

# Blessed Sacrament School

"Act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with God." - Micah 6:8



Calm us Lord, as you calmed the storm.  
Still us Lord, keep us from harm.  
Let all tumult within us cease.  
Enfold us Lord, in your peace.  
-Celtic Prayer

Dear BSS Families,

I pray you and your family had an enjoyable and relaxing Easter break. I hope the celebration of the resurrection of our Jesus Christ was filled with spiritual nourishment and love. Blessed Sacrament School faculty and staff continue to keep you in our prayers and look forward to the day we can all be together again.

## **Distance Learning**

Distance Learning has resumed and continues to be in full force. My team and I are continuously evaluating the program and making adjustments as necessary. A concern that we have encountered is that of classroom rules. Although we are no longer in the classroom, there is still a need to enforce Zoom classroom rules. Below is a list of Zoom rules that are essential in creating an effective and supportive learning environment. We ask that you please review them with your child and help them understand the 5 P's are necessary for their own academic benefit.

- 1) **Be Present:** All students must be present for all Zoom learning sessions. There are Zoom learning sessions every day. Attendance is essential. Students are not to leave the Zoom session until the session is over.
  - a. Being present includes being visible on the webcam. Therefore, students should not turn off their webcam. It is important for the teacher to see each student when present.
- 2) **Be Prompt:** Punctuality is important. Students will be marked late after 10 minutes of the start of the session.
- 3) **Be Prepared:** Be appropriately dressed. Have materials ready to work.
- 4) **Be Productive:** Focus on schoolwork. Do not have any other non-school programs (music, games, web surfing, etc) running during online learning sessions. Ask questions. Participate in discussions. Complete all assignments and submit them on time.
- 5) **Be Polite:** Do not talk over others. Use appropriate behavior and ask appropriate questions. Use a headset if possible, so you can hear everyone during discussions. Treat all participants respectfully.

As always, we understand that everyone's home reality is different and we are here to partner with you. Please let us know of any circumstances that may prevent your child from logging on with his/her teacher on a daily basis. We will be more than happy to discuss other possible options with you.

