



Blessed Sacrament School
Wednesday Weekly
October 9, 2024

Boys Town Skill of the Week: Accepting Compliments

1. Look at the person.
2. Use a pleasant voice.
3. Say, "Thank you."

Dear Blessed Sacrament Families,

It was great to see a lot of your faces here yesterday as you meandered through our halls finding your children's classrooms. Since parents are the first and primary teachers of their children, being able to connect through these conferences is so valuable. Please sign up below for tomorrow if you haven't yet! On another note, I want to highlight the simple beauty our students experience when our teachers have a chance to take their class outside. Kindergarten was able to have a little math class outside today by simply looking for shapes in the exterior of our school along with what they could find in nature. Maybe you can look for shapes with your kids on your drive home today!

In Christ,

Mrs. Jennifer Tran

REQUIRED PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Our last day for conferences is **Thursday, October 10** from 1:30-6pm. Below is a sign-up! Also, here are the following times and locations for non-homeroom teachers:

Tuesday & Thursday: Mr. Cappel (PE) and Mrs. Brown (Library and Counselor) will be in the gym. Mrs. Heiden (Art/Computer) will be in the art room on the second floor.

Thursday only: Mrs. Lewallen (Title teacher) in her room on the 3-5 floor.

PK-5 Sign-ups – these will all be in the teachers' homerooms

JH Sign-ups – these will all be in the gym

We look forward to connecting with you!

Thursday will be a 1pm dismissal with Extended Care offered, and there will be no school on Friday, Oct. 11 and Monday, October 14.

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!

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 by October 7.** Thank you!

RAFFLE TICKET COMPETITION

We ask that each of your children attempt to sell one booklet (10 Fall Festival raffle tickets) for \$2 per ticket. You have until **Friday, October 25th** to sell and turn in! To continue to make it fun for the kids and give them some motivation, the class that sells the most tickets per student will not only get bragging rights, but a DRESS DOWN DAY and a SPECIAL TREAT. Students can turn in their sold tickets with money to the office or their homeroom teacher in the envelope provided with their name on it. Thank you in advance for helping us raise money for our school. Currently, 3rd grade has a commanding lead, followed by 4th grade. **We have already raised almost \$1000!**

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.

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!

MUSIC ON THE TRAIL

The trunks are full, the wagons are loaded, and we're ready for an exciting month of Music on the Trail at Blessed Sacrament with Ms. Mika's fourth grade class. By Friday, students will know the basics of who/what/where/when/why as well as five period folk songs in their repertoire. Be sure to ask them to sing for you!

This is our fourth year with teaching-artist Donna Gunn leading the residency that focuses on the Oregon Trail experience; an excellent partner program that intersects with fourth grade Nebraska History curriculum. Stay tuned for future messages from the Trail! The residency is funded by the Nebraska Arts Council.

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**

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!

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.