

Blessed Sacrament School Family Guild

March 2024



A Letter from the President:

Finally turning the corner into spring forces us to look ahead to the end of the school year, which will be here before we know it! We have wonderful things coming up, including the eagerly anticipated basketball game between James Barry and his team versus Mr. Cocozello and his team. We also look forward to the annual Pi Day Pie Sale, "Mommy's Lucky Charm" Mother-Son Lunch, "Disco Basket Fever" Basket Auction, "Boys, Batter Up!" Father Son outing with the Ferryhawks, Grandparent or Someone Special Day and our Block Party - just to name a few! I want to thank all of the chairs of these events for all of the hard work and planning that goes into organizing these events. Our volunteers are what makes each and every event possible. On behalf of the Family Guild Board, we thank all of you for your patience with each event. Working together with understanding and support has made Blessed Sacrament such a warm community of all of us working toward making memories for our children. As always, your voice is essential to the continued progress of the Family Guild so all feedback is welcomed and appreciated! Wishing you all a great March!

-Erica Salzillo



A Letter from our Principal:

Well into the 3rd marking period, we have begun what will be the longest stretch of the school year without having a day off. While it may not be the favorite time of the year for our students, with minimal interruptions, I always feel the 3rd marking period offers the greatest glimpse of where a child stands academically. Almost at the halfway point of Quarter 3, please anticipate Progress Reports going home on Friday, March 8th.

Upon our return from Easter break, there is a lot on the calendar beginning with the ELA New York State Exam on April 10th and 11th. Grades 3 and 4 will take a traditional paper-based exam while grades 5 through 8 will be tested on the computer. Students in grades 5-8 were familiarized with the computer-based testing as they sat for a sample test in January. Also of note, the 3rd marking period ends on Friday, April 12th.

I am proud to share that once again, we were able to donate over 200 coloring book sets to the pediatric unit at Staten Island Hospital. Just one of the many things we do as a school community during Catholic Schools Week, I extend a sincere thank you to all of our parents for the sacrifices you make for and on behalf of Blessed Sacrament School.

My sincere wishes to our entire school community for a wonderful month of March and a most Blessed and Happy Easter!

-Joseph Cocozello, Principal



THANK YOU!

Thanks to all who shared in the beautiful Mother-Daughter Brunch this year.

Huge thanks to Anne Marie Melgar, Tracy Tursi, Babette Velez
and all of the volunteers who planned and executed a wonderful event!

Thanks to all who donated to our Valentine's bake sale for the amazing turn out!

Thanks to all who participated in our last dine out.
We are grateful to Kettle Black for their continuing partnership!

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/95542104/2Auzc04h



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

Family Guild Dues:

Dues for the 2023-2024 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!

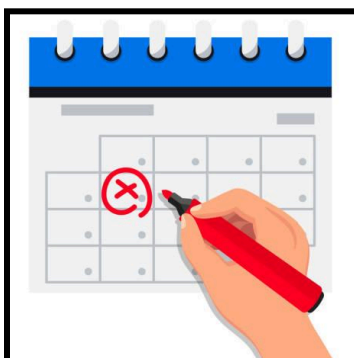


Our next monthly Family Guild meeting will be held on **Monday, March 18** at 7:30pm in the PCMR.

We will also hold a recap meeting on **Tuesday, March 19** at 8:00am in the cafeteria for anyone who cannot attend the previous evening's meeting.

Please come join us to stay informed, join the conversation, ask your questions, meet new families and show your support of Blessed Sacrament School!

We look forward to seeing you there!



Blessed Sacrament Family Guild 2023-2024

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, September 27 – 6:30pm*
Monday, October 16 – 7:30pm
Monday, November 20 – 7:30pm
Monday, January 22 – 7:30pm
Monday, February 12 – 7:30pm
Monday, March 18 – 7:30pm
Monday, April 15 – 6:30pm**
Monday, May 20 – 7:30pm

A recap meeting will be held the following morning of each meeting at 8:00am in the cafeteria.

*Time is changed to accommodate the New Family Welcome Mixer immediately following our general meeting.

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High School Alumni Volunteer Program

We are proud to continue 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>

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!



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.



