

Good Morning,

Here are this week's updates from BSS...

(1) **Snow Closings, Recess, etc.:** Now that the winter weather has officially arrived, please make sure that you are aware of our school's weather-related policies. Blessed Sacrament School follows the Walpole School District for all weather-related closings or delays. If you are looking on the internet or television for information about school closings, you should look for "Walpole Public Schools." Once we are aware of the decision to close schools, we will notify our BSS families by phone, text and email. The information will also be posted on our website, Twitter and Facebook pages.

Families come to BSS from 20 different communities. As a result, we know that sometimes the weather and road conditions may be different in Walpole than it is in your hometown. If you are concerned about the road conditions, please use your best judgment in determining whether or not to come to school.

If there is an early release for any reason, we ask that families come to school as soon as possible to pick up their children, so that our staff members can also get home safely and promptly.

Finally, we do try to get outside for recess on most days throughout the winter. Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for outdoor recess. If the temperature with wind chill dips below 20 degrees, we will stay inside for recess. On most other days, we will be outside.

(2) **Vacation Camp - Thursday, December 21 and Friday, December 22:** Mrs. MacLean and Mrs. Grogan will run a 2-day vacation camp next Thursday and Friday from 8:00-4:00 here at school. If your child will attend for all or part of the day, please sign him/her up ahead of time by sending an email to Mrs. MacLean at [tmaclean@blessedsacrament.org](mailto:tmaclean@blessedsacrament.org). A variety of games, crafts and activities will be offered on both days.

(3) **Casual Day - Friday, December 15:** Tomorrow is a casual day for all students who bring in at least \$1. The money we collect tomorrow will go to purchase presents for local children and families in need this Christmas season.

(4) **Instrumental Music Lessons at BSS:** Our instrumental music lesson program is looking for new students to sign up to receive lessons in 2018. Weekly 1/2 hour lessons are offered right here at school during the school day. Available instruments include the flute, clarinet, trumpet, saxophone and trombone. For more information or to register your child for lessons, please contact Denise Berson at [dberson06@gmail.com](mailto:dberson06@gmail.com).

(5) **Family Christmas Caroling:** Join other BSS families this Saturday, December 16 at 1:00pm for Christmas caroling with elderly residents of Sunrise Assisted Living in Norwood. To sign up, please contact Carolyn Herman at [Carolyn.w.herman@gmail.com](mailto:Carolyn.w.herman@gmail.com)

#### **Additional Reminders:**

- Register as an individual or team for BSS Team Trivia on January 27. Registrations can be made online here: <https://goo.gl/forms/uM0uskg7T4PyL2wK2>

- Our Annual Fund is off to a tremendous start, with close to \$30K already raised in support of our students and teachers. Help us to reach our goal of 100% parent participation this year with a donation of any size before the 2017 tax year ends on December 31. Donations are tax deductible and can be made online at: <http://school.blessedsacrament.org/giveagift>

- Our last day of school before Christmas vacation is next Wednesday, December 20.

Thank you - have a great rest of the week and weekend!

Jim