

Blessed Sacrament School

Family Guild Newsletter

May 2023



A Letter from our Assistant Principal:

It is May already! It's hard to believe we are down to the last six weeks of the school year. So much has been accomplished this year with a "back to normal" feel. Even though the time left on the calendar is short, it is jammed packed with events, students' testing schedules, teacher professional development, and even some time off from school!

First, I'd like to thank Ed Callahan and all the "behind the scenes" people for working with our many talented students in the wonderful performance of Annie Jr. Congratulations to all!

It is with reverence that we remember that the entire month of May is dedicated to honoring and seeking intercessions of Mary, Mother of God. We will honor our Blessed Mother on Wednesday, May 24th with May Crowning at 10:30am. In this month, our Second Graders will be making their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 13th. We ask that you keep them in your prayers.

In the academic part of the calendar, Grades 3-8 students will be taking the NYS Mathematics Exam on May 2nd and 3rd. Soon after that, NWEA MAP testing will begin for Kindergarten - 8th grade on Tuesday, May 9th and run through May 25th. Best of luck to all our students! There are so many other important dates on the calendar. The week of May 8th, we show our appreciation to all of our teacher staff. We thank you for your dedication in educating our Students.

Our 8th graders will be out on their end of year trip to Philadelphia on Thursday, 5/4. Have a great time and be safe! Also, the Staten Island 8th Grade Mass will be held at Our Lady Star of the Sea on May 17th. The Family Guild Spring Fling on May 25th will be honoring the outgoing 8th grade parents. A fun time is expected! Our UPK students will enjoy some special time with their mothers or "someone special" at a Mothers Day Tea on Wednesday, May 12th. The school will also enjoy some time off during the month of May! Friday, May 5th all students, teachers and staff are off from school for unused Snow Day #1. Monday, 5/8, will be a Professional Development Day for teachers in grades PreK3, and K-8. All students in these grades are not in attendance. UPK is in session for a full day. On Monday, 5/15 and 5/26, students and staff in grades PreK3, and K-8 are off for unused Snow Days #2 and #3. UPK is in school for a full session on both these days. To end the month, school is closed in observance of Memorial Day on 5/29 and Tuesday, 5/30 school is also closed for all students and staff for Snow Day #4 (UPK #2).

Through the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary, we pray for a safe and healthy remainder of the school year.

Warmest Regards, Rosaria Mincher. Assistant Principal/UPK Director
Rosaria Mincher, Assistant Principal/UPK Director

A Letter from our President:

Each month when I sit down to write this letter, I think to myself that those reading this must be tired of reading the words “thank you” over and over. I quickly corrected myself to recognize that if there are continually things to be grateful for, then the words cannot over be tired or overused. Our last Family Guild meeting was a wonderful evening celebrating our volunteers. Every time someone volunteers in our school community, whether it be as a class parent, event chair, coach, volunteer, troop leader, school trip chaperone or just a face that the other kids see smiling at drop off or pick up, you have an impact on, not just your own children, but someone else’s. The expression “it takes a village” cannot be more true. I am grateful for the members of my village who continue to positively impact my boys. I hope we can continue to take care of one another’s children, recognize the kindness in one another and keep passing it on. I also hope we can continue to take care of one another as fellow parents and friends. Leaning on one another makes the good times better and gets us through the bad times. As we approach the end of the school year, let’s continue to support one another and all of the children that make up our community. Wishing you all a wonderful month of May!

*With gratitude,
Erica Salzillo*



Together,
we've
got this!



Upcoming Events:

- Monday, May 15: School Closed
- Wednesday, May 17: Dine Out at The Point Tavern
- Wednesday May 17: Basket Wrapping for Basket Auction 7:00pm in PCMR
- Saturday, May 20: Father-Son Event at Medieval Times 2:00pm
- Monday, May 22: Family Guild Meeting 7:30pm in PCMR
- Monday, May 22: Last Dress Down for the year
- Tuesday, May 23: Family Guild Meeting recap in the cafeteria, immediately following drop-off
- Wednesday May 24: Basket Wrapping for Basket Auction 7:00pm in PCMR
- Thursday, May 25: Spring Fling at Osteria Santina
- Friday, May 26: School Closed

- Monday, May 29: School Closed - Memorial Day
- Tuesday, May 30: School Closed
- Friday, June 2: Basket Auction
- Monday, June 5: Block Party (rain date June 6)
- Monday, June 5: Talent Show Rehearsal 5:30pm
- Tuesday, June 6: 8th Grade Prom
- Thursday, June 8: 8th Grade Graduation Mass & Breakfast
- Thursday, June 8: Dine Out at Burrito Bar
- Friday, June 9: 8th Grade Graduation
- Saturday, June 10: Staten Island Ferryhawks Game
- Tuesday, June 13: Kindergarten Graduation
- Wednesday, June 14: Pre-K Stepping Up
- Thursday, June 15: Talent Show
- Friday, June 16: Last Day of School





The Blessed Sacrament Parish Council is proud to announce the return of the

FAMILY MASS 9:30AM SUNDAYS

Please join us for singing from the Children's Choir, student greeters and a welcoming service for the whole family!



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!

We honor and thank all of our incredible teachers this week during Teacher Appreciation week!

THE INFLUENCE OF
A GOOD
Teacher
CAN NEVER BE
ERASED



Dine Out to Support Our School!!!

Wednesday, May 17
All day, Dine In and Take Out

Mention Blessed Sacrament and 20% of your
bill gets donated back to our school!

**No Door Dash or Uber Eats etc.*

Please make a reservation for parties of 6 or more

DRESS DOWN

WEAR YOUR FINEST RED, WHITE & BLUES IN
HONOR OF MEMORIAL DAY

MONDAY MAY 22

*We ask that each family contribute
\$5 per child or \$10 per family. This is
benefitting the Block Party*

*Please send in your contribution and
collection slip in an envelope marked
"Attn: Block Party Dress Down". Thank
you!*

MARK YOUR
CALENDARS!
DINE OUT TO HELP OUT
THURSDAY, JUNE 8
BURRITO BAR



**CALLING ALL KNIGHTS!
YOUR EVENT IS THIS WEEKEND!**

**DETAILS, INCLUDING ARRIVAL
TIME AND CHECK IN, WILL BE
ANNOUNCED EARLY THIS WEEK.**

**WISHING ALL OF THE KNIGHTS
ATTENDING A GREAT TIME!**

LET'S HIT IT OUT OF THE PARK!

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL WITH
THE STATEN ISLAND FERRYHAWKS

Saturday June 10 at 4PM

Staten Island University Hospital Community Park
75 Richmond Terrace,
Staten Island, NY 10301

USE THE URL BELOW TO PURCHASE.
A PORTION OF EACH TICKET SOLD THROUGH THIS LINK WILL
COME BACK TO OUR SCHOOL.
FEEL FREE TO PASS OUR LINK ALONG!



<https://fevogm.com/event/Blessedsacrament>

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

**Blessed Sacrament Basket Auction
Friday June 2, 2023
6pm @ the School Gym
Drawings begin @ 7:30**

Dress up in your favorite patriotic attire for a fun night out!
Gather your family and friends for an exciting night full of prizes and dancing!
\$5 admission includes coffee, tea, water and dessert.

You are welcome to bring your own food and drink to your table!

Get ahead of the crowds and purchase your tickets now!

Ticket presale begins today and ends May 4, 2023.

Presale tickets will be sent home via backpack on May 19th.

All presale orders received after May 4th will be available for pick up at the door the night of the event.

Red Tickets	White Tickets	Blue Tickets	Bundle 1	Bundle 2
Prize Value up to \$99	Prize Value up to \$100-\$249	Prize Value \$250+		
\$10 for 20 red tickets	\$15 for 20 white tickets	\$5 for 2 blue tickets \$10 for 5 blue tickets	\$20 20 red tickets, 20 white tickets, and 2 blue tickets (\$30 value)	\$30 40 red tickets, 20 white tickets, and 2 blue tickets (\$40 value)

You must be present at the event to win (with the exception of faculty and staff of Blessed Sacrament School).

Please reach out to us with any questions you may have @bssbasketauction2023@gmail.com.

Please use the Google form or tear off (both found on the Family Guild page of the school website) to reserve your table and pre-purchase your tickets!

We look forward to seeing you all there!

The Basket Auction Committee

Caity Gaetani, Allison Poggi, and Bridgit Vomero



Do you have a special talent you would like to share?

Dancing, singing, juggling, telling jokes, lip synching, magic, tumbling, karate, you name it-it's your talent!

The Blessed Sacrament Annual Talent Show is back!

Thursday, June 15th at 6:00PM, doors open 5:30pm

(Rehearsal Monday, June 5 5:30pm)

Blessed Sacrament School Gym

Cost: \$5.00 adults \$2.00 children

(Tickets purchased at the door!)

If you are interested in showcasing your talent, please contact Anna Lambert at annaMLambert79@gmail.com or complete the below registration form and return it in an envelope marked "Talent Show" by Friday, May 19.

Titans Got Talent 2023

Name/Group_____

Talent_____

Class_____

Parent Contact Information_____



Support the Block Party!!
Win four (4) 100-level or
200-level tickets to a New
York Yankees game*!

Raffle entries and exact cash should be sent in an envelope marked
“Block Party NY Yankees Raffle” by Wednesday, May 17th

**** All proceeds will benefit the 2023 Block Party****

Cost: \$10 or 3 for \$20

*Tickets will be to a mutually determined, non-Premium New York Yankees game during the 2023 regular season.

Raffle Entry

Name: _____

Sold by/class (to give winning ticket to) _____

Phone number _____

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Phone number _____



BLOCK PARTY DONATIONS NEEDED!!!

We're asking our Blessed Sacrament families to kindly donate

\$5 - \$10 per family to support our Block Party!

Any additional contributions are welcome and deeply appreciated!

All the donations collected will defer the cost of entertainment, snack, drink and ice for our students and our Seton Foundation friends. You will also be included in a drawing for an \$50 Egger's gift card!

Please send your donation by Friday, May 19, 2023

Money can be sent in an envelope marked: "Block Party Donation"

Please include Family name, class, and amount.

First class with FULL participation gets to try to dunk Mr. Cocozello in the Dunk Tank!

Thank you for supporting the Block Party!



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 - June" no later than **May 26**. The June drawing will be held on Friday June 2.

Congratulations to the May winner, Mary Cardello!

Good luck to all those who enter!

Titan League Announcements



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.



TITANS CHEERLEADING

2023-2024 Interest Meeting

Minis Squad ~ Grade K-1
Biddies Squad ~ Grades 2-3

NEW cheerleader parents and RETURNING parents to our program...
Please join us for a
Cheer Q&A Interest Meeting
When: Monday, May 15, 2023
Where: PCMR (Parish Center Meeting Room)
Time: 7:00pm

We strongly recommend that you attend this meeting.
We will be discussing our new program and many more important details to follow.
If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our coaches at
bssccheerleading@gmail.com

Let's Go Titans!



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

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!





THANK YOU!

Thank you to Rhonda Nigido and the Girl Scout Troops of our school for organizing the Mothers Day plant sale earlier this month. It was a great way for the students to recognize our hard working Girl Scout Troops as well as buying some beautiful plants for all of the special moms in their lives.

Thank you to Chairperson Beth Gagliardi, her husband Joel and the team of volunteers who helped to make our first Grandparents Day for grades Kindergarten through 4th a success! There was a huge turnout! Thanks to all of the grandparents and special people who came to be there for our students. Looking forward to next year!

Thank you to everyone who donated yummy treats to the Spring Bake sale. It was our final bake sale of the year. Thank you to everyone who donated and purchased throughout the year.

Thank you to the owners of The Local who teamed up with Blessed Sacrament in April 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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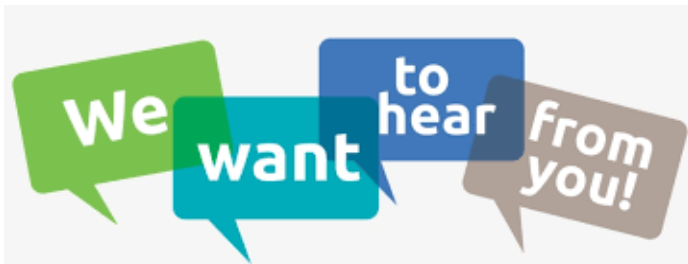
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Feel free to contact us with any questions or suggestions regarding Guild functions. We are always open to ideas that will enhance our efforts.



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