

Boys Town Skill of the Week: Staying on Task

- 1. Look at your task or assignment.
- 2. Think about the steps needed to complete the task.
- 3. Focus all of your attention on the task.
- 4. Stop working only when instructed.
- 5. Ignore distractions and interruptions from others.

Dear Blessed Sacrament Families,

The fourth graders did a wonderful job with their "class Mass" today where they prepared and led all areas of Mass (aside from Fr. Reimers)—readers, gifts, servers, and choir. Keeping in mind that they lost a day of practice (Tuesday), they did an especially outstanding job. Not only did they do a great job, but they all looked so excited and happy about simply having a role at Mass. I look forward to the next class match, which will be held in the beginning of February and led by our third graders.

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 <u>www.goodshepherdscholarship.com</u>. See attached document for more detailed information. Please reach out to Melissa Tvrdy at <u>Melissatvrdy@cdolinc.net</u> or 402-476-6202 with any questions.

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 this **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!

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!

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

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES COMING UP

Below is the sign-up for Parent-Teacher Conferences on Tuesday, February 11 and Thursday, February 13 from 3:40-6:30pm. Although these conferences are optional, they are highly recommended for students with grades at a C or lower or if you have any questions or concerns about your student(s).

- PK-5
- 6-8

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!

RECESS UPDATES

There have been a few policy changes to be aware of:

- Lunch recess will be indoors if the wind chill is below 15 degrees (morning or afternoon recesses can be outside as long as wind chill is above 0 degrees)
- If students have boots, they are allowed to go on the snow
- Students are allowed to cautiously play on the ice

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