



Blessed Sacrament School
Wednesday Weekly
December 4, 2024

Boys Town Skill of the Week: Accepting Criticism or a Consequence

1. Look at the person.
2. Say “Okay.”
3. Stay calm.

Dear Blessed Sacrament Families,

We are in the heart of the second week of Advent. It’s hard to quietly reflect and prepare for the coming of Jesus when the whole world has been celebrating Christmas since before Thanksgiving. My Christmas decorations have been up since the day after Thanksgiving, so I don’t pretend to be perfect. The joy of Christmas is so momentous that we want it earlier and earlier each year. Even if all of your Christmas decorations are up, be sure to also have some form of an Advent Wreath at the dinner table to have that conversation with your kids about what it means, how we are preparing, and why celebrating the birth of Jesus is worth waiting for. And if your kids are anything like mine, the fire (candle lighting) will be enough to get their attention!

In Christ,

Mrs. Jennifer Tran

PAGE ONE MOVIE NIGHT

Don't forget that Page One club is starting back up! Page One is a reading club for any student in **grades 3-8** that focuses on getting students to read different types of literature, read for enjoyment, and identify themselves as readers. **There will be an informational meeting tonight at 6:30pm in the gym followed by a movie and snacks!** Registration forms will be available at the meeting and in the school office. We would appreciate a couple volunteer parents who could stay to chaperone. Students are also encouraged to bring pillows and blankets for the movie. If you have any questions, please contact myself, Maureen Mattern at mmattern72@gmail.com or Mr. Ambs at joseph-ambs@cdolinc.net.

DAYS OF GIVING

This year, we will focus on donating the same category of items a week at a time with each grade working towards meeting a specific goal. There will be no competition among the grades, and although the **ultimate goal is to help others in need**, each grade will have an incentive to reach their highest goal.

- **Week #2 Dec. 9-13:** Books or colored bookmarks for the sick/elderly (bookmarks will be provided if requested)
- **Week #3 Dec. 16-20:** Unperishable food or colored placemats for assisted living/nursing home meals (placemats will be provided if requested)

[Lincoln Food Market- most needed items](#)

Items will be donated towards a variety of Lincoln establishments/causes.

FRIDAY – 1PM DISMISSALS

This Friday and next Friday will be 1pm dismissals. Please have students picked up by 1:15pm unless they plan to go to Extended Care, which will be offered both days.

CHRISTMAS BONUS FUND

@Clarissa-Luther-Hunt



Please consider helping Blessed Sacrament PTO continue the tradition of providing a generous Christmas bonus to every Blessed Sacrament School teacher and staff member. Join us again this year in acknowledging the substantial contributions and efforts of these important people who, on a daily basis, make such an important difference in the spiritual, intellectual, emotional and physical development of our children. Your contribution is appreciated and will make a difference no matter what the amount. We hope you will consider adding this gift to your Christmas giving list this year. Please send your donation via your child's backpack or drop off at the school

(Please make checks out to Blessed Sacrament PTO in an enclosed envelope labeled PTO) or send via Venmo to PTO President Clarissa Hunt (link attached) by Monday December 18th. Thank you for your consideration of a Christmas bonus gift which will provide a special thank you to our cherished teachers and staff.

<https://venmo.com/u/Clarissa-Luther-Hunt>

SPORTS COMMITTEE

For the 2025-2026 school year, our AD Mr. Cappel is starting a sports committee. This committee would be in charge of having three fundraisers. Funding would assist with purchasing and maintaining items including, but not limited to, new jerseys, volleyball net, and volleyball stands. Please sign up [here](#) if you're interested in joining the committee. Thank you!

SCRIP FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Don't forget about Scrip gift cards as you start your holiday shopping!

- Hy-Vee, Russ's, Super Saver or Walmart are great when buying groceries for your large family gatherings!
- Have family who is hard to shop for? (I see you mom of the picky tweenager.) Lots of gift cards starting at \$5!
- Not sure what to get your kids' teachers? We have Scrip gift certificates so they can pick exactly what they want!

The list of cards we have in stock can be found [here](#), but 100s of brands are also available on RaiseRight.com. Email jenniekorth@gmail.com or text 402-366-4218 to place special orders by **12/15** to get in time for Christmas. Scrip is available during regular Rectory hours and between masses on select Sundays. Watch Blessed Sacrament's social media channels for announcements!

WHITE CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Support the arts this season and get tickets to 'White Christmas' at Nebraska Communities Playhouse! One of our great substitute teachers, Isabelle Bertrand, choreographed the show and would be thrilled to see the Blessed Sacrament community there! Mrs. Tvrdy highly recommends you going to see White Christmas—wonderful performance. Here is the link to tickets: <https://neplayhouse.ludus.com/index.php>. Performances go through **December 15**.

WINTER BAND CONCERT

The Winter Band Concert is on Sunday, December 15 at 4:30pm at the Pius X High School LPAC auditorium. Junior High Percussion set up is at 3:20. **Junior High Call time on stage ready to play 3:45** and **Beginning band call time 4:00 pm**. If you have teaching experience and are willing to be a parent chaperone, email me at melissa-king@cdolinc.net. I would like 2-3 parent chaperones to help direct children and keep their volume under control.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

This year's long-awaited Christmas Program will be on Monday, December 16 at 6:30pm—doors open at 6:05pm. Please have all students singing in the program arrive no later than 6:15pm and students with speaking parts no later than 6:10pm. Parents/Guardians will keep coats and students in PK-5 will go to their homerooms and older students will meet on the far side outside of the gym door to change. Please have students dress up in their Sunday best—no sweatpants or hoodies!