Upcoming Events:

- Friday - March 8: Pretzel Sale
- Friday - March 8: Knights of Columbus Fish Fry - PCMR - 5:00pm-7:00pm
- Thursday - March 14: Pi Day Pie Sale
- Friday - March 15: St. Patrick's Day Dress Down
- Friday - March 15: Knights of Columbus Fish Fry - PCMR - 5:00pm-7:00pm
- Friday - March 15: One Event Basketball Game - Team Barry vs. Team Cocozello - 6:00pm
- Saturday - March 16: "Mommy's Lucky Charm" Mother-Son Brunch
- Monday - March 18: Bake Sale
- Monday - March 18: Family Guild Meeting - 7:30pm
- Tuesday - March 19: Family Guild Recap Meeting - 8:00am
- Tuesday - March 19: Dine Out at Jimmy Max
- Friday - March 22: 6th, 7th, 8th Grade Dance
- Thursday - March 28 through Sunday - April 7: School Closed (Easter Break)
- Thursday - April 4: "Under the Stars" Father-Daughter Dance
- Friday - April 12 through Sunday - April 14 - Parish Players Production of "Oliver"
- Monday - April 15: Bake Sale
- Monday - April 15: Family Guild Meeting - 7:30pm
- Tuesday - April 16: Family Guild Recap Meeting - 8:00am
- Friday - April 19: 8th Grade Trip
- Friday - April 26: Spring Dress Down
- Friday - April 26: Basket Auction
- Monday - April 29: LifeTouch Spring Pictures
- Thursday - May 2: Girl Scout Plant Sale
- Saturday - May 4: "Boys, Batter Up!" Ferry Hawks Outing
- Saturday - May 11: First Holy Communion for Grade 2
- Monday - May 13: School Closed (Conference Day)
- Wednesday - May 15: Grandparents' Day
- Monday - May 20: Bake Sale
- Monday - May 20: Spring Dress Down
- Monday - May 20: Family Guild Meeting - 7:30pm
- Tuesday - May 21: Family Guild Recap Meeting - 8:00am
- Thursday - May 23: Installation/End of Year Celebration
- Monday - May 27: School Closed (Memorial Day)
- Friday - May 31 through Sunday - June 2: After School Drama Production of "The Secret Garden"
- Monday - June 3: Block Party
- Tuesday - June 4: Block Party Rain Date
- Tuesday - June 4: 8th Grade Prom
- Thursday - June 6: 8th Grade Graduation Breakfast
- Friday - June 7: 8th Grade Graduation
- Thursday - June 13: Talent Show





The Guild's Great Gift Card Giveaway is back!

For \$10 per entry you can enter our monthly raffle for a **\$100 Amazon.com gift card**! Winners will be selected on the first Wednesday 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 December drawing will be held on Wednesday, April 10.

Good luck to all those who enter!

Please join us in supporting a local business as they support our school.



This month we are teaming up with

Jimmy Max

280 Watchogue Rd, 10314
on Tuesday, March 19.

*Be sure to say that you are there for Blessed
Sacrament and 50% of your food bill will be
donated back to the school!*

Dine in only!

Can't wait to see you there!

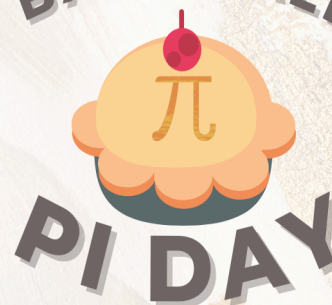


PRETZEL SALE!

**FRIDAY
MARCH 8**

**PRETZELS
WILL BE SOLD
FOR \$2 EACH
DURING LUNCH**

BAKE SALE



THURSDAY, 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 AVAILABLE SO ALL CAN PARTICIPATE.**



ST. PATRICK'S DAY DRESS DOWN

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

BENEFITTING THE BASKET AUCTION

**WEAR YOUR LUCKIEST ST. PATRICK'S DAY OUTFIT OR
GREEN GEAR FOR THIS FULL DRESS DOWN.**

**WE KINDLY ASK FOR A CONTRIBUTION OF \$5 PER
CHILD OR \$10 PER FAMILY TO BE SENT IN WITH A
COLLECTION SLIP IN AN ENVELOPE MARKED
"FAMILY GUILD ST. PATRICK'S DRESS DOWN".**

**IF YOU HAVE ALREADY PRE-CONTRIBUTED FOR THE
YEAR, YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER WILL HAVE IT NOTED
ON THE LIST.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!

