

Blessed Sacrament School Newsletter

“A Feinstein Leadership School”

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“And so with the sunshine and the great bursts of leaves growing on the trees, just as things grow in fast movies, I had that familiar conviction that life was beginning over again with the summer.”
-F. Scott Fitzgerald

Principal's News

Dear Families,

It has been another great year of academic accomplishment here at Blessed Sacrament School. Our year-end STAR testing is complete and I'm proud to report the overwhelming majority of our students showed substantial progress in both **math & reading**. It truly is a testament to the great job our faculty does day in and day out. So when you get a chance, don't forget to thank your favorite teacher for a job well done.

We have been welcoming a large number of interested families to “shadow” in our school for a day. I'm very encouraged by the interest shown by new families. I'm certain that the hard work of our faculty, and all of the positive developments in our classrooms over the past year have piqued the interest of many local students. Our preschool and middle school have enjoyed a strong enrollment. The four-year-old preschool

classroom is nearing capacity and our middle school is almost full, so if you have any friends with students in these age groups, please tell them to hurry, as the classes are almost full. I wish you all a happy and healthy week and thanks again for your support. Once again, thanks for all you do, and I wish everyone a happy, safe and enjoyable summer vacation. God Bless,

Mr. Weber

P.S. **Camp Eagle** will be opening for the summer on Tuesday, June 19th. Camp will be open on weekdays, from 8:00AM until 4:00PM. If you are interested, please pick up a registration form in the school office.

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ June 5, 2018: Mr. Robinson's music recital, PK-Gr. 2. 9:00AM
- ◆ June 7, 2018: Mr. Robinson's music recital, Gr. 3-8. 9:00AM

Enthusiastic, caring, knowledgeable, and friendly volunteers needed for the following after-school clubs:

1. Cross-Country (Fall)
2. Volleyball (Spring)
3. Robotics Club
4. Theatre
5. Math Club

Financial News:

Thank you to everyone who has returned their registration forms for the 2018-2019 school year. As of this writing, I am pleased to report that enrollment looks strong, so we have decided to keep next year's tuition rates at 2017-2018 levels. The average tuition rate in the Diocese for Elementary Schools is now about \$6,000.00 per year, so at \$4,400.00, it is clear to see that Blessed Sacrament remains the most affordable Catholic School in R.I.

Upcoming Events

June 1, 2018- Dress Down Day
Sponsored by Kindergarten.

June 4, 2018-Middle School Final Exams Begin.

June 5, 2018-Grade 8 Class Trip to High Meadow: Bus leaves at 6:30AM!

June 9, 2018-Graduation Mass: 4:00PM in the Church.

June 11, 2018-Grandparents' Day and Field Day. 10:30AM - 1:00PM.

June 11th-15th: **Uniform Swap** on the first floor: BSS Uniforms Only Please!

June 12, 2018-PreK3 Graduation. 9:00AM.

June 13, 2018- PreK4 Graduation. 9:00AM

June 13, 2018-End of year school mass prepared by grade 3. 10:00 AM

June 14, 2018- Kindergarten Graduation. 9:00AM

June 15, 2018- Last Day of School: 11:30 AM Dismissal.



Preschool Science

It's hard to believe this school year is almost over. We have had a lot of fun and learned a lot in **PreK-4** this year! This month, we will learn about the ocean and many of God's wonderful ocean creatures. We will also have a beach party with lots of fun beach related activities. Our year will culminate with a graduation ceremony on Wednesday, June 13th at 9:00AM. The children have been practicing their songs and are looking forward to sharing them with you on that day. Have a wonderful summer!!

Pre-Kindergarten News

With the close of another **PreK-3** school year, we are wrapping up the **lifecycle of plants and frogs**. We spoke about what happens when living things become fully grown and how they get to that stage. The students got to see some plants drink, with the help of carnations and dye. We are still practicing self-help skills, writing our names, and identifying letters and numbers. The summer theme will end the year.

