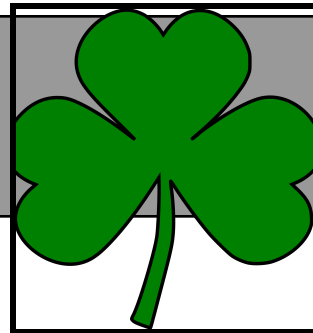


# Blessed Sacrament School Family Guild Newsletter - March 2023



## A Letter from our Assistant Principal:

*March seems to be a long and crazy month, and crazy I mean the weather! So far, we have been lucky with a warm winter with very little snow. Now it seems as we get closer to Spring, which officially begins on March 20th , we are getting colder! But as we are all looking forward to the springtime, and with that brings the celebration of Easter, we must also remember that we are in the season of Lent, a time of prayer, penance and almsgiving. Our students have created many beautiful pieces of artwork, projects, and writings that are reflecting this time and displayed around the school.*

*In preparation for First Holy Communion, our second graders will make their first Reconciliation on Wednesday, March 8th . Please keep them in your prayers. This month, we also celebrate two prominent saints' feast days, St. Patrick (3/17) and St. Joseph (3/19).*

*For school business, progress reports will be sent home on Monday, 3/13 then not too far behind will be the close of the 3rd marking quarter on Friday, 3/31. If you have any academic or behavioral concerns, please reach out to your child's teacher.*

*Looking ahead to the first week of April, we will enter into the most solemn time of the Liturgical Calendar, and the holiest of days; Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, and Good Friday.*

*May this Lenten season bring you peace and prepare you for the joy and blessings of the Easter season.*

*Warm Regards,*

*Rosaria Mincher*

*Assistant Principal/UPK Director*

### A Letter from our President:

*The Family Guild Board Officers were kindly invited to attend last month's Parish Council Meeting. After being warmly welcomed, we were able to see how another essential part of our school and parish community works. We learned about some wonderful events coming up and saw first hand their collaborative efforts towards achieving their goals. One goal we share with their organization is unity. Both organizations hold unity as a core value in all of our efforts. We are proud to work alongside the Parish Council in order to help spread the word about their events - specifically those centered around our children. We have added a tab to the Family Guild page of the school website and will continue to send any announcements via GroupMe along on their behalf. We encourage you all to continually check for updates, reach out with any questions and participate in any way you can!*

*In thinking about unity, I see how far that word can reach for the Family Guild. Unity must be present between the Guild and our teachers, administration and staff. It must be present between us and our Parish from the Church and all of its extensions including the Parish Council and Titan League. The strongest need, however, is unity among our own group. As families of our students, we must be united in always putting the students first in order to effectively help them to grow academically, emotionally and spiritually. Each one of us impacts the support structure of all students. Our students learn from our examples. Our students hear and internalize all of our words - both spoken to them and around them. Without our own unity as a Guild, which is made up by those closest to our students, they will not be able to reach the fullest potential possible. Despite our individual differences, we can always hold our unity through respect and cooperation. Thanks to all of you who continue to hold this value central to your time as part of our community. The shows of support and unity that I have seen this school year have been wonderful - particularly after such a long run with externally imposed disconnection due to the pandemic. I hope to help continue to foster this unity and connection in any way possible. As always, please reach out if there is anything that I or the Guild can do to help with anything!*

*Wishing you all a wonderful and warm March!  
With gratitude,  
Erica Salzillo*





*During Catholic Schools Week back in January, a book drive took place to benefit Grandma's Love, an organization that works to support childhood literacy. We are beyond happy to report that our school community collected 350 books during the week-long activity! In addition, the Family Guild also made a \$250 monetary donation to the organization on behalf of the school. We truly appreciate the generosity of our Blessed Sacrament families and their ongoing support throughout the year.*





THE ONE EVENT COMMITTEE PRESENTS

NICK CAMMILLERI OF 7-2 AND TEAM  
VS.  
MR. COCOZELLO AND TEAM

**IT'S  
GAME  
TIME**



FRIDAY MARCH 10TH AT 6PM  
BLESSED SACRAMENT GYM

All are welcome to join us for this exciting night filled with basketball, food, raffles, and a DJ!

Doors open at 5:30 pm  
\$2.00 cover charge at the door  
Dress in Blessed Sacrament gear and some bring noise makers to get loud!

