

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,

Our students, staff, and choir have brought so much joy to our daily Masses with their beautiful singing. Our choir sings up in the loft three times a week, which amplifies the church and gives courage to those sitting in the pews to sing more. I can't recall which song was especially joyous this morning, but the beauty and innocence in voices of over 100 children singing for God is hard to beat. Encourage your children to sing at the weekend Masses because it's amazing how much it adds to the beauty of the Mass. Thank you for sharing the gifts your children bring to our school!

In Christ,

Mrs. Jennifer Tran

## FRIDAY – 1PM DISMISSAL & DRESS DOWN DAY

This Friday, September 20 will be a 1pm dismissal. Extended Care will be available and please have your children picked up no later than 1:15 for those who aren't going to Extended Care. Also, **Friday will be a dress down day**—encourage your child(ren) to wear red or Husker gear in preparation for the Husker game that night.

## SCHOOL FAMILY T-SHIRTS

Family shirts will be passed out on Friday, October 4. The shirts cost about \$14 each. Please pay for your children's shirts if you are able (and maybe more if you'd like to try to cover some families who can't afford to pay), via check or cash (to the office) or Venmo the money to <a href="https://venmo.com/u/Clarissa-Luther-Hunt">https://venmo.com/u/Clarissa-Luther-Hunt</a>. Thank you for any and all contributions!

#### JH VOLLEYBALL VOLUNTEERS

Please sign up <u>here</u> to help make our three home volleyball games possible and successful. Our first home game will be **tomorrow at 6pm**. Our next home game will be this coming Monday, September 23 at 6pm as well. Go Comets!

## **FALL FESTIVAL**

Fall Festival is almost here! This is our Church's annual fundraiser and proceeds will go towards school upgrades with a focus on the entryway of the school. **October 26 is Adult Night** (21 and over) from 6:30-9:30pm and includes a meal, entertainment, and a raffle. **October 27 is Family Day** and is held from 11:00am - 1:30pm. There will be a meal, kid's games, a silent auction, the Sweet Shoppe, and loads of fun. Plan to bring your family & friends!

As part of Fall Festival, we need your help! We ask that families in grades PK-3 grade donate a bag of individually wrapped "mini" candy for prizes in the kids games. We ask that students in grades 4 - 8 donate a 12-pack of pop. *Only one item per family is needed*. **Donated candy/pop can be dropped off at the school office by September 30.** Thank you!

## **PAGE ONE**

We are gearing up for a new season of Page One! We are excited to have Mr. Ambs join us this year. Page One is open to all students in grades 3 through 8. I would like to remind parents and students that all the books we read for Page One count towards your AR points. I would also like to repeat that reading proficiency is one of leading predictors of success! Reading increases student's self-esteem, it improves their concentration skills, develops thinking skills, improves memory skills and expands students vocabulary. But to get better at reading, you have to practice reading just like you practice anything you want to improve. Page One provides us with an excellent list of age-appropriate books in all types of genres that have been carefully vetted. Our plan is to have a season opening movie night before Thanksgiving, one meeting before Thanksgiving and one meeting before Christmas. Then we will get serious when everyone returns in January. However, you can get started reading whenever you want, the sooner the better! We will meet Mondays after school in the library until 4:10 starting second semester. If you have any questions, please email <a href="mmattern72@gmail.com">mmattern72@gmail.com</a>.

## **HEALTH CHECKS**

Health checks have been postponed due to nurses being ill and a bad-timed flat tire. They will now be on the morning of **Wednesday**, **September 25**. Please avoid pulling your children out of school, so they have the opportunity to have their health checked.

## PIZZA BOX VOLUNTEERS

The PTO is doing pizza boxing again this year for the home football games. This is an amazing fundraiser for the PTO that helps us support our teachers and students by providing supplies, funding field trips, positive office referral parties, and so much more! The PTO receives \$100 per volunteer! There is a 16-year-old minimum age requirement to volunteer. Please email Clarissa Hunt at <a href="mailto:ceecluther@yahoo.com">ceecluther@yahoo.com</a> or text/call 402-480-2225 if you can volunteer. Below are the dates of the football games and the arrival time of the games we know the start time for. Thank you for supporting the PTO and our school!

