



Blessed Sacrament School
Wednesday Weekly
January 15, 2025

Boys Town Skill of the Week: Listening

1. Look at the person who is talking and remain quiet.
2. Wait until the person is through talking before you speak.
3. Show that you heard them by nodding your head, saying, “Okay,” “That’s interesting,” etc.

Dear Blessed Sacrament Families,

We somewhat recently adjusted our prayer that we say as a school after daily Mass. I had a teacher ask if we could end it with the sign of the cross. I looked at her confused because that *is* how we ended it. We realized that no one could hear me say it because the students start putting up their kneelers and getting their coats on before I have a chance to finish saying it (and my voice doesn’t carry much). We came up with a plan to have a moment of silence after Father processes out, say our normal prayers, and then have one more moment of silence before we end with the sign of the cross. These moments are only 15-30 seconds, but it can feel lengthy for our younger students. During these two moments of silence today, I reflected on how absolutely quiet the church was. I didn’t hear a sneeze, a cough, a kneeler fall, a giggle..*nothing!* **It was beautiful!** I encourage you to include a moment of silence in your nightly prayer routine before your kids go to bed—in a world full of constant noises and distractions, it’s good for our kids to practice being silent for God. I’ll let you know how my two and four-year-old do!

In Christ,

Mrs. Jennifer Tran

2025-2026 GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOLARSHIP, MARCH 31 DEADLINE

To be eligible for the Good Shepherd Scholarship or the Family Tuition Cap Scholarship, families must complete an application and upload tax documents (2023 or 2024 tax forms) through the **FACTS Scholarship Management** program. Any family may apply, regardless of religious affiliation. For more information or to apply for these scholarships go to www.goodshepherdscholarship.com. See attached document for more detailed information. Please reach out to Melissa Tvrdy at Melissa-tvrdy@cdolinc.net or 402-476-6202 with any questions.

STUDENT VOLUNTEERS FOR CSW

We are looking for students to say a thank-you to our parishioners after each Mass the weekend before Catholic Schools Week (Jan. 25 & 26). We would also like 2 to 4 students handing out thank-you cards to our parishioners as they exit. Please let Mrs. Tran know if you are interested. Reading at the 5:30pm Mass is covered.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

We couldn’t go on field trips without our wonderful parent volunteers! Some classes have field trips this month and next month, so now would be a great time to submit your training even if you’re not currently signed up. There have been some changes in how the process works. **Training will have to be renewed each year in January, so all who are volunteering will need to take the training found [here](#) this month to be eligible to help.** If you are volunteering for the first time, you will also need to get a background check. If you are driving for the first time, there is a training video for drivers as well. Please email Melissa-tvrdy@cdolinc.net with any questions. Thanks for your generosity and time!

K of C FREE THROW CONTEST

The Blessed Sacrament Knights of Columbus Council 11001 will be sponsoring their annual youth Free Throw Contest in the Blessed Sacrament Gym on **Friday, January 24**. Check-in is 3:30pm, with a 4:05pm shoot. The event is free and open to the public. The event is open to all boys and girls ages 9-14. Winners will advance to the District Free Throw Contest. This is meant to be a fun activity, and participants do NOT need to be expert basketball players to participate. Parents/Guardians, please plan to attend the event to sign registration form prior to the contest. If you have questions, please call Jason Danner, 402 470-7929. Thank you!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

We are getting close to CSW! I have attached the agenda for the week and the following are events that you can plan ahead for:

Sunday, Jan 26: School & Parish Family Dance - Fam Jam: the Bosco Disco in the school gym @ 5:30-7:30pm. See flyer for details!

Monday, Jan 27: Grandparents Day – Parents and grandparents are invited to Mass and doughnuts afterwards

Friday, Jan 31: 1pm dismissal

SCRIP

Thank you to everyone who purchased gift cards through Scrip in 2024! We raised over \$5,800 for Blessed Sacrament which helped pay for things like the new tables in the gym. Did you know that if every adult in the Blessed Sacrament parish bought a \$100 gift card to purchase groceries we would raise over \$7,000 for our church & school? What if they did it every month for a year? Next time you see the green Scrip sign outside school, stop by and see how quick & easy it is to support Blessed Sacrament without spending any extra money! Until then, visit <http://tinyurl.com/4ucn4t29> or contact Jennie Korth at jenniekorth@gmail.com to learn more!

EXTENDED CARE GAMES/TOYS DONATIONS

We are looking for gently used board games or toys to be donated to our Extended Care Program. We are hoping to update some of our board games with missing pieces and have a few extra toys for our younger students. Please email megan-brown@cdolinc.net if you have a toy/game you wish to donate. Thank you!

BISHOP'S DAY OFF – MARCH 28

The Bishop visited our church and school to bless the green space and assist with the burning of our loan papers. He also granted us with a day off. The Bishop's Day off will be Friday, March 28—mark your calendars!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR (2025-2026)

First day of school: Tuesday, August 19 – Noon dismissal

Thanksgiving break: November 26-28

Christmas break for students: December 19 (1pm dismissal) – January 5

Easter Break: April 2–7

Last day of school: Thursday, May 21 – full day