Contact the One Event Committee Members with any questions:  
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Rhonda Nigido 917 754 1208, Jill Oliva 646 732 8846,  
Lisa Esposito 347 401 3651, AnneMarie Sliger 917 642 4871, and  
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18 March 2023

12pm to 4pm

Grand Oaks Country Club  
200 Huguenot Avenue  
Staten Island, New York 10312



Join us for lunch, games, DJ giveaways, ice cream bar and more!  
THE COST IS \$135.00 PER MOTHER/SOMEONE SPECIAL & SON  
\$45.00 PER ADDITIONAL SON

Please contact us with any questions

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**TUESDAY, MARCH 14**

**OUR 8TH GRADE STUDENTS WILL BE  
SELLING SLICES OF PIE TO BENEFIT 8TH  
GRADE END OF YEAR EVENTS.**

**ALL ITEMS WILL BE SOLD AT LUNCH FOR \$1.00.**

**GLUTEN FREE AND PEANUT FREE ITEMS WILL  
BE AVAILAIBLE SO ALL CAN PARTICIPATE.**



## ST. PATRICK'S DAY DRESS DOWN

Grab your luckiest  
green outfit for a dress down on  
**Friday, March 17!**

We kindly 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 St. Patrick's Day  
Dress Down". Thank you!



Get a slice of fun at Jimmy Max to support our school!

Jimmy Max  
280 Watchogue Rd.

Wednesday March 22

All day, Dine in only

50% of your food bill comes back to our school when you mention Blessed Sacrament !!

Please join our 5-8th Graders for a

*"Grandparents/Special Someone are a Blessing from God" Celebration*

*"One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts."  
-Psalms 145:4*

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

All are invited to attend 9:00am Mass  
Reception at 10:00am in the Gymnasium,  
exclusively for GRANDPARENTS/SPECIAL  
SOMEONE of 5th - 8th graders  
(sorry no parents or younger siblings)

Blessed Sacrament School  
830 Delafield Avenue, S.I., NY

Student Performances, Light Breakfast,  
Raffles, 50/50, Birthday Board

\*Please note there is no assigned seating. This is a first come, first seated event. Grandparent(s) that are not attending Mass should not arrive earlier than 10am.\*

A BSS Titan League Tradition Returns

# FATHER daughter SWEETHEART DANCE

Thursday  
April 13<sup>th</sup>  
6:30-10:30 PM

Li Greci's Station  
697 Forest Avenue  
Staten Island, NY

\$100 per adult  
\$50 per child

Includes dinner,  
dancing, photos  
& more

DADS, GRANDPAS, UNCLES - ANY FATHER FIGURE IS WELCOME AS AN ESCORT

50/50, Raffles, Birthday Board

-and-

We look forward to honoring our 8th graders!

*svp*

www.titanleague.com  
Father Daughter Dance

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



# SUPPORT Autism AWARENESS

Show your support by dressing down in **blue**  
on Wednesday April 5  
with all proceeds going to  
Staten Island Autism Warriors.

We kindly ask for a **\$3-\$5 contribution per family**. Any additional contributions are also welcome and deeply appreciated!

We can't wait to see our school's support  
in a wave of **blue**!



## PIZZA FRIDAY!

Pizza Fridays are organized by the school. Any questions or concerns should be directed to the Main Office.

The Family Guild has been asked to pass along some reminders on their behalf:

- Orders must be submitted **NO LATER** than Tuesday. This ensures there is enough time for the order to be prepped.
- The cost is \$2.00 per slice (cash only; no coins please!).
- Please send in your payment in an envelope **CLEARLY** marked with your child's name, grade and number of slices.

## THANK YOU!



### *Red, White and Blue... and Baskets Too!*

Dear Blessed Sacrament Families,

It is with great pleasure that we announce the Blessed Sacrament Basket Auction for 2023. This event will take place on June 2, 2023 in our school gym. Stay tuned for more information pertaining to the event including an invitation.

Currently, we are reaching out to our families for voluntary donations. A registry has been created through Giftster.com ( <https://www.giftster.com/gift/public/rFMsw/>) to make the donation process as easy and stress-free as possible.

To make a purchase from the registry:

1. select the item you would wish to donate
2. click the link provided under the item to make your purchase
3. return to the registry and click PURCHASED
4. when the item arrives at your home, fill out the tear off at the bottom of this page, attach it to the item and kindly bring it to the school

There will be a donation box in the main lobby for students/staff to drop off their donations. The box will be emptied daily and donations will be secured in the Family Guild closet. All donations will be used to make baskets for the auction and the donor's name will be printed on the basket tag. The deadline for submitting donations will be Tuesday April 4, 2023.

Please feel free to contact the Basket Auction Committee with any questions you may have at [bssbasketauction2023@gmail.com](mailto:bssbasketauction2023@gmail.com).

We along with the Family Guild Board are **thankful** and **grateful** for your support and generosity.

The Basket Auction Committee  
Caity Gaetani, Allison Poggi, and Bridgit Vomero



### SAVE THE DATE!



### *Red, White, and Blue... and Baskets Too!*

Blessed Sacrament Basket Auction

June 2, 2023

6pm @ the School Gym

More info to come!

**Our Wicked Stitches Spirit Wear Store is open now through April**



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Please visit <https://bsschool.itemorder.com> to place your orders!

