



Blessed Sacrament Catholic School

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CHOOSING THE PATH OF JESUS

Advent prepares our hearts for Jesus. An education from BSCS guides us on the path Jesus began for us. We learned the path of Jesus began over 2000 years ago and continues today in our hearts and minds. Continuing our theme of *Following in the Footsteps of Christ*, our focus for December was *Choosing the Path of Jesus*

Although December was a short month for school, we managed to fill it with many opportunities of learning and living the way Jesus has taught us. Living the corporal work of mercy to feed the hungry, our Kindergartners and Sixth graders filmed a PSA for the Foodbank of Northeast Arkansas. In collaboration with Jonesboro High School E.A.S.T. lab, the students learned how prevalent hunger is in our community and surrounding towns. The Foodbank provides opportunities for us to help feed the hungry by volunteering our time, or donating food or money. Later in January, our students' video will be featured at the Foodbank's *Acre of Hope* fundraising event.

December 2 was our annual Book Fair at Barnes and Noble. Thank you to all who came out and supported our school. The day was filled with a book competition, poetry readings, and a scavenger hunt. Proceeds from the fair provide funds for curriculum enhancement. We are grateful for the support!

PTO had a busy two weeks with events for students and faculty. They hosted the annual Penguin Patch Christmas Shoppe. Students shopped for the perfect gift for their friends and family members. Faculty and staff were treated to a delicious Christmas luncheon prepared by our parents. Food, fun and fellowship filled the library. Prizes were given to faculty who "donned their plaid apparel" best! Our families are an integral part and the heart of our school! Thank you, families!

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception was celebrated on December 8. Following Mass, our November Citizens of the Month were treated to breakfast. Special guests were Father Alphonse, Father Chandra, and Sister Mary Ann. Sister Mary Ann was a former teacher and principal at BSCS! A wonderful blessing to share this time with our faith leaders and get to know one another better.

Our Christmas Concert, *The Gift of the Magi*, was celebrated on December 14. Special thanks to our music teacher, Sr. Helen and music volunteer, Mrs. Kenney, for leading our students in a beautiful story of the birth of our Savior. Special thanks to our Parish choir director, Carol Windle, for setting the scene and sound system. We are so thankful for the

Upcoming Events

January 2

Classes Resume

January 3

Kick off Red Wolves Read program

January 4

December Citizenship

January 5

Dismissal @1:30

January 11

Academic Awards Mass

January 15

No School – MLK, Jr. Day

January 27

Knights of Columbus dinner

January 28-February 2

Catholic Schools Week

time and energy poured into the concert. Thank you to our parents and families and to the Sisters of Holy Angels Convent who came and enjoyed the evening of music with us.

Our school Spelling Bee was held this past month. Sixth grader, Kaira Harper, was the top speller. She and students Anthony Ditta, Elan Amienyi, Ganesh Nair, and Cameron Russell will represent BSCS at the Craighead County Spelling Bee on February 2.

Congratulations to BSCS Alum, Mac Beaverstock, on earning his Eagle Scout badge. Eagle Scout is the highest rank in Boy Scouting. Family and friends gathered recently for the Eagle Scout ceremony. Mac's final project for the badge was restoring the mosaic of St. Benedict on the grounds at Holy Angels convent. He also created an encircled area around the St. Benedict shrine consisting of brick, mulch and flowers. We are very proud of Mac's hard work and dedication!

Our BSCS family is growing! Our Media Specialist, Hope Sharma welcomed Hazel Esme on December 12. Hazel joins big brother, Jonah. Congratulations to Hope and Puneet on their growing family!

We offer heartfelt thanks and best wishes to cafeteria worker, Anabel Rodriguez. We are grateful for your love for the students over the past 2 years. Many blessings for your future endeavors.

As we look to late January, we will celebrate Catholic Schools. Catholic schools educate the entire person, body, mind, heart and spirit. BSCS provides a balanced curriculum that integrates faith, life and culture. The return on investment is priceless! Students from Catholic schools rank in the top 5% of their graduating classes, receive numerous scholarships and serve their communities in leadership roles. Two events coming up that promote and support Catholic education are a dinner sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and assisted by our Sixth graders on January 27th and the annual Mardi Gras celebration on February 10th. For tickets to either event, please contact the school office at 932-3684. We invite you to celebrate the spirit of Catholic education with us!

To learn more about Blessed Sacrament Catholic School or to enroll your PreK 3-6th grader, please call or email principal@catholicjonesboroschool.com to schedule a tour. We would love to have you!

Prayerfully in Christ,

Mary Kay Jones

Principal

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam ~ For the Greater Glory of God

Looking ahead to February.....

February 2

Craighead County Spelling Bee @ ASU

Dismissal @ 1:30

February 10

Mardi Gras Party St. Bernards Auditorium 6:30

February 13

Valentine Parties &

Mardi Gras Parade 2pm

February 14

Ash Wednesday

February 19

No School – President's Day

February 23

Science Fair Awards

