



Dates to Remember

November

29, Choir Rehearsal
30, Learning w/Legos Class, Library

December

1, **All School Mass**, Miss Bina's class; Benediction, Grs. 3-8, 2:30 p.m.
2, Holiday Home Tour
3, **First Sunday of Advent**
4, Chess Club, 3:15-4:00 p.m., Mrs. Weaver's classroom
5, Winter Sports Pictures, 3:30-5:30 p.m., New gym
6, Confessions, Grs. 3/4, 8:45-10:00; Grs. 5/6, 10:30-11:30 a.m.; Choir Rehearsals, 3:20-4:05 p.m.
7, Jr. High Scripture Group, Grs. 7/8, 7:00 a.m., Bishops' Hall; Confessions, Grs. 7/8, 11:00-noon; Scholars' Bowl Competition, 4:00 p.m., Magdalen CS
8, **NO SCHOOL**—Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception
10, **Second Sunday of Advent**
12, **All School Mass**, Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Spanish Mass
13, Choir Rehearsal
14, Jr. High Scripture Group, Grs. 7/8; Christmas Program, Grs. 3, 4 & 5, 1:30 & 7:00 p.m., Old gym
15, **All School Mass**, Mrs. Byrd's class; Box Tops Jeans Day (for qualifying classes only)
17, **Third Sunday of Advent**
18, "No Tardies" Jeans Day (coupon needed); 4 yr. old Preschool Christmas Programs, 10:30 a.m. & 2:30 p.m., St. Joseph's Hall
19, Christmas Outings/Parties, Grs. 3-5, Carousel Skating, 9:15-11:15 a.m.; 2nd Gr. Party, 1:30-3:00 p.m., Cafeteria
20, **All School Mass**, Miss Lies' class; Kndg. Christmas Party, 9:00-11:00 a.m., Cafeteria; **NOON DISMISSAL**; End of 2nd Qtr./1st Semester
21-31, **NO SCHOOL**, Christmas Break

January

1-2, **NO SCHOOL**, Christmas Break
3, Classes Resume, 3rd Qtr/2nd Semester; Choir Rehearsal
4, Jr. High Scripture Group, 6th Graders welcome! 7:00 a.m., Bishops' Hall
5, **All School Mass**, Ms. Saubers' class; Benediction, Grs. 3-8, 2:30 p.m.

Blessed Sacrament Catholic School

From the Desk of Mr. Dester:

School Council News

Parents,

Our school council is beginning work on a strategic plan. We are currently selecting three areas of focus and then we will move into the work of developing the plan. If you have ideas or would like to assist in developing the plan, please reach out to one of the members with your idea. We are going to be limited to three areas so we cannot do every idea but we would love input from the greater school community.

Dan Dester

School Council Members:

Mrs. Gann - Chair

Mr. Guthridge

Mr. Tarantino

Mr. Zluticky

Mrs. Centeno

Mrs. Pirtle

Mr. Tinker

Announcements

VETERAN'S DAY MASS AND CELEBRATION:

A huge "thank you" to the parents (especially Mrs. Kelly McCague for organizing food) and teachers (Mrs. Sharla Canada, Mrs. Bev Gipson, Mrs. Mary Jones & Ms. Catie Rudisill) that helped organize this year's Veteran's Day celebration! This year's turnout was great and the breakfast served was healthy and scrumptious!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

A huge "thank you" to our BSC Men's Club for the purchase of new mulch for our school playground as well as some help spreading it on a Saturday morning! Also, a tremendous "thank you" to the Guthridge & Will Stuhlsatz families for their time and talent in spearheading this project for the PTO as well as the volunteer parents and 8th grade students that came out Saturday, November 11th to help spread the mulch. This project could not have been done without you all!

NEW DAILY MASS TIMES: WANT TO ENHANCE OUR SUNDAY MASS EXPERIENCE? ATTEND A DAILY MASS! 3 Priests = 3 Mass Times, New Mass time Tuesday thru Friday, 5:30 p.m. Mass. Beginning December 12th, you have the opportunity to attend Mass at 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m. or 5:30 p.m. (Tuesday thru Friday). Monday Mass will remain the same 6:30 a.m. & 8:00 a.m. We look forward to seeing you at this new time!

