



**Blessed Sacrament School**  
**Wednesday Weekly**  
**December 4, 2024**

*Boys Town Skill of the Week: Greeting Someone*

1. Look at the person.
2. Use a pleasant voice.
3. Say “Hi” or “Hello.”

Dear Blessed Sacrament Families,

Our 4<sup>th</sup> grade boys have almost all had the opportunity to serve at daily Mass. They are paired with a 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grader, and that older student acts as a mentor, guide, and support for our new, young servers. As a child who grew up in the Omaha Diocese, I know how terrifying it can be to serve, so it has been such a joy to see these older students giving our 4<sup>th</sup> grade boys reassurances as they navigate this new experience. Two siblings were paired together on Monday since the younger sibling was particularly nervous, and it was a rewarding experience for the students (who noticed) and staff to see the support and love that the older brother gave to the younger brother throughout the Mass. We are so blessed to be able to have these opportunities here at a Catholic school!

In Christ,

Mrs. Jennifer Tran

**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 #1 Dec. 2-6: Winter clothing (new or gently used coats, hats, gloves, socks, etc.) or Christmas cards for those in need.**
- **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)**

Level 1 Goal: 1-3 items per student

Level 2 Goal: 4-6 items per student

Level 3 Goal: 7 or more items per student

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

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

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 9**

There is no school on Monday, December 9 due to the Immaculate Conception. Celebrate Mary’s Immaculate Conception (after Mass) with a dine out at **CHIPOTLE from 4:00-9:00 pm** at 2801 Pine Lake Road. PTO will receive 25% benefit from all sales that mention Blessed Sacrament. Pre-Order your SCRIP for Chipotle by texting Jennie Korth at 402-366-4218. SCRIP will receive 10% from all gift card sales.

**PAGE ONE MOVIE NIGHT**

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 on **Wednesday, December 11 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 after Dec. 11. If you have any questions, please contact Maureen Mattern at [mmattern72@gmail.com](mailto:mmattern72@gmail.com) or Mr. Ambts at [joseph-ambts@cdolinc.net](mailto:joseph-ambts@cdolinc.net). Thank you!

### **CHRISTMAS BONUS FUND**

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>

### **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](mailto: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! Here is the link to tickets: <https://neplayhouse.ludus.com/index.php>. Performances are as early as **December 6** and the last performance is **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](mailto: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!

### **NEGATIVE LUNCH ACCOUNT BALANCES**

Please be sure to check your children's lunch account balances. We have an unusually high number of students who have negative balances on their lunch account. Email [melissa-tvrdy@cdolinc.net](mailto:melissa-tvrdy@cdolinc.net) if you have any questions.