



Blessed Sacrament School
Wednesday Weekly
October 16, 2024

Boys Town Skill of the Week: Asking Permission

1. Look at the person.
2. Use a calm and pleasant voice.
3. Say “May I…”
4. Accept the answer calmly.

Dear Blessed Sacrament Families,

As you were all possibly wrangling your kids on Monday, our teachers and I had the opportunity to listen to some wonderful speakers at the Diocesan Institute. We started the morning with Fr. Spitzer, who spoke about the dwindling number of young adult Catholics, but ended with hope in the rising number of Christian scientists and the scientific proof of life after death (super interesting!). From there, teachers chose speakers/topics based on interest and relevance. Although I can't speak to the session the teachers went to, I highly enjoyed the ones I saw. I chose to hear from Fr. Spitzer again who spoke about the scientific proof of the Shroud of Turin—the cloth that Jesus was wrapped in when he died. His talk of protons and neutrons and radiation went a bit over my head, but it was so interesting to hear definite science behind Jesus' existence and resurrection. If you want some great listening content on the way to and from work each day, I recommend his podcast called. Fr. Spitzer's Universe!

In Christ,

Mrs. Jennifer Tran

STEWARDSHIP FAIR PARENT/STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

Blessed Sacrament School will be hosting a booth this weekend, emphasizing parent and student volunteers. **We still need volunteers to man the booth after 10am and 11:30am Masses.** You would simply need to talk up your volunteer experience with anyone who visits, and there will be a place to sign up for parents/kids who are interested in specific upcoming events. Please email Jennifer-tran@cdolinc.net if you can help!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18 – 1PM DISMISSAL

Friday, October 18 is a 1pm dismissal and there will be Extended Care offered. Please have your child picked up by 1:15 if they don't plan to attend Extended Care.

PTO FUND-A-WANT

At Blessed Sacrament we are blessed to have amazing teachers and staff that help our children grow in their education and faith. There is no better way to show support to our teachers than helping them get some extra resources in their classroom to help our students become the best they can be. PTO is excited to sponsor the Fund-A-Want project. On this [Amazon Wish List](#) there are additional supplies/tools our teachers are requesting for their classrooms. If you are unsure of what to buy you are welcome to purchase a gift card and the PTO will compile them and make a purchase with them. This project will run through **Friday, October 18th**. Items can be shipped directly to Blessed Sacrament at 1725 Lake St, Lincoln, NE 68502 or you can bring them in. Thank you for helping us support our teachers. If you have any questions, please contact Clarissa Hunt at ceceluther@yahoo.com or 402-480-2225.

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! For youngest or only students in each family, we ask that students in grades PK-3 donate a bag of individually wrapped "mini" candy and 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.

Students in 5th-8th grade have mandatory service hours, and this event is a great chance to chip away at those hours, which DO affect their grade. Families are also required to have at least 15 volunteer hours each year to support our parish. Please sign up [here](#) for Sunday's children's games! And don't forget to keep selling raffle tickets for a dress down day and class treat. We are closing in on raising \$2,000 so far with 6th grade in the lead! You have until **Friday, October 25th** to sell and turn in!

JH BOYS BASKETBALL VOLUNTEERS

Please sign up [here](#) to help make our four home basketball games possible and successful. We are looking forward to a great season. Go Comets!

ENROLLMENT FOR ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 24-25 SCHOOL YEAR

The OSN Scholarship is changing to the name Education Scholarships, and there is a very short window to apply for additional 2024-2025 scholarships, but many more people are eligible based on income and grade. Below is how to apply and some more information. **The last day to apply is October 20.**

- [Parent Application Link](#)
- [Parent Training Video](#)
- LB1402 Cheat Sheet - attached; this breaks down the eligibility and priority criteria from LB1402
- [Support website for parents](#)

Email Jennifer-tran@cdolinc.net with any questions!

DONATED COATS

Please email Jennifer-tran@cdolinc.net if your child is in need of a winter coat. We have a number of donated coats that we would love to give to families in need!

SCHOOL FAMILY T-SHIRTS

Family shirts cost about **\$14** each. If you haven't already, 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 <https://venmo.com/u/Clarissa-Luther-Hunt>. Thank you for any and all contributions!

MUSIC ON THE TRAIL

Busy times *on the Trail!* After wrapping up last week with polyrhythm in Aaron Copland's *Saturday Night Waltz*, and water weddings (including one between a frog and a mouse), Miss Mika's fourth graders are settling into daily life on the trail: dangers experienced, illnesses, children's chores, creative ways of handling food prep.

After a virtual trip to the Oregon Historical Society on Friday, students will explore how music moves us through art – Jackson Pollock-style. The *Music on the Trail* residency is led by teaching-artist Donna Gunn and funded by the Nebraska Arts Council Artists in Schools/Communities program.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

All students in grades 3-8 who love singing are encouraged to participate in a choir for the Solemnity of All Saints on **Friday, November 1st**. Practice will begin at **6pm** (meeting at the entrance of the school - we will walk from there to the school music room) to sing for the 7pm evening Mass. Please contact Adam Lange with any questions - (605) 660-9756 or adamlange0@gmail.com.

REPORT CARDS

Quarterly report cards will be emailed next Wednesday, October 23.

NOVENA FOR UPCOMING BALLOT INITIATIVES

[Here](#) is a Sacred Heart Novena that we encourage you to pray to help defeat [Initiative 439](#), the dangerous and extreme pro-abortion ballot proposal. Attached is more information about both initiatives in addition to the information given in the above link. God moves mountains!

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 ceceluther@yahoo.com 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! 🍕

November 2nd UCLA – FULL

November 23rd 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! Also, applications will open later this for week scholarships for the 2025-2026 school year—more details to come!

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 jeremy@nebraskaopportunity.org with any questions!

SCRIP – ORDER TO WIN A \$100 GIFT CARD

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 jenniekorth@gmail.com or text 402-366-4218 with questions!

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: <https://forms.gle/pvxbeb8W2ngKgxza7>. 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 jrboltsfootball@gmail.com with any questions!

FATHER-SON CAMP

Regnum Christi in the Diocese of Lincoln is hosting a father-son camp at Camp Kateri Tekakwitha. Men, share a weekend away at Camp Kateri Tekakwitha with your sons in 3rd - 8th grade. Enjoy time unplugged, compete in games with and against your son, and share your faith. **November 15-17, 2024.** Sponsored by Regnum Christi. Contact Michael Donlan, donlanmichaelj@gmail.com, for more information.