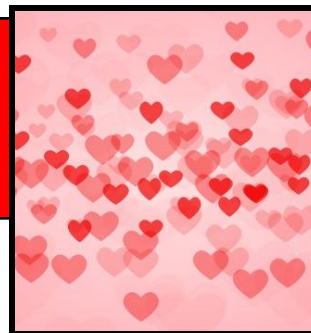


Blessed Sacrament School Family Guild

Newsletter - February 2023



A note from Bishop Byrne:

Catholic Schools week, an initiative of the National Catholic Education Association traditionally takes place at the end of January, sometimes extending into the beginning of February. This year it is being celebrated during the week of January 29 - February 4. Observed during the middle of the school year, after mid-year exams, it falls near the liturgical feasts of three saints, who were associated with Education.

St. Angela Merici, (1474-1540), whose feast day is January 27, was the founder of the Ursulines, who were the first women religious to work outside the cloister, and the first teaching order of women. A true pioneer when it came to the education of girls, she believed that family life could be elevated by the Christian education of women. A woman of intense prayer, she stressed that "Disorder in society is the result of disorder in the family".

St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274), whose feast day is January 28, is the patron of Catholic schools. A man of immense intellectual gifts, he brought together the wisdom of the philosopher Aristotle with the teaching of Sacred Scripture in works like the "Summa theological" a "Summary of Theology." Holy as well as brilliant, he authored beautiful Eucharistic hymns like "Adoro te devote" and "Pange lingua".

St. John Bosco (1815-1888) is recognized on January 31. Rising to the priesthood from a childhood marked by poverty, he became an advocate for and educator of the poor boys of Turin in Northern Italy. He founded the Salesian order, which continues to serve poor and working class boys throughout the World.

The lives of these saints embody the spirit of Catholic schools week, and they demonstrate the Church's long-time commitment to the promotion of learning. Catholic schools exist to educate the whole person, mentally, and physically but also spiritually, and in that respect they represent a bold contrast to the aggressively secular messages that emanate from government sponsored schools these days.

Parents who sacrifice to send their children to a Catholic school like Blessed Sacrament signal that they have a concern for the moral and spiritual as well as the intellectual well-being of their children. In at least an implicit way, they are inspired by the example of figures like St. Angela Merici, St. Thomas Aquinas and St. John Bosco, and all the other champions of Catholic education.

A Letter from our President:

Happy February!

As we continue to ride out this unseasonably mild winter, we look ahead to all that spring will bring! With so many wonderful things planned, we are bringing back the fun and excitement surrounding all of our great events that help to bring our school community together. We cannot do any of these things without the entire community coming together to help! We are so grateful for all of the time and effort that so many have been giving to our students and our school. My hope for all of us who are working together is to keep at heart what it is all about - our children. We always need to keep them front and center. From baking for our bake sales to volunteering at our Christmas Fair or Book Fair to participating in any of our events, we appreciate any and all ways that our families continue to show up. All of us on the Board recognize the challenges that parenting in this day and age presents - working, family responsibilities, extra curricular schedules, etc. Each of us have a unique set of circumstances that define our families. We recognize how valuable everyone's time is and our appreciation for each minute that has been dedicated to our school runs deep. It is all for our children - the activities, the fun, the memories. Thank you again for all you do!

With gratitude,
Erica Salzillo

Be Kind 

The Family Guild Board would like to give a big thank you to all of our parents, students and faculty for a very fun and special Catholic Schools Week. We saw some famous historical figure costumes, community workers and students even showed off their God-given talents! They jumped rope for the American Heart Association and bought books at the Scholastic Book Fair. Buddy Reading was also a huge success! Thank you to all who sent in Teacher Appreciation sheets to help make a special gift for all of our teachers! It surely was an action packed week!

Thank you to those who donated the yummy treats for the January bake sale! Thank you to the owners of Jody's who teamed up with Blessed Sacrament in January for a dine out. It was a great success and we can't wait to team up with them again!