ADVENT RETREAT: Don't miss this! "Father, Teach Me How to Pray" morning retreat, Saturday,

December 9, from 8:30-11:00 a.m., in Bishop's Hall. Join Fr. Jirak as he leads us through different types of prayer, gives us practical tips, and helps us deepen our experience of Jesus in prayer. No matter where you are in your spiritual life, your Advent will be blessed by your participation in this unique retreat. Everyone is welcome! RSVP for childcare to the parish office by 12/4/17.

ADVENT ANGELS: The Advent Angel program is a fun Blessed Sacrament tradition where families secretly "angel" another family with a small gift each Sunday of Advent. The gift could be a homemade treat or a Christmas themed gift. It should not be anything expensive. The Advent Angel forms will be at the Church entrances and will also be sent home with the students. If you would like to participate please fill out a form and put it in the Advent Angel box at the WEST entrance of the church. Don't forget to draw out the name of a family to "angel." We will begin on the first Sunday of Advent, December 3rd. If you have any questions call or email Sara Hobson [316-841-8024](tel:316-841-8024) or saraehobson@gmail.com

GIFT ITEMS FOR CHRISTMAS: Immaculee Illibagiza autographed books available for sale in the parish office. These might make nice Christmas presents. Checks should be made payable to The Church of the Blessed Sacrament.

The Boy Who met Jesus \$15
The Boy Who Met Jesus (shorter version) \$15
Led by Faith \$15
Our Lady of Kibeho \$15
The Rosary \$15
The Stations of the Cross \$10

JR SVDP NEWS: Our group will again host the annual Warm Giving Tree this year. The Warm Giving Tree is an annual collection of new hats, mittens, gloves and scarves that are gently placed on the "Warm Giving Tree" in the school lobby. This tradition was started 20+ years ago by one of our former teachers. All items are donated to Catholic Charities to distribute as needed to those less fortunate. We are incorporating a competition among the classes again this year! When your student(s) bring an item, have them put their teacher's name on the item by stapling or taping a piece of paper to the item. The class that brings the most items will receive an extra jeans day! Deadline to bring items will be Wednesday morning, December 20th.

What and where is a GO Board?

The GO board is a display of "Giving Opportunities" for parishioners located in the Douglas foyer of church and in the Commons area. Listed are items desired by the school and church that are not covered by the budget. It is extraordinary giving. Please check these boards periodically to see how you can participate. A small amount toward an item is also greatly appreciated.

FROM THE LUNCHROOM: Please make sure to send plenty of food with your student(s) in their sack lunch. We are experiencing some students complaining of still being hungry. Also, please make sure your student receives a good breakfast before coming to school.

Something to Think About...

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Give
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Thanks.

Teresa of Avila

Numbers You May Need

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FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE:

Please be sure that if you are here to volunteer in the classroom, help in the library or other areas of the school that you check-in at the school office prior to going to your destination.

Also a reminder that parents need to stay in the school lobby until 3:15 p.m. if you are picking up your students after school. Classes are not dismissed until 3:15 p.m. Thank you.

FROM THE HEALTHROOM: It is flu season. Keep your family healthy by using these simple steps:

- Handwashing- the best way to prevent disease spreading.
- Stay home when you are ill.
- Eat healthy foods and get plenty of rest.
- Clean and disinfect frequently used surfaces.

LOST AND FOUND: Now that the weather is turning colder we seem to be collecting more jackets, coats and hoodies as well as a large number of lunch boxes/bags. Please check the lost and found in the vestibule outside the old gym if your student is missing items. We will have the tables in the old gym during conferences. Thank you.

OUT AND ABOUT WITH PAM LOYLE:

Second grade students of **Mary Jo Hunninghake** and **Ann Coffey** have undertaken two service projects for the Lord's dinner patrons. They are decorating toilet paper rolls as turkeys, complete with great colored tail feathers as table centerpieces. At the end of the meal the centerpieces are taken home by patrons. At Christmas, students will transform Kleenex boxes into Christmas trees, Santas, snowmen, and reindeer centerpieces, which the patrons will also take home.

