

# **BLESSED SACRAMENT WEEKLY BULLETIN**

**February 24, 2019**



## **Congratulations Bulldogs!**



The Blessed Sacrament Boy's Varsity Basketball Team defeated Mother Teresa Academy to claim the Erie City Champion Grade School Title. The Bulldogs, playing their best game all season, won 49 to 35, which entitle them to move on in play. They meet Seton School, out of Meadville, on Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup> to play for the Erie Diocesan Championship at 6:30 PM.

## **2018-19 Advancement Scholarship**

Families that received the BSS Advancement Scholarships for the 2018/2019 school year must have their service hours and paperwork completed and submitted no later than May 1<sup>st</sup>. Failure to meet these requirements will disqualify families from applying for any future Advancement Scholarships.

## **Service Hours**

Middle school students are required to complete 16 hours of service before May 1, 2019. Service hour forms are available through homeroom teachers and in the school office. Students not completing 16 hours or not turning in service hour documentation by May 1<sup>st</sup> are jeopardizing class trips and end of the year activities.

## **Yearbook**

Yearbook orders must be placed by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Please send the order form and the money to school with your child.

## **2019-2020 School Year**

Re-registration forms are available in the school office and on-line through the Rediker Parent Portal for the primary contact. Fillable PDF forms are available on the school website under the Admissions Tab (click Re-Enrollment). Pre-school re-enrollments can also be done on-line this year. **To guarantee a seat for your child next year please re-register soon!** The office has been receiving registrations from new families. We are reaching out to families that have not re-registered their child(ren) yet to see if we can be of assistance. If you have any questions or concerns please call to speak with Mrs. Wagner (principal), Joyce Wickles (finance) or Stephanie Gambill (secretary).

Registration is now open to the general public. If you have family, friends or neighbors that may want to register their children at Blessed Sacrament or any of the other ECSS schools please let them know.

## **GECAC Scholarship**

Applications for the GECAC Scholarship (kindergarten – 8<sup>th</sup> grade) are now available on our school website and in the school office. The submission deadline is May 26, 2019.

## **Junior Scholarship**

All students applying for JA scholarships must be currently enrolled in a JA program at their school. The deadline for all scholarship applications to be submitted to Junior Achievement is April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Junior Achievement JA Day in-a Day program at Blessed Sacrament School will be on 27<sup>th</sup>. Please see the Junior Achievement letter at the end of the bulletin for more information.

## **Diocesan Tuition Assistance**

The Catholic School Tuition Assistance Programs are designed to provide tuition aid for students enrolled in a Catholic school in the Diocese of Erie. Information and applications for the STAR Foundation and the Bishop's Tuition Assistance Program can be found at the diocesan web site at:

[www.eriescd.org/pdf/schools/tuition17-18.pdf](http://www.eriescd.org/pdf/schools/tuition17-18.pdf)

## **Save-the-dates!**

- Save May 3<sup>rd</sup> for our next BINGO Bonanza! The planning committee is looking for more parent volunteers to help in any way. Please call the school office to let us know you can help.
- The next Mister and Miss Dance, *Sea of Dreams*, will be held on May 10<sup>th</sup>. More information will be coming out soon.

## **Dates to Remember**

- February 27 – Junior Achievement JA in a Day
- March 4 - Student Council Meeting – 2:50 – 3:30
- March 8 - Blessed Sacrament Church Lenten Fish Dinner



Hi There!

My name is Natalie and I was born and raised in Erie, Pennsylvania. My daughter, Isla, is in Pre-3 at Blessed Sacrament School!

A few months ago, my cousins and myself started a project we like to call "Operation Happy Hearts". What is it? It's our way of giving back to our community. We have collected clothing donations from people all over the city, sorted through and delivered them to many different places throughout Erie County such as Gaudenzia House of Healing and Community of Caring.

We are onto our next project and we are asking for your help! We are making care packages to deliver to some local shelters in Erie and we are in need of the following items:

Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Combs or Brushes, Deodorant, Shampoo, Conditioner, Face Wash and Bar Soap.

We appreciate and are so grateful for each and every donation, big or small.  
This is also an amazing teaching moment for your children!

We will be accepting donations for this project through April 1st, 2019. Please have your children bring them to their teacher and they will be sure we get them!

We are ALWAYS accepting any clothing donations, including men's, women's and children's clothing as well as maternity clothes and coats. If you do have donations like these, please contact us direct through the email below and we will arrange to pick up your donations!

Please feel free to contact us at  
[operationhappyhearts@gmail.com](mailto:operationhappyhearts@gmail.com)

Thank You So Much!  
The Boetger Girls  
Natalie, Amy and Ally



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January 23, 2019

Dear Junior Achievement Education Partner,

Thank you for your continued support of the partnership with Junior Achievement. As we celebrate 2019 with our 80<sup>th</sup> year of serving western Pennsylvania, we value the relationships we have with our schools, students, teachers, administrators, parents and other stake holders.

The purpose of this letter is to update you with a few changes that we have made to our EITC/OSTC Scholarship programs. Since 2004, over \$1.2 million dollars has been awarded to hundreds of school students throughout western Pennsylvania who participate in JA programs at their school. All scholarship information can be found at this website: <https://www.juniorachievement.org/web/ja-westernpa/ja-scholarships>

We are pleased to announce that all EITC-OSTC eligible students who attend private schools in the JA Western PA service area can apply for these scholarship programs:

JA Inspire Scholarship – Awards 8<sup>th</sup> grade students attending a private school with up to \$3,000 to continue their education at a private high school.

JA Opportunity Scholarship – Awards high school students (grades 9-11) with \$1,000 scholarships to continue their education in a private school.

JA Achievement Scholarship – Awards all students in grades K-12 with scholarships not to exceed \$8,500 to continue their education at a private school. This scholarship is funded through the OSTC program and additional eligibility criteria must be met.

All students applying for scholarships must be currently enrolled in a JA program at their school. **The deadline for all scholarship applications to be submitted to Junior Achievement is April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019.**

Income eligibility requirements and other information on the EITC/OSTC programs can be found at <https://dced.pa.gov/programs/educational-improvement-tax-credit-program-eitc/>. Your local private school also has additional information on these programs.

Lastly, 2019 marks a new chapter in Junior Achievement's history with the opening of JA BizTown at our office location in Bridgeville, Allegheny County. You can learn more about this exciting new program for students by visiting [www.jabiztownpgh.com](http://www.jabiztownpgh.com).

It is our mission to better prepare students for the future world of work, personal finance and entrepreneurship. We take our mission very seriously and pledge to continue to work with you on empowering these young people to own their economic success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis P. Gilfoyle", written over a white rectangular background.

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