

BLESSED SACRAMENT WEEKLY BULLETIN

February 10, 2019



Great Kindness Challenge

Our students and faculty will participate in The Kids for Peace, Great Kindness Challenge this week. The challenge usually takes place in January but we chose to move it to February this year so it would not compete with Catholic Schools Week. Each student will have an age appropriate challenge form to complete this week. Families can join in the challenge from home. Please find information about the family edition and the family form at the end of this bulletin.

Re-Enroll Soon!

Please re-enroll your child soon. Paper re-enrollment forms were sent home. Re-registration can also be done 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 need to hear from you soon! 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 – 8th grade) are now available on our school website and in the school office. The submission deadline is May 26, 2019.

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 come out soon.

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Weather Make-Up Days

Over the past week and a half, Erie Catholic has been working with the local school districts, the Diocese, and the Pennsylvania Department of Education to determine our options in addressing missing school on January 30 and 31. Despite efforts to appeal to the state to waive our need to make these days up, we are required to provide two more school days for our students. While our approved school calendar already has certain days assigned as potential “snow make-up” days (Feb. 18, April 26, and June 7), we explored other options to try and avoid having to shorten our Easter Break or adding another day to the end of the school year. In doing so, we have determined the following schedule to make up our two missed school days:

Monday, February 18 will be a regular school day (Day 1).

Friday, April 12 will be a regular school day (Day 2).

Thank you for your patience as we worked with multiple entities to make the best decision for all involved.

Arrival and Dismissal Reminders

- Please use the gym entrance, off the big parking lot, in the morning when bringing your child(ren) to school in the morning. The doors are open until 8:10 AM. After 8:10 students are officially late for school. The *only* entrance they can come through is the office entrance where they will stop to get a late slip. Please make every effort to bring your child(ren) to school on time using the gym entrance. The school office is a very busy place in the morning. Your cooperation is appreciated.
- If you need to pick a child up early or are running late please call the school office to make arrangements. Please refrain from calling the office to ask if your child can be in the office at 2:45 or 2:50 for pick up unless it is an emergency. Again the office is a very busy place at this time and we have the added bus dismissal traffic in the office parking lot. It is understood that the gym parking lot is congested at dismissal and waiting to exit is an act of patience. Thank you again for your cooperation.

Dates to Remember

- February 14 – St. Valentine’s Day – students may wear Kindness is Cool T-shirts or pink/red shirts with their school uniform.
- February 15 – Early dismissal at 12:30
- February 18 – President’s Day – **school will be session!**



The Great Kindness Challenge

Family Edition

Your family has the power to change the world.



About: The Great Kindness Challenge is a positive and uplifting program that creates a culture of kindness in schools, communities, and the world. Using a 50 item checklist, schools and families are challenged to complete as many acts of kindness as possible.

How: It's easy! Families sign up online, download, and print the kindness checklist or use an interactive Great Kindness Challenge app. Guided by the kindness checklist, families have fun and show the world that KINDNESS MATTERS!

Who: For everyone, everywhere.

When: The Family Edition is year-round. The School Edition is an annual one week challenge during the last week of January.

Share: Inspire others with your kindness by posting your photos online and including the hashtag, #GKCFamily. You can also upload your content directly through the Family Edition website page.

2017 School Edition Impact

Over 10 million
students

10,493,866



Over 15 thousand
schools

15,057



Over 500 million
acts of kindness

524,693,300



Over 90
countries

91





Create a kinder world.
Take a week, a month, or a year.
Have fun and complete as many
acts of kindness as you can.
Your Kindness Matters!

Presented by



Acts of Kindness

- Smile at 25 people
- Take a treat to your local firefighters
- Do a household chore without being asked
- Donate something to an animal shelter
- Take a board game to play at a senior center
- Read a book to a younger child
- Make a thank you card for your librarians
- Entertain someone with a happy dance
- Create a family gratitude jar
- Cheer for every player on both teams
- Deliver a special gift to a child in the hospital
- Make a new friend or welcome a new neighbor
- Send a card or gift to a military family
- Walk or pet an animal - but ask first!
- Go a full day without complaining
- Hold the door open for someone
- Learn to say "Thank you" in a new language
- Embrace your family with a big hug
- Teach something to a younger sibling or friend
- Write or draw a loving note for someone
- Make and display a "Kindness Matters" sign
- Raise funds and donate to your favorite cause
- Watch the sunrise or sunset together
- Breathe, stretch and think a happy thought
- Cut out 10 hearts and leave them on 10 cars
- Donate needed school supplies
- Thank a bus driver
- Leave a flower on someone's doorstep
- Be kind to yourself and eat a healthy snack
- Call your grandparents or esteemed elder
- Walk or bike instead of driving
- Say "Thank you" to a police officer
- Bake cookies and share with your neighbors
- Say "Good Morning" to 5 people
- Pick up and recycle trash in your neighborhood
- Take a family walk outside
- Draw a heart in the sand or dirt
- Write a thank you note to your mail carrier
- Make a wish for a child in another country
- Volunteer in your community
- Say "Hi" to someone who looks sad
- Write a happy message with sidewalk chalk
- Paint a kindness rock and randomly place it
- Share food with someone who is hungry
- Sincerely compliment 5 people
- Post a positive message on social media
- Let someone go ahead of you in line
- Help plant a garden
- Reflect on kindness you witnessed during the day
- Create your own kind deed



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