Kindergarten News

It's difficult to believe our year is coming to an end. I have truly enjoyed watching your children flourish! Thank you for all of your support! Please join us on **June 14th at 9:00am** for the kindergarten graduation. This year, we have learned forty high frequency words, and are able to blend many, many more! Your child has also learned to count to 100 by 1's, 2's, 5's, and 10's. He or she can measure, identify shapes, add, subtract, and solve various **math** problems!

Spiritually, we enjoyed stories from our Children's Bible, learning that God made all living things, and practicing being followers of Jesus. We know how to make The Sign of The Cross, say The Lord's Prayer, and The Hail Mary too! This summer, please continue to **read**, practice **math** skills, and **pray**. As with any skill, the more you practice, the easier it becomes. God Bless You, and have a happy and safe summer!

First Grade News

In May, we have been praying the **Rosary**. We have made our own Rosary with little red roses for each Hail Mary and white roses for each Our Father. This will be on display in our class for the rest of the school year.

The children continue working daily on their **reading** and **writing** skills. The class has been reading so many books for our Accelerated Reading Program, and to enrich their reading experience I had them choose any book they had read recently. Then, they wrote a letter to the character of the story expressing their opinions. I hope you will be able to come into school and read their letters displayed on our door.

For **math** we will be working on the last two topics, which are **geometry and fractions**. As with all our math, these will be hands-on lessons. Encourage your child to look for geometric shapes in your home, car, and everywhere! This will be an enriching experience for them. Making fractions with food is always fun and easy too! I am so very proud of the progress the children have made this year. They have come such a long way with their **reading, writing and math** skills. They have also matured and are ready for second grade. They are a truly fine group of children and it has been my pleasure to be a part of their educational experience.

Second Grade News

As we head into the last month of the school year, it is obvious the students are ready to soar and move on to Grade 3. We will finish up the year in **math** working on measurement and time. Our benchmark test will be on Topics 9-12. We are completing Unit 5 in **reading** and will prepare for our final unit test. The children are learning about sharing God's love with others in **religion** class. For **science**, the children will complete their plant observation booklets.

We will also learn about the State of Rhode Island for **Social Studies**. Remember to visit www.pearsonsuccessnet.com in preparation for the **math and reading finals**. It has been a pleasure working with your children, and I will miss them. Thank you for your support during the school year. I would also like to thank Mrs. K. and Mrs. Lucas for volunteering in our classroom. They have been a tremendous help to me and the children. Have a great summer!

Third Grade News

It's hard to believe that we are entering the month of June, and we will soon begin our summer vacation! However, there are still many activities going on in Grade 3! We have been studying the different types of prayers and writing some of our own! We continue to learn more about RI in **social studies** and plants in **science**. Our caterpillars made it through

metamorphosis, and we set our beautiful butterflies free! Our bean plants are beginning to flower, and we should see some beans before vacation. We will be working on time in our next **math** unit, and I am very proud of the amazing job the third graders have done learning their multiplication and division facts! Our third graders are very excited to be preparing the End-of-the-Year Mass on June 13th, as our March mass was cancelled due to a snowstorm! This school mass will take place at 10:00 AM and we welcome everyone's family to attend!

"It was unknowable then, but so much of the progress that would define the 20th century, on both sides of the Atlantic, came down to the battle for a slice of beach only 6 miles long and 2 miles wide."