- Orders estimated to be ready for April 26th.
- You are ordering as part of a group order. The items are available for a limited time. Please note the closing and delivery dates for your shop.
- All orders are processed together once the shop closes.
- All orders will be distributed at school.
- You will receive an email when your order is ready.
- For sizing help, call or visit the shop. We have a full line of samples available for try-on.
- NO RETURNS. NO EXCHANGES.
- Visit the Family Guild page of the Blessed Sacrament School website for the downloadable flyer.














### Blessed Sacrament School Apparel Spring '23

You can now purchase your items online in 3 easy steps:

1. Scan the QR code or go online to <https://bsschool.itemorder.com/>
2. Choose your items and add them to your cart
3. Securely checkout with your credit card

Online Store Deadline: Monday April 10th, 2023 (11:59pm EDT)

<b>BSS Team Jacket</b>  2 Colors	<b>BSS Established Tee</b>  2 Colors	<b>BSS Established Long Sleeve Tee</b> 	<b>BSS Established Hoodie</b>  2 Colors	<b>BSS Full-Zip Hooded Sweatshirt</b> 	<b>BSS Sweatpants</b> 
<b>BSS Flannel Pant</b>  2 Colors	<b>BSS Dad Cap</b> 	<b>BSS Baseball Cap</b> 	<b>BSS Cooler Tote</b> 	<b>BSS Outdoor Even Blanket</b> 	

This store is estimating to ship products by April 26th, 2023

Questions?  
Wicked Stitches  
(718) 420-0240  
[info@wickedstitchesgifts.com](mailto:info@wickedstitchesgifts.com)  
<https://wickedstitchesgifts.com/>



## ***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 April, 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 - April" no later than **March 27**. The April drawing will be held on Friday April 7.

Congratulations to the March winner, Tene Duncan!

*Good luck to all those who enter!*

## ***Titan League Announcements***



→ Swim Registration is now open for the 2023 season. Please visit [www.titanleague.com](http://www.titanleague.com) to register today.

→ Save the Date for the "Father-Daughter Dance" at The Staaten on April 13.

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](mailto: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:***

- Monday, March 6: School Closed - Conference Day
- Friday, March 10: 11:00 am dismissal for Professional Development
- Friday, March 10: One Event winner v. Mr. Cocozello Basketball Game
- Saturday, March 18: Mother Son Event
- Wednesday, March 22: Grandparents Day (5-8th)
- Wednesday, March 22: Dine Out at Jimmy Max
- Monday, March 27: Family Guild Meeting 7:30pm in PCMR
- Tuesday, March 28: Family Guild Meeting recap in the cafeteria, immediately following drop-off
- Thursday, April 6 - April 14: School closed for Easter break
- Thursday, April 13: Father Daughter Dance
- Friday, April 21: Spring Dance (6th, 7th, 8th)
- Monday, April 24: Family Guild Meeting 7:30pm in PCMR
- Tuesday, April 25: Family Guild Meeting recap in the cafeteria, immediately following drop-off
- Wednesday April 26-29: Drama Club presents **Annie**
- Monday, May 1: Lifetouch Spring Portraits
- Thursday May 4: Plant Sale
- Friday, May 5: School closed
- Monday, May 8: School closed
- Saturday, May 13: First Holy Communion
- Saturday, May 20: Father Son Event
- Friday, May 26: School closed
- Monday, May 29: School closed: Memorial Day
- Tuesday, May 30: School closed



## *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.







## **2022-2023 Monthly Family Guild Meetings**

**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](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!





## ***THANK YOU!***

Thank you to the One Event Committee (Jill Kissel, Rhonda Nigido, Jess DeLessio, Jill Oliva, Lisa Esposito, AnnMarie Sliger and Jessica Zotts) for organizing this event for our school. Your hard work and dedication to make this so memorable and special for our students is amazing. Congratulations to all the winners!

Thank you to Anne Marie Melgar, Tracy Tursi and Babette Velez for organizing the Mother Daughter luncheon. It was a beautiful day out and every detail was perfect. All the moms and little ladies looked beautiful!

Thank you to those who donated the yummy treats for the Valentine's Day bake sale!

Thank you to the owners of Kettle Black who teamed up with Blessed Sacrament in February for a fun dine out. It was a great success and we can't wait to team up with them again!

## 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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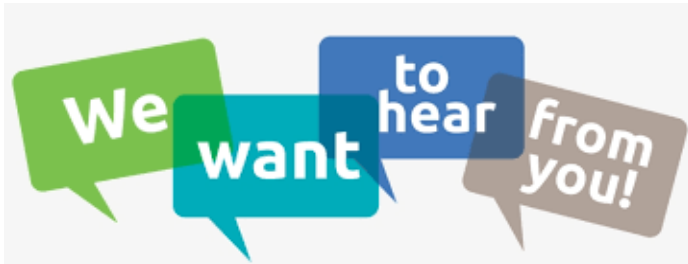
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Feel free to contact us with any questions or suggestions regarding Guild functions. We are always open to ideas that will enhance our efforts.



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