ST. PATRICK'S DAY BAKE SALE

MARCH 18

**ALL ITEMS WILL BE \$1.00 AND
WILL BE SOLD IN THE CAFETERIA DURING LUNCH.**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE DONATE ANY STORE-BOUGHT OR
HOMEMADE TREATS,
PLEASE CONTACT KIM BURBANO AT
KIMBURBANO@BLESSEDSACRAMENTS.I.COM
OR (917) 282-2984.**

**ALLERGY-FRIENDLY OPTIONS
WILL BE INCLUDED
SO ALL CAN PARTICIPATE!**

ONE EVENT COMMITTEE
PROUDLY PRESENTS

JAMES BARRY VS **MR. COCOZELLO**
OF 8-2 AND TEAM AND TEAM

DOORS
OPEN
5:30PM

**FRIDAY
MARCH 15TH**

GAME
TIME
6:00PM

BLESSED SACRAMENT GYM

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR THIS EXCITING NIGHT
FILLED WITH BASKETBALL, FOOD, RAFFLES AND A DJ!

\$2.00 COVER CHARGE AT THE DOOR / \$5.00 PER FAMILY

**DRESS IN BLESSED SACRAMENT GEAR AND BRING
NOISE MAKERS TO GET LOUD**

CONTACT THE ONE EVENT COMMITTEE WITH ANY QUESTIONS
JESS DELESSIO 347 280 5769, JILL KISSEL 917 647 5275,
JILL OLIVIA 646 732 8846, RHONDA NIGIDO 917 754 1208,
LISA ESPOSITO 347 401 3651, ANNMARIE SLIGER 917 642 4871,
JESSICA ZOTTS 646 457 1124 AND BRIANNE DEFAZIO 917 709 7602



**Fish Fry
Fridays**

\$10 per plate
Eat In or Take Out

CALL BILL AT
347-309-1056
TO PLACE A
TAKE OUT ORDER

BENEFITTING THE ASSUMPTION - MSGR
JAMES J. DORNEY COUNCIL #1694

**MARCH 8 &
MARCH 15**

5:00pm-7:00 pm

IN THE PCMR



THE BSS TITAN LEAGUE HOSTS AN

**Under
the Stars**

FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE

04.04.24

6:30-10:30 *in the evening*

THE VANDERBILT AT SOUTH BEACH

\$100 Father • \$65 Daughter

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

DINNER, DANCING AND FUN FOR ALL

REGISTRATION OPEN UNTIL MARCH 15TH
WWW.TITANLEAGUE.COM

Calling 6th, 7th and 8th graders!



Come join us!

5:30pm-7:00pm in the PCMR

March 20

April 24

May 8

June 5

June 26



Follow on Instagram

@BlessedSacramentSI_Youth

Reach out via email

@blessedsacramentsiyouth@gmail.com



ATTENTION ALL 6TH, 7TH AND 8TH GRADERS!

SPRING INTO SUMMER LUAU

Friday, March 22

7:00pm-9:00pm

PCMR/CAFETERIA

\$15 PER CHILD -

INCLUDES SNACKS, WATER AND DANCING!

ALL ADMISSIONS MUST BE PAID WITH A
COMPLETED PERMISSION SLIP
BY FRIDAY, MARCH 15

NO ADMISSIONS ALLOWED AT THE DOOR

Wear your favorite luau attire or brightest tropical colors or
just come in your favorite casual spring outfit!

*All students must follow the school dress code as outlined in
the Parent/Student Handbook. No tank tops or shorts are
permitted.

Luuu – Friday, March 22, 2024

Student Name and Class: _____

Amount Paid: _____

Circle One: CASH or CHECK

By signing here, both student and parent agree that student will abide by the guidelines outlined in the Blessed Sacrament School Student Handbook. Any violation of these guidelines will result in the parent's need to remove the student from the event and possible restriction on future events held by the Blessed Sacrament Family Guild. By signing here, both student and parent agree that the student will abide by the dress code as outlined above.

