

Boys Town Skill of the Week: Sharing Something

- 1. Let the other person use the item first.
- 2. Ask if you can use it later.
- 3. When you get to use it, offer it back to the other person after you have used it.

Dear Blessed Sacrament Families,

Father complimented the students' beautiful singing in Mass, and it had me reflecting on how much students have improved as a whole with their respect and participation at Mass these last few years. I've noticed much less chitchatting, more singing and following along in the books, more volunteer readers in junior high, and more joy during the Mass as a whole. I even saw a 5th grader remind a 3rd grader to tuck in his shirt during the sign of peace yesterday! I'm sure the 3rd grader didn't appreciate it, but I know his teacher and I sure did! Use this week before Holy Week to reflect on how you, as an adult, behave in Mass on Saturday/Sunday because your children *do* observe you. Do you say the prayers aloud, do you really listen and follow along during the readings and homily, do you stay until after the final hymn? And if you have toddlers, give yourself grace with these questions because we are all rooting for your survival by the end of Mass!

In Christ.

Mrs. Jennifer Tran

FRIDAY – 1PM DISMISSAL

There is a 1pm dismissal on Friday, April 11. Extended Care will be available.

OSN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION, APRIL 11 DEADLINE

Here is the link to apply for the OSN Scholarship by April 11. The link includes information about the scholarship and should answer any questions you have. If you received money through this scholarship at the beginning of last year, have an incoming Kindergartener or 9th grader, or are transferring from a public school; you child and their siblings may be illegible to receive this scholarship.

2025-2026 GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOLARSHIP, APRIL 15 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.

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 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 Melissatvrdy@cdolinc.net with any questions you have.

FISH FRY DESSERTS

PTO is requesting donations of desserts and baked goods for the Fish Fry on April 11. Please bring in your dessert by Friday, April 11 at 4:00 pm. You can deliver to the gym kitchen. Please sign up using the below link. Thank you! https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805054DACAA2DAAF85-56041391-desserts

ADDITIONAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On **Wednesday, April 16 at 2:40pm**, junior high will be leading a Living Stations of the Cross to end the school day before Easter break. All parents/guardians are invited to attend. We will dismiss students from church (and help them cross the street).

EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

We are accepting nominations for Educator of the Year: <u>Educator of the Year Nomination</u>). The attached document contains the award categories and a link and QR code for the nomination form. Nominations will be accepted until **April 18**, 2025.

JUNIOR HIGH DANCE

The PTO is excited to be hosting a Jr High Dance, **Friday April 25**th **from 7-9 pm**, but we need volunteers to help everything run smoothly. Please see the attached sign up to volunteer. Thank you! https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805054DACAA2DAAF85-56217622-junior

ARTS APPRECIATION NIGHT – TUESDAY, APRIL 29

Arts Appreciation Night is quickly approaching—**Tuesday, April 29 at 6:30pm** beginning in the school gym. Doors open at 6:05pm and students should arrive no later than 6:15pm and go to their homeroom (JH will go to the main hallway). We will hear a few songs from our elementary and junior high band members. The Music Program's theme this year is "Disney: The Movies, The Music." Students have the option to dress in a Disney costume to add to the Disney fun!

Costumes need to be from an **animated** Disney movie (no Avengers costumes for example) and they may not wear any masks. They also have the option to wear Mickey Mouse ears if they have those. If your student wants to dress in a costume specific to their songs, here are the movies each grade is singing from:

- PreK-2nd grade: Mickey Mouse March, Peter Pan, and The Jungle Book
- 3rd-5th: Mary Poppins, The Little Mermaid, and The Lion King
- Choir: Frozen and Moana

Dressing in theme is optional, and students can wear their uniform or dress in their Sunday best as well. After the band and singers have performed, you are welcome to roam the 3rd-5th and main hallways to look at artwork along with the Meeting Room (room next to the main office) and Music Room (room next to 3rd grade) to see students' ceramic projects. See you there!

NEBRASKA CATHOLIC DAY OF GIVING – APRIL 21 - MAY 7

Please consider donating to Blessed Sacrament. The advanced giving window opens on **April 21**, and the official Day of Giving is **May 7**: **Donate here**! We encourage you to share this link with any friends or family who value our Nebraska Catholic Schools. Thank you for your consideration and generosity!

CSS SUSTAINABILITY OPEN HOUSE

On **April 24**, the community is invited to Catholic Social Services' Earth Week Event from 3pm-6:30pm at 2241 O Street! We'll have lots of fun activities for all ages, including a coloring contest, insect viewing & nature exhibits, local Food Trucks, CSS Community Garden Tour. Share & learn about Care for Creation and Catholic Social Teaching, including our in-progress Catholic Social Services Sustainability Plan! Ride your bike, take the bus, or consider carpooling as an opportunity to include friends, students, or neighbors who may not have a ride to the event.

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!

CK SISTERS OUTDOOR SPRING WORKDAY

On **Saturday, May 10, 1:30-4:30pm**, the Sisters will be planting their vegetable garden, cleaning up flower beds, mulching, and cutting trees. Helpful items to bring include wheelbarrows, shovels, gloves, pruning/lopping shears, hoes, pickups, and chainsaws. Children are also welcome! Mark your calendars now and contact Sister Mary Angela at sr.mary-angela@cdolinc.net if you would like to come and help. Please also print and complete a liability form (one per adult; children added to adult form.) Villa Regina Motherhouse, 4100 SW 56th St., about 2 miles west and south of Pioneers Park (walk-ins also welcome).

PIUS X HOLY HOOPS

Please join us for another Thunderbolts Youth Basketball Assoc. Event – HOLY HOOPS on Sunday, April 13 at Pius X High School. It will be an afternoon of basketball, faith, fellowship, and fun. It's a great opportunity to continue to develop your basketball skills. There will also be team competitions. 3rd-5th grade boys from 2:00-3:30 & 6th-8th grade boys from 4:00-6:00. The cost is \$10 to attend. Please register by April 9th by e-mailing your son's name and grade to boltsyouthhoops@gmail.com.

NEBRASKA'S SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

This program which provides free summer meals to kids and teens (ages 1 – 18) may be available in your area at select locations. The meals help ensure children continue to receive nutritious meals when school is out for the summer. There are numerous open summer meal sites throughout the state of Nebraska. Call 2-1-1 or text FOOD to 877-877. Visit https://www.fns.usda.gov/meals4kids or https://www.education.ne.gov/NS/SFSP/index.html. Get updates via Twitter at #NESummerMeals and the Nebraska Department of Education-Nutrition Services' Facebook page.