



# Blessed Sacrament Catholic School

## 2021-2022 Newsletter

Blessed Sacrament School is actively planning for a mostly traditional school operation to resume in the fall of 2021. Based on the current trends in Public Health, we are hopeful we will be able to return to full in-person learning next year. However, we will continue to follow the latest guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and the Rhode Island Dept. Of Health. Although we hope and pray for a return to normal, our plans could evolve in depth and scope as new guidelines become known.

### FAQ's about the 2021-2022 school year:

- Will distance learning be an option in 2021-2022?  
Answer: No. Students will need to be in-person. However, the teachers will be maintaining and updating assignments on their Google Classroom, and SeeSaw sites, but it will be the student's responsibility to complete work when absent. Zoom meetings will be allowed, but only at the teacher's discretion. If students are not physically present at school, it will count as an absence.
- Will the students have to wear masks while in school?  
Answer: The hope is no, but we will follow the CDC guidance, whatever they recommend in September.
- Will vaccines be required?  
Answer: Vaccines will not be required by Blessed Sacrament School, but they will be recommended if the CDC approves them for use in students. I suspect that unvaccinated people would still be required to wear a mask.
- Will Middle School be able to use lockers next year?  
Answer: Yes, I expect the middle school to return to a more traditional model next year.



The Mission of Blessed Sacrament School, a Catholic School and ministry of Blessed Sacrament Parish, is to educate preschool through grade 8 students in a safe, nurturing, and academically challenging environment that instills the knowledge of God's great love for us. We empower students to become well-rounded individuals who are lifelong learners and joyful witnesses to Christ's teachings.

# 2021-2022 Planning for Daycare

Daycare will be available from 7:00 AM -8:00 AM and from 2:30 -5:30 PM.

## When will school start in the fall?

**Monday, August 30, 2021**

**Teacher Professional  
Development Day**

**No School**

Tuesday, August 31, 2021

Preschool Orientation Day-8:00AM-  
2:30PM

Teacher Professional Development  
Grades K-8 No School

Wednesday, September 1, 2021

Orientation Day: Grades K-4

No School Grades 5-8

Pre-K Teacher Professional development-No  
School for Pre-K.

Thursday, September 2, 2021

Orientation Day: Grades 5-8

1<sup>st</sup> day of classes for Preschool through  
grade 4.

Friday, September 3, 2021

All students report for regular class schedules-8:00AM-  
2:30PM.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Honor Roll for Grades 3, 4, & 5.

<b>High Honors</b> <b>Grade 3:</b> Zaniya Lopes, Evanny Rodriguez, Djusley Sainterlien, Gionni Tejada, and Theodore Weiner	<b>Honors</b> <b>Grade 3:</b> Gabriella Almanzar, Jeremy Duarte, Ciannah-Rose Pricher, Christina Villalobos and Camila Zuniga
<b>Grade 4:</b> Zinnya Thillet-Roberts, Lizeth Aquino, Esther Demelo, Ava-Cecelia King, and Valentina Zuniga.	<b>Grade 4:</b>
<b>Grade 5: Daniel Burton (Distinction).</b> Jeremie Charles, Liliana Cubellotti, Dante Marsello, Jacob Rocha, and Jeancarlos Mendez	<b>Grade 5:</b> Cullen Dempsey, Jeremiah Peguero, Michelle Sanchez, and Nyliah Tavarez

# Technology Update

Tablets for K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade



Chromebooks for 3<sup>rd</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> grade.



It was a very productive year in the technology department. Beginning immediately, every student in Kindergarten through Grade 2 has access to a Lenovo M10 tablet, and every student in grades 3 through 8 has access to a Samsung Chromebook. Combined with the new wifi access points in each room, all our students have highly effective access to all our top-ranked digital curricula. Additionally, all of our classrooms now have Touch Board technology, which gives the teachers another valuable tool to increase student engagement.

Smart Touch Board Technology in every classroom.



## Academic Progress

Much has been written over the past school year about the “Covid Slide,” which refers to learning loss that has occurred in many schools throughout the nation. Some estimates state that half of the nation’s school children have fallen a full academic year behind their grade level expectations. Well, I am happy to report that is not the case for our students, as the following reading standardized test statistics prove. In this year’s 1<sup>st</sup> grade class, 89% of students tested “At, or Above” the benchmark in National %ile rank. In 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 86% of students were at or above the benchmark. In 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 70% of students scored at or above the benchmark. In 4<sup>th</sup> grade, 70% of students achieved at or above the benchmark and in 5<sup>th</sup> grade, 60% of students were at, or very close to the benchmarks, with every student showing progress this year. It is plain to see the great job our families, teachers and staff have done during a difficult year. Congratulations to all!

**Note:** BSS students, and 100’s of thousands around the country, take the STAR Enterprise 360 Standardized tests in reading and math. The established benchmark in the diocese is the 50<sup>th</sup> %ile. Students reading at the benchmark, are reading better than ½ their peers on a nationwide basis. For example, if your student tested in the 80<sup>th</sup> %ile in reading, it means he/she is reading better than 80% of students in that age range in the nation. **Be on the lookout for your student’s Star report on the last day of school.**

## Registering for the 2021-2022 School Year

We recognize your time is very valuable. As such, we have added an “online registration” form to the school website. If you haven’t already registered, feel free to access the form at this link: [here](#). Once we receive your request to register, we will prepare a packet for your signatures. Please get this done as soon as possible as supplies need to be ordered and contracts for next year need to be signed.

## Calendar of Events for June, 2021

- Friday, June 4, 2021-Dress Down Day for Pre-K. \$2.00
- Monday, June 7, 2021- Final Exams begin for K-7
- Thursday, June 10,2021- Grades 1-3 Field Trip to Camp Mother of Hope
- Friday, June 11, 2021-Preschool Graduation 9:00AM in the church.
- Friday, June 11, 2021- Kindergarten Graduation 10:00AM in the church.
- Friday, June 11, 2021- Grade 8 Graduation Mass 6:00PM in the church.
- Monday, June 14, 2021-Grades 4-7 Field Trip to Camp Mother of Hope.
- Wednesday, June 16, 2021-Last day of school for Grades 1-7. 11:30 AM dismissal.

### Building Repairs: Summer of 2021

I’m sure some of you have noticed we are not doing a summer camp this year. That is because we will be doing some extensive water proofing projects on the building this summer. Pariseault Builders will be working on the masonry, the window sills, and will waterproof the exterior of the building. I regret not holding summer camp this year, but with all of the big machinery that will be on site in July and August, I don’t think it would be a safe place for children. I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable summer with your families and we hope to see you in September. –Mr. Weber