Huge thank you to all of our Book Fair volunteers and coordinators! It was our most successful Book Fair to date!

Another huge thank you to the One Event Committee for all of their hard work in planning, coordinating and executing such an amazing and successful event! Congratulations to all of the prize winners!



***I'd Be Muffin Without You,
Mom***



Mother Daughter Lunch

***Sunday, February 26
12:00pm
Grand Oaks Country Club
200 Huguenot Ave***

***4-Course Lunch and Dancing the Day
Away!***

***Raffles, Birthday Board, Photos and
50/50!***

***We will be honoring our 8th graders
and their moms!***

*Put on your Sweetest outfitfor
the Valentine's Dress Down on
Monday, February 13!*



We ask that each family contribute \$5 per child or \$10 per family, benefitting the Basket Auction.

Please send in your contribution and collection slip in an envelope marked "Attn: Family Guild Valentine's Day Dress Down". Thank you!



Valentine's Day Bake Sale

Please help support our Valentine's Day bake sale on Tuesday, February 14.

Proceeds from this bake sale will benefit the 8th grade prom.

All items will be \$1.00 and will be sold in the cafeteria during lunch.

If you would like to donate any store-bought or homemade treats, please contact Kim Burbano at kimburbano@blessedsacramentsi.com or (917) 282-2984.

Allergy-friendly options will be included so all can participate!



**Feeling the winter blues??
Dine Out!
Come have fun with friends and support our
School!!**

**The Kettle Black
415 Forest Ave**

**Thursday, February 23
Dine-in and Take out**

**They will give back 20% of your bill but you
must mention Blessed Sacrament!!!**



KNIGHTS DAY OUT

CALLING ALL KNIGHTS...

**WE ARE EXCITED TO SHARE
THAT OUR FATHER/SON EVENT WILL
BE HELD ON MAY 20TH AT 2PM AT
MEDIEVAL TIMES!**

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW



**SONSHINE
&
MOTHER
TIME**

SAVE THE DATE

18 March 2023

**IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS...
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The Guild's Great Gift Card Giveaway is here!



For \$10 per entry you can enter our monthly raffle for a **\$100 Amazon.com gift card!** Winners will be selected on the first Friday of each month beginning in November and announced via GroupMe - so be sure to sign up!

You can enter on a month-by-month basis as many times as you'd like! If you'd like to enter the monthly drawing for the cost of \$10 each entry for the month of March, please fill out a collection slip and include it with payment (**cash preferred – must be exact; *checks may take up to 4 weeks to deposit**) in an envelope marked with your family name, child's class, and "ATTN: FAMILY GUILD GIVEAWAY - March" no later than **February 22**. The March drawing will be held on Friday March 3.

Congratulations to the February winner, Jamie Ferraioli!

Good luck to all those who enter!

Titan League Announcements

- Swim Registration is now open for the 2023 season. Please visit www.titanleague.com to register today.
- "March Madness 2023" - a 1980s throwback fundraiser at The Staaten on March 11. Registration is open at www.titanleague.com to purchase tickets. Mega 50/50 giveaway at the end of the night.
- Save the Date for the "Father-Daughter Dance" at The Staaten on April 13.
- Soccer Spring registration opens February 1.



For information on the Blessed Sacrament Titan League, you can visit their website at <http://www.titanleague.com> or email the Board, led by President Billy Althoff, at board@titanleague.com with any questions about these events or activities.

Let's Go Titans!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Let's work together to give our school community a wonderful, unforgettable school year!

We welcome **ALL** volunteers to participate! Please let us know if you are interested!

There are many ways to be involved - not just during the school day.

- Have an idea for a new event or fundraiser?
- Want to chair an event?
- Want to volunteer for an event or committee?
- Have a suggestion?
- Know of or own a business that would be a great partner with our school?

Let us know! Tell us your ideas!

New to our school? Reach out to any of the Family Guild Board Members or your class parents to find out about all of the opportunities to get involved!