Kindergarten students of **Bev Gipson** and **Heather Lubbers** were up to their ears in pumpkin recently. The adventure began with a trip to the pumpkin patch which included a trailer ride and many physical activities. Back at school students carved pumpkins, exploring with all five senses including taste. There were many interesting faces (on the pumpkins, too) and great fun was had by all.

Saints, nuns, priests, and bishops walked the halls of Blessed Sacrament School telling the story of their lives to K-7th grade students. **Amanda Bina's** 8th grade religion class researched their

chosen saint, prepared a speech, dressed as they might look and delivered the speeches. Each speech ended with, "What I can take away for my own life from this person's faith is..." The audiences were very receptive and hopefully, spiritually enriched.

Sr. Mary Guadalupe's fourth grade class displayed dioramas of the various ecosystems as a culmination to their studies. Students first researched their chosen system and its animal and plant life. They compiled a written report, a drawing, and finally the diorama. Rainforest ecosystems portrayed animals clinging to trees and skulking through the dense foliage. The sea dioramas showed swimming (by hanging from the shoebox) sea life and colorful coral displays. The desert had creepy crawlies and predators on the prowl. The tundra animals were plentiful but hard to see while blending into their environment.

The third grade hall shared by **Kristin Jessen** and **Teri Marks** is filled with projects and written reports on saints and animals (two separate projects). Students picked an animal (some very rare) and researched them. They were categorized as herbivores, carnivores, or omnivores and traits and habitat were explored. Students then completed a diorama, poster board, or power point presentation. The animals depicted were unique and interesting. Students picked a favorite saint to research, wrote a report and drew a picture. Both projects were presented orally to both classes.

INTERMEDIATE GRADES GENRE

CHALLENGE: Mrs. Seiwert has challenged grades 3-5 to complete a genre challenge in an effort to expand our reading choices. Each student has a form to fill out listing the genre, book title, and AR score. Book suggestions are on the bulletin boards, and can ask for help choosing a book in each genre. Teachers are on board with a reward in each classroom. The challenge started on November 3, and runs through the end of the 3rd quarter (March 9), so there is plenty of time to complete it. Several students have already completed a couple of genres!



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FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, PAT HARTER: WOW. Basketball season come early this year with the preseason jamboree. 173 games were played in a ten day period to determine which division our teams would play in for the regular season. Six of our seven teams qualified for upper division play. Great job players and coaches! League play begins December 9th and should be completed by February 7th. Single elimination post season tournaments will start as soon as possible after league play is completed.

Our school will host 52 league games between December 13th and February 7th. Our teams will play in 19 games out of the 52 games that we are hosting. Schedules have been posted in the new gym. Let's all come out and fill the stands in support of our teams. Go Barons!

GIRLS ON THE RUN: Congratulations to all of the girls that will run in the Girls on the Run 5K race on Sunday, December 3rd at 2:00 p.m. in OJ Watson Park. The following girls have been meeting after school twice a week this fall semester practicing for this race: 3rd graders: Molly Algya, Sophie Fulghum, Harper Holovach & Joy Yanez; 4th graders: Sofia Altamirano, Camryn Hays, Addie Lank, Mason Palace & Addie Pietsch; 5th graders: Bridgette Hand, Kate Kochenderfer, Phoebe Laufer, Gracie Murry & Paige Winter. Way to go girls!

We would also like to thank our parent/staff/volunteer coaches that gave their time and talent to help train the girls for this run: Kristin Palmer, Nancy Klenda, Marie Hand, Heather Holovach and Becky Martin. We appreciate you!

NOVEMBER STEWARDSHIP & EVANGELIZATION MESSAGE:
"Your gifts belong to God. He invested them in you while you're here. And he wants you to produce a return on what he has given you."

Dr. Allen Hunt
Taken from "Life's Greatest Lesson";
Dynamic Catholics

