

Boys Town Skill of the Week: Accepting "No" for an Answer

- 1. Look at the person.
- 2. Say "Okay."
- 3. Stay calm.
- 4. If you disagree, ask later.

### Dear Blessed Sacrament Families.

What a difference a week makes! It has been wonderful having Spring (almost Summer) weather after those frigid days. One of our teachers had her mother's funeral earlier this week, and it has been beautiful seeing the love, prayers, and support of the families of the students she teachers and our staff. God blessed her with some extra time with the cold days, and the joy of her students and staff to have her back today was so fun to see. Seeing her reaction to coming back to gifts and excitement is one I won't forget. Although I'm always pushing to get our enrollment up so more students and families can benefit from our wonderful school, it is so special to have such a small and tight-knit community. Thank you all for the generosity and love you so often show our teachers and staff!

In Christ,

Mrs. Jennifer Tran

### 2025-2026 REGISTRATION

Register by May 23 to be part of a raffle to win one of three \$50 gift cards of your choice (through Scrip). If you register by April 1, then you will get three tickets per child. If you register by May 1, you will get two tickets per child. Use the following link to begin the process:

https://www.cdolinc.net/enrollment. *Returning Student Enrollment* will be selected for a student that has been enrolled previously in a Diocese of Lincoln Catholic School. *New Student Enrollment* will be selected for any student that has NOT been enrolled previously in a Diocese of Lincoln Catholic School (i.e Pre-K or Kindergartener that has not been in Pre-K). After filling out this form, PowerSchool will then send an email for the parent to continue registering the new student. Email <a href="Melissaturdy@cdolinc.net">Melissaturdy@cdolinc.net</a> with any questions you have.

## 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.

# **ITBS TESTING FOR GRADES 3-8**

Standardized testing will be held **next week** for students in grades 3 through 8. Grades 3, 5, and 7 have extra tests each year indicating the aptitude of each child. Third graders will do practice tests prior to testing week to help calm their nerves as this will be their first time taking these tests. These tests are

useful, though not infallible, tools in the educational process. The test results relate which skills have been mastered and which still need more work for each individual child. The tests are also useful in objectively showing which children are working at, below, or above grade level. With this information, the teachers are more able to meet individual academic needs. Furthermore, the tests reveal where our strong and weak points are as a school.

# There are several ways in which you, as parents, can help us during this testing week:

- Make sure your children get enough rest. Enforce bedtime rules and do all that you can to avoid the "late nights," which can easily creep into the school week.
- Breakfast, of course, is important for children.
- Please avoid appointments during school hours this week, especially during the mornings.
- As always, it is good to pray with your children, asking the Lord's assistance that they think clearly and do their best for love of Him. These tests tell us a bit about how God wired their brains, as well as what they have learned.
- If your child misses part of testing, we will need to make it up on Friday of testing week and possibly the beginning of the following week.

While most of the children have no problem in keeping a balanced perspective about standardized testing, a few may come home with some anxiety, especially third graders. By listening to their concerns, praying with them, and assuring them of your support and love, you can help diffuse the butterflies. We will work to do the same.

### **NEXT WEEK REMINDERS**

- March begins next week, so students will be allowed to have bare legs after this week—shorts, skirts, and jumpers with no leggings.
- Pro-life speakers will be coming on Thursday where a parishioner mother will have a live ultrasound. Students are encouraged to wear a pink/red top or a blue top with uniform bottoms as a way to guess if the baby is a boy/girl.
- First Friday will have family time, so students should wear their family shirt with uniform bottoms. We will also be starting our weekly Stations of the Cross at 2:50pm.

### ARCHERY PARENT MEETING

There will be an Archery meeting on **Wednesday**, **March 12** at 3:30 to discuss details about the state tournament. **There will NOT be practice** on Wednesday or Thursday of this week as this meeting will take place of the practices. I will also answer any questions parents may have about the state tournament, flight times, awards, fun shoots, etc.

## **TABLE FOR 10 – SAVE THE DATE**

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, March 29**! Blessed Sacrament will host the annual Table for Ten Endowment Night at the Lincoln Firefighters Hall. This year's theme is "Prom Night!" The event includes dinner, entertainment, and an online auction. You do not have to be present to win! For tickets to the event, visit: <a href="mailto:one.bidpal.net/tableforten2025">one.bidpal.net/tableforten2025</a>

# **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 <a href="http://tinyurl.com/4ucn4t29">http://tinyurl.com/4ucn4t29</a> or contact Jennie Korth at <a href="mailto:jenniekorth@gmail.com">jenniekorth@gmail.com</a> to learn more!