September 20th FRIDAY - FULL

October 5th Rutgers (Homecoming) – FULL

November 2<sup>nd</sup> UCLA – FULL

November 23<sup>rd</sup> Wisconsin – Arrival time to stadium TBA 4 volunteers needed

#### OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS OF NEBRASKA



OSN has helped a number of our families with tuition this school year and due to recent generosity, we have donated an extra \$7,000! There is still time to donate money that would go to your taxes anyway through tax credits—be sure to specify our school, so the money goes directly to our families!

Use the QR code or go to givehope.nebraskaopportunity.org to start the process. Any funds donated before the end of October will contribute to tuition funds for next school year. Please email <a href="mailto:jeremy@nebraskaopportunity.org">jeremy@nebraskaopportunity.org</a> with any questions!

Individuals who place a Scrip order online or in person between NOW and noon on **Sunday, October 27** will be entered to win a \$100 Scrip Gift Card! Drawing will be held at the Fall Festival. Scrip can be purchased online at RaiseRight.com, at the Rectory anytime during regular office hours or on select Sundays between Masses. Email Jennie Korth at <a href="mailto:jenniekorth@gmail.com">jenniekorth@gmail.com</a> or text 402-366-4218 with questions!

## PICTURE RETAKES

If your child decided to not bring their A-game for their first school picture, you are welcome to have them try again on **Friday, September 27.** They are welcome to come to school in their picture outfit and bring a uniform to change into afterwards.

### YOUTH BASKETBALL

Thunderbolts Youth Basketball is hosting Open Gym for all Junior High boys grades 7-8 at Pius X High School. This is open to all Junior High Boys grades 7-8.

# Wednesday September 25, 2024 6:30pm-8:00pm

We will be finished playing no later than 8:00pm. Rides can pick up at any time if your son needs to leave early.

## JUNIOR CHEER CLINIC

The Cheer Team at Lincoln Pius X High School is hosting its annual Junior Cheer Clinic from 3:30 to 5:30 pm, **Saturday**, **Sept. 21** in the Pius X Commons. The kids will learn cheer routines through a variety of fun activities, and have an opportunity to perform their cheers during the Pius X home football game starting at 7pm on Friday, Oct. 4. Learn more and register at <u>Piusx.net/jrcheer</u>.

## JUNIOR BOLTS FOOTBALL

Jr. Bolts tackle football program will be joining the Lincoln Youth Football League (LYF) next fall in 2025. Though not officially affiliated with any of our schools or Pius X, it is committed to creating a solid football program that is proudly Catholic and one that is seeking to grow the individual through athletics. Please take a brief survey if interested: <a href="https://forms.gle/pvxbeb8W2ngKgxza7">https://forms.gle/pvxbeb8W2ngKgxza7</a>. There's also a QR code on the flyer which links to the survey. The LYF League is open to students in grades 3rd through 8th. There are 5 different skill/age levels (A, B, C, D and Rookie). If there is enough interest, the hope is to have a team at every level. Please feel free contact <a href="mailto:jrboltsfootball@gmail.com">jrboltsfootball@gmail.com</a> with any questions!

## **EXTENDED CARE REMINDERS**

Morning and after school extended care has the same cost of \$2 per 20 minutes per child (no more than \$4 per 20 min). Cell phones should be off and put away both in the morning and after school—cell phones will be confiscated per school policy if they are in use. Please do not drop your child off before 7am or after 7:40am and be sure to make sure they are inside the building before you leave. If you attend morning or after school extended care, please register! Email <a href="mailto:kandi-lange@cdolinc.net">kandi-lange@cdolinc.net</a> with any questions.