

Good Afternoon,

It is been a very full week for all of us at BSS as we continue our celebration of Catholic Schools Week. Thank you to all of our families who came out to Mass at Blessed Sacrament Church this past Sunday. It was nice to see our school colors well represented in the pews!

We close off CSW tomorrow with our Teacher Appreciation Day. Here is the schedule for the day:

11:00 - Mass at Blessed Sacrament Church - Please join us for what is always a lively celebration of our faith and our school. Father Jean-Pierre, who is assisting in the collaborative while Fr. Chip is recovering from surgery, will preside at his first BSS student Mass.

12:00 - Dismissal of all students. As with all early dismissals, the parking lot will be very busy. If you are coming over for Mass at 11:00, please park as you would at dismissal time. We ask for your patience as we get everyone out of the parking lot safely. **There is no afternoon extended day tomorrow.**

12:30 - Faculty/Staff Luncheon - Thank you to our Parent Collaborative for sponsoring a luncheon for our faculty and staff at Conrad's after school tomorrow. We are all grateful for the support of our parent community!

1:00-2:30 - Free Family Skating at the Rodman Arena - All BSS families are welcome to enjoy free family skating at the Rodman Arena from 1:00-2:30 tomorrow. Free skate rentals are available for those that need them. Remember to bring helmets (bike helmets are OK) for safety.

Thank you to all those who helped to plan another fun and successful Catholic Schools Week. Here are a few additional announcements:

(1) **Fast Cash Calendars:** Fast Cash Calendar raffle tickets went home in backpacks earlier this week. Attached is a letter with instructions along with the electronic file of the tickets.

You can also visit school.blessedsacrament.org/cashcalendar for more details on how the raffle works.

We are asking families to help sell calendars at Blessed Sacrament and St. Mary's Church after the weekend Masses on February 24-25 and March 3-4. The best part is whatever you sell at Mass goes towards your family's calendar sales number! Why not spend 20 minutes selling to help meet your goal. It also counts towards your service hours. Please use the following link to sign up for an available Mass time: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/9040A49AAA822A46-fast

Thank you for your support and encouragement in selling these calendars!

(2) **K-5 Math Night - Wednesday, February 7:** Teachers in Kindergarten through Grade 5 are excited to invite parents to **Math Night on Wednesday, Feb. 7th** from **6:30-7:30pm** at BSS.

Math Night will provide parents with an opportunity to learn more about the progression of how math is taught and learned today from early childhood through the elementary grades. During our time together, parents will interact with teachers at these grade levels, and learn strategies

that they can use at home to encourage excitement about mathematical thinking and promote continued individual growth.

While a general overview of the goals of our math program will be shared at Math Night, the evening will focus more on practical ways that teachers and parents can work together to make math more engaging for our children.

Please RSVP for Math Night at the following link:

<https://goo.gl/forms/DgtYLR0HXncWOwKo2>

(3) 8th Grade Parents - Yearbook Pictures Needed: To our 8th grade parents - the Yearbook Club is looking for three photos and a congratulatory message from each 8th grade parent, to be included in the students' 2018 yearbook. Photos and messages can be sent to Rob Hall at rhall@blessedsacrament.org.

Enjoy the rest of the week and weekend. Thank you for your support of Catholic schools like BSS!

Jim