

BLESSED SACRAMENT WEEKLY BULLETIN

March 3, 2019



Pre-School & Kindergarten Sneak Peak

Blessed Sacrament School will hold a Sneak Peek for prospective new students on Tuesday, March 19th from 11 AM until 1 PM. Parents who are considering enrolling in our pre-school can bring their child to meet teachers and spend a little time in the classroom. Please spread the word to your family, friends and neighbors.



Open House

We will also hold an open house on March 19th from 4 PM until 6 PM. Prospective pre-school and K – 8 families may come to talk to teachers, take a tour of our school and learn about scholarship opportunities. Again, please spread the word!

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 1st. Failure to meet these requirements will disqualify families from applying for any future Advancement Scholarships.

Camp Totus Tuus

The Diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry invites all middle school students (entering grades 6-8 in the fall) to attend Camp Totus Tuus 2019 being held July 14th through the 18th at St. Philip Center in Linesville, PA. Information is available at www.eriecd.org/youth

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 1st are jeopardizing class trips and end of the year activities.

Yearbook

All yearbook orders are due into the school office.

Scholarship Information

GECAC Scholarship

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

Junior Achievement 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 5th, 2019. Junior 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.eriecd.org/pdf/schools/tuition17-18.pdf

Save-the-dates!

- Save May 3rd 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 10th. More information will be coming out soon.

Dates to Remember

- March 4 - Student Council Meeting – 2:50 – 3:30
- March 6 – Ash Wednesday School Liturgy and distribution of Ashes 9:00 AM
- March 7 – First Honors Lunch for 4th and 5th graders in Basement Meeting Room
- March 8 - Blessed Sacrament Church Lenten Fish Dinner
- March 16 – First Reconciliation
- March 19 – Pre-K & Kindergarten Seek Peek for prospective students 11AM – 1 PM, Open House for all new prospective students 4 PM – 6 PM.



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Dear Junior Achievement Education Partner,

Thank you for your continued support of the partnership with Junior Achievement. As we celebrate 2019 with our 80th 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 8th 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 5th, 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.

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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