We NEED your feedback in order to keep growing and serving our school community!

Send us an email with any ideas for events, strategies and feedback. We know we have many talented, creative and dedicated families - let's work together to make it the best year yet!



Upcoming Events:

- February - Feb 10: One Event
- Monday - Feb 13: Valentine's Dress Down
- Tuesday - Feb 14: Valentine's Day Bake Sale
- Monday - Feb 20: School Closed - Presidents' Day observed
- Friday - Feb 24: School Closed - Mid-Winter break
- Sunday - Feb 26: Mother/Daughter Event
- Monday - Mar 6: School Closed - Conference
- Tuesday - Mar 14: Pi Day Bake Sale
- Sunday - Mar 18: Mother Son Event
- Wednesday - Mar 22: Grandparents Day (5th-8th grade)
- Wednesday - Mar 22: Jimmy Max Dine Out
- Monday - Mar 27: Family Guild Meeting 7:30pm in PCMR
- Tuesday - Mar 28: Family Guild Meeting recap in the cafeteria, 8:00am
- Thursday - April 6 - Sunday - April 16 - Easter Break
- Friday - April 21 - Spring Dance (6th, 7th & 8th grades)



High School Alumni Volunteer Program

We are proud to announce the start of the Family Guild's High School Alumni Volunteer Program!

Know of any former Blessed Sacrament School students looking to give back to our school? In need of service hours? Ask them to sign up! We will add them to our mailing list and reach out next time Blessed Sacrament is in need of volunteers.

The link to the GoogleForm can also be found on the Family Guild page of the Blessed Sacrament website.

<https://forms.gle/rvkDRnX757YxGFdA6>

Some Notes from Our Treasurers:

- Please complete a collection slip with any monetary submissions for our records; flyers can be found on the Family Guild webpage and will be sent via GroupMe.
- Can't print the flyer?* Just use one of the blank collection slips provided at the start of the year.
- Don't have any collection slips?* Download and print from the Family Guild website, email the Board requesting some be sent home with your child via backpack or pick some up at a meeting.
- Stuck in a pinch?* You can also simply include any piece of paper complete with all necessary information as copied from the collection slip.
- BE SURE** to include your name, child(ren)'s name(s) and class(es) on **ALL** checks **AND/OR** collection slips submitted.
- Checks may take up to four weeks to deposit once submitted.
- Working on an event or fundraiser? All reimbursement forms are available on the Family Guild webpage as fillable PDF documents. Just type in your information, print, and submit! Please note that reimbursements may take up to six weeks to receive due to the updated Archdiocesan guidelines for submission.



2023 Monthly Family Guild Meetings



February – Monday 2/13; Tuesday 2/14

March – Monday 3/27; Tuesday 3/28

April – Monday 4/24; Tuesday 4/25

May – Monday 5/22; Tuesday 5/23



We are going paperless!

The Family Guild will be utilizing GroupMe for all of our future communications.

The URL to sign up for our GroupMe group is:

https://groupme.com/join_group/89135492/aHqN53kl

**Blessed Sacrament
School - Family Guild**



You can also find information on joining GroupMe on the Family Guild page of the Blessed Sacrament website.

Family Guild Dues:

Dues for the 2022-2023 school year are being collected on a continuous basis.

We ask for \$25 for an individual membership and \$35 for household membership.

We cannot host events and experiences for our community without your support, both spiritually and financially.

Please return your cash or check payment along with a submission slip that includes your name, child(ren)'s name(s) and class(es), phone number, email address, type of membership, method of payment and amount in an envelope marked "ATTN: FAMILY GUILD - DUES". (*Checks may take up to 4 weeks to deposit.)

As always, THANK YOU for your continued SUPPORT!



Contact Us

Visit our Family Guild page for forms, information on our standing committees, fundraising events and future monthly newsletters online at
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Feel free to contact us with any questions or suggestions regarding Guild functions. We are always open to ideas that will enhance our efforts.



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