-Barack Obama, on D-Day, June 6,

Fourth Grade News

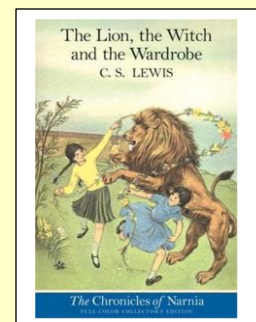
It's difficult to believe that June is here, but Grade 4 is working hard right up until the end! Last month, for the **In-Class Novel Study**, the students read *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* by CS Lewis and then completed Lap Book Reports on their reading of this classic. They did a fantastic job and were even able to sample some Turkish Delight! In **Math**, the students completed Topic 12: Adding and Subtracting Fractions and Mixed Numbers with Like Denominators and have begun Topic 13: Extending Fraction Concepts. In **Religion**, the students continue to learn about the

Ten Commandments, concentrating on the Eighth, Ninth and Tenth Commandments in particular. In **Social Studies**, the students are continuing to learn about The Midwest Region. In **Science**, the students have started the Earth Science Unit. In this unit, the students will be learning where rocks come from, what is at the center of the Earth, why do earthquakes happen and what causes volcanoes to erupt! This year has proven to be a wonderful one of learning, faith and friendship. As much as I will miss each student, they are "Grade 5 Ready," and prepared to move onward. It has been my pleasure to work with your children this year. I hope all of our Blessed Sacrament School families have a wonderful summer! As always, any questions/concerns, please contact me via email: kblessing@blessedschoolpvd.org -Mrs. Blessing

Fifth Grade News

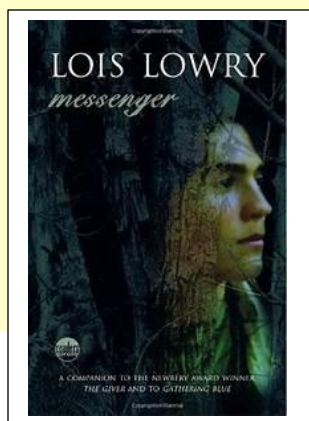
St. Anthony, pray for us! As we prepare for the end of our 5th grade journey, we are reflecting on the content we have acquired. In **math**, we have finished our work with fractions and solving problems using the order of operations. Have your child help in the kitchen with cooking projects, maybe doubling a recipe for the family cookout. We are finishing our studies in **literature** as we look back on the stories we have read this year. What was your favorite book from elementary school? We are becoming faithful disciples as we encapsulate our learning about the sacraments.

Students will be bringing home prayer cards soon! We are also currently preparing for our final exams on the week of June 3rd. As we close out our year, my prayer is that you remember how much our heavenly Father loves you and cares for you. May the almighty bless you as you go into middle school! Don't forget to stop by and say hello!



Middle School Literature & Creative Writing

Middle School English Language Arts is working diligently during the last few weeks of the school year. **The 6th grade** finished reading the novel *Messenger*, the third in "The Giver" series and has begun the final book in the series "Son." They are enjoying seeing connections between the books and are starting to piece together answers to their initial question: "What happened to Jonah and Gabe?" Their final exam will be a project connecting all the books in the series. **The 7th grade** is reading a fantasy book from the Percy Jackson series; *Percy Jackson and the Sea Monster*, and have an accompanying packet to go along with the reading. **The 8th grade** has turned in their book reports, and their Research Projects are due next week. After they submit the project, they will present their projects to the class, two students per day, until their graduation. Thank you everyone for your attendance and support for "The Lion King!" The students really worked hard and learned so much in this process - I think it really was a great first effort on their parts.



Middle School Spanish

Students can earn 5 points toward their exam by showing a signed STUDY GUIDE.

GRADE 6: The exam will be on conjugating of verbs ending in 'ar' and the conjugating of the verb 'ir.'

GRADE 7: The exam will be on the conjugating of verbs ending in 'ar' and 'er'. There will be 20 sentences.

GRADE 8: The exam will be on the conjugating of verbs ending in 'ar' and 'er'. There will be 20 sentences.

Middle School Religion

Students can earn 10 points toward their exams by showing a signed STUDY GUIDE and by handing in the on-line test.

GRADE 6: The exam is on chapter 23.

GRADE 7: The exam is on chapter 20.

GRADE 8: The exam is on chapter 21.

Middle School Skills

Grade 6 Skills: Students are finishing Unit 14 & Unit 15 in the Sadlier workbook. Students have already started Unit 14 and will be finishing up both units before the end of the school year.

Grade 7 Skills: Students have finished the Sadlier workbook. Students will be working on reading texts & learning how to find important information within the text.

Grade 8 Skills: Students will be having a test on Unit 15, which concluded the Sadlier workbook. Students will be working on a career path packet that will count as their final exam.

Middle School Mathematics

Grade 8 will continue to take exams. In addition, we will be continuing to study key concepts needed for high school.

Grade 7: Students will take their math exam on Monday, June 4th. They have been working on study guide problems in class and for homework. Students will then continue to study essential concepts for 8th grade. **Students are expected to work on Khan Academy during the summer. Every student has a school login and password.**

Grade 6 will take their math exam on Tuesday, June 5th. They have been working on study guide problems in class and for homework. Students will then continue to study essential concepts for 7th grade. **Students are expected to work on Khan Academy during the summer. Every student has a school login and password.**



Middle School Social Studies

Grade 6: The June 5th Vocabulary Final Exam & June 8th Essay Final Exam covers Chapters 4, 5, 6 & The Holocaust. We will be going over the study guide and students will be finishing Ancient Rome.

Grade 7: The June 4th Essay Final Exam & June 6th Vocabulary Final Exam covers Chapters 3, 4, 5, 6 & The Holocaust. We have gone over the study guide and students will be working on finishing the Constitution.

Grade 8: Students will finish their last week working on a DBQ (data-based question) packet on "The Roaring 20s," that will count as a project grade. This is only to be worked on during class time.

Students of the Month-June

Pre-K3: Randy Defex Jr.
Pre-K4: Kaylisenny Rodriguez
Kindergarten: Camila Zuniga
1st Grade: Amir Ahmed
2nd Grade: Gabriel Garcia
3rd Grade: Ruby Bastan
4th Grade: Dominic Correia
5th Grade: Hayley Munroe
6th Grade: Jianna Caines
7th Grade: Julio Ramirez
8th Grade: Rebecca Seri

Keep up the good work!



Middle School Science

Grade 6: The students have been working on their 3D projects; Volcanoes! They had an opportunity to have them "erupt" in front of an audience! They worked hard and were very proud of their work and I was impressed on a job well done! Grade 6 students were a lot of fun to work with in Science. Their enthusiasm about Earth Science exceeded my expectations!

Grade 7: For the last month in Life Science we are learning about the 8 Organ Systems in the human body. Part of their final grade will be to create and design a poster board depicting one of the Organ Systems. Ask them about their poster! Some of the students will be coming home soon with a plant! They grew flowers and vegetables from seeds in small containers in class. Our classroom looks like a "greenhouse." Love it! Great group of young learners!

Grade 8: We are in the home stretch and it feels great! We have just wrapped up the chapter on Force, Speed, Velocity and Momentum. We created ramps to race our toy cars, and we recorded the time and distance to determine the speed of a moving object (The Lamborghini won). Sir Issac Newton was introduced. Ask your child who he is and what laws he created. It's been a pleasure watching the students "discover" all year, best of luck to them in High School!

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Art:

A great big thank you to all members of the Lion King Art Committee! **Lizeth Aquino, Andrea Piril, Sofia Concepcion, Liliana Cubellotti, Juliana Gonzalez, Almely Polanco, Mariska Poldor, Ruby Bastan, Jayda Isom, Genesis Monzon and James Dorival** worked tirelessly on completing the masks for the production. These students completed more than 100 masks. They did an excellent job. If you see them, congratulate them on sticking with it and doing great work! **The second graders** have been working on their frog habitat pictures and their three-dimensional frogs! **Cesar Martinez, Jr.**, gave a demonstration for the second grade class. Last year, Cesar made his 3D frog and did a wonderful job, so we thought he could share his methods with this entire class. It was a fantastic demonstration and Cesar does excellent work! The frogs will be on display in the main hallway for Grandparents Day! Thank you Cesar!

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"The Hope of the Harvest is in the Seed."