



Blessed Sacrament School
Wednesday Weekly
October 23, 2024

Boys Town Skill of the Week: Making an Apology

1. Look at the person.
2. Use a pleasant voice.
3. Tell why you feel differently.
4. Give a reason.
5. Listen to the other person.

Dear Blessed Sacrament Families,

Yesterday during Mass, I had the pleasure of being distracted by a couple babies. This particular 8-month-old and 1 ½-year-old were on opposite ends of the church and couldn't see each other. However, several times during Mass, one of them would squeak pretty loudly, and the other would squawk back. I couldn't help but chuckle each time it happened because I loved this innocent bond and form of communication that these two babies were seemingly having. Bringing your children to Mass on the weekends can be tough (my two-year-old tests me each week), and I so admire parents who brave daily Mass with their children. It's such a great example for our students to see (and hear)!

In Christ,

Mrs. Jennifer Tran

TOMORROW & FRIDAY

Thursday (tomorrow) is a dress down day courtesy of one of our Positive Office Referral raffle winners. To honor this month of the rosary, third and fifth grade are teaming up to perform a Living Rosary on **Friday at 2:40pm** in the church. All are welcome to attend.

TRUNK OR TREAT THIS FRIDAY

Please join us on Friday, October 25 from 6-8pm in the Blessed Sacrament parking lot for some Halloween fun and lots of candy courtesy of the Knights of Columbus! If you are interested in having a trunk, email kofc11001@gmail.com. See you there!

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! Buy tickets and bid on auction items [here](#)!

As part of Fall Festival, we need your help! **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 \$5,000 so far with 1st grade in the lead (2nd through 4th place are not too

far off)! You have until **Friday, October 25th** to sell and turn in tickets along with any tickets that weren't sold!

Fill the Envelope (wall of envelopes at the back of church) is also available if you're looking for a quick way to contribute! Unclip a numbered envelope from the display board in the back of the church and fill it with the designated amount and return it to an offertory basket at Mass or the parish or school office during office/school hours. The envelopes numbered and with question marks have a written amount between \$25-\$100 to denote the amount of your donation. There are 2 envelopes with a star symbol with either \$500 or \$1,000 on them to denote the amount of your donation.

MUSIC ON THE TRAIL

Busy times *on the Trail!* Ms. Mika's fourth graders learned about struggles, challenges, and accomplishments this week. A very moving moment was the lesson about the suffering the Native Americans experienced. Ask a fourth grader about the "playground" experience to learn more. We also composed our own folk song, using a poem the family wrote to honor Baby Morgan, a 5-month-old who died while her family crossed the Oregon Trail.

We conclude the month-long residency this week with experiences surrounding *My Country 'tis of Thee* with Samuel Smith, Beethoven, and dedication ceremonies; experiencing the highs and the lows on the Oregon Trail: sadness, longing, death, hope, jokes, laughter, scenic beauty and other shenanigans.

This Friday brings the 4th grade grand finale skit to 3rd graders. **Family and friends of all 3rd and 4th graders are welcome to attend: Friday, October 25 from 1:00-1:30 pm.** The residency is funded by the Nebraska Arts Council.

NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

With the usual Immaculate Conception date being on a Sunday, there has been some discussion about whether Monday would be a Holy Day of Obligation. At first it was not, but there was a switch in that decision, so it is now considered a Holy Day of Obligation. Therefore, **there will be no school on Monday, December 9.** With a basketball game planned on that day, it will either be cancelled or rescheduled as soon as there has been time to look over the other available dates.

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!

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!

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.

PARISH SAINT PARADE

Kids ages 0-8th grade are invited to dress up as a saint and attend the 8:15am Holy Day Mass in costume. After Mass the saints will process around the church, have a group photo taken, and be given a small holy gift. Plenty of simple, no sew costume ideas online! Use the same saint costume(s) from the Fall Festival! Bring your kids & join in this holy celebration!

DENNIS UNIFORM CLOSED

Dennis has unfortunately and unexpectedly closed their business. We, along with our fellow Catholic Schools are looking for alternative companies. I apologize for this inconvenience and will let you all know once we transition to a different company for our plaid. Thank you!

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!

ARCHERY REGISTRATION

Archery is right around the corner, and we just received some new 3D animals for target practice! Please register if your child in grades 4th-8th would like to participate in archery this year—registration form is attached and there is also a copy on the website.

SLIM CHICKENS DINE OUT

Don't want to cook supper? The PTO has you covered! Come out to support our school during our dine out event at **Slim Chickens**, 1601 Pine Lake Road, on **Tuesday, November 5 from 4:00-9:00pm**. The PTO will receive 15% benefit from all sales that mention Blessed Sacrament. Pre-Order your SCRIP for Slim Chicken by texting Jennie Korth at 402-366-4218 or through the rectory by October 31. The SCRIP program will receive 20% of the gift card sales!

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!

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.