Student Name (print): _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Emergency Contact Info for Evening of Dance:

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

*each student will need to submit an individual permission slip for attendance



Disco

Basket Fever



Blessed Sacrament Basket Auction Friday April 26th @ 7pm Li Greci's Staaten

Dress up in your favorite 70s themed attire for a fun night out! Gather your family and friends for an exciting night full of prizes and dancing!

Ticket presale begins today and ends March 27th. Presale tickets will be sent home via backpack on April 19th

RSVP is required as no one will be permitted to purchase a seat at the door

Please see below presale ticket pricing. All packages include sit down dinner, beer, wine, and soda.

Dancing Queen \$80: dinner/drinks, 10 red tickets, 4 white tickets, 2 yellow ticket (\$91 value)

Feelin' Groovy \$90: dinner/drinks, 20 red tickets, 20 white tickets, 2 yellow tickets (\$108 value)

The Winner Takes it All \$100: dinner/drinks, 40 red tickets, 20 white tickets, 2 yellow tickets (\$118 value)

Additional ticket prices:

Red tickets (prize value up to \$99): \$10 for 20

White tickets (prize value \$100-\$249): \$15 for 20

Yellow tickets (prize value \$250): \$5 for 2 and \$10 for 5

(You must be present at the event to win with the exception of BSS faculty)

Please reach out to the basket auction committee with any questions

@bssbasketauction@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you all there!

Caity Gaetani, Allison Poggi, Bridgit Vomero and Diana Fers

Disco Basket Fever

Name _____ Telephone Number _____

Table (please list names of people you will be sitting with)

Ticket Presale::

Dancing Queen _____ @ \$80 Total \$ _____

Feelin' Groovy _____ @ \$90 Total \$ _____

The Winner Takes it All _____ @ \$100 Total \$ _____

Additional tickets (if purchasing)

Red tickets _____ @ \$ _____

White tickets _____ @ \$ _____

Yellow _____ @ \$ _____

The background of the flyer is a light yellow color. It is decorated with various black musical symbols, including treble clefs, eighth notes, and quarter notes, some of which are enclosed in yellow circles. There are also small black asterisks scattered throughout. The text is arranged in a clean, modern layout with bold fonts for emphasis.

LOVE TO SING?
THEN JOIN THE

Blessed Sacrament Youth Choir!

We sing at 9:30 a.m. Mass almost every week
and meet 20 minutes before Mass to practice.
No singing experience required!

**THE SEASON HAS ALREADY
BEGUN SO PLEASE JOIN US!**

For more information or to sign up, email
Colleen Siuzdak-Velluzzi at colleenvelluzzi@gmail.com

Blessed Sacrament Parish Council

The Blessed Sacrament Family Guild is proud to work closely with the Blessed Sacrament Parish Council to help bring our school and Church communities together.

Please check back for announcements and information from the Parish Council. You can always check the Parish Council tab of the Family Guild page of the school website.

You can reach out to Thad McTigue at simctigue@aol.com or Colleen Siuzdak-Velluzzi at colleenvelluzzi@gmail.com with any questions or feedback!



Best of luck to all of our Titan League teams competing this season.

Play strong! Go Titans!

For information on the 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. Go Titans!



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.*

-Upcoming Pizza Fridays are listed on the hot lunch schedule on mymealorder.com

Contact Us

Visit our Family Guild page for forms, information on our standing committees, fundraising events and future monthly newsletters online at www.blessedsacramentsi.com or email us at theguild@blessedsacrament.com

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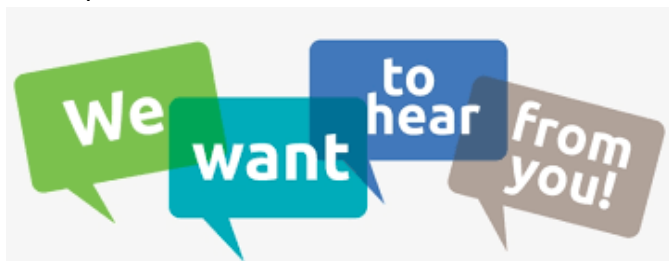
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Feel free to contact us with any questions or suggestions regarding Guild functions. We are always open to ideas that will enhance our efforts.



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