Dennis: Heather Gray V-Neck Button Front
 - o Cat & Jack: Heather Gray Girls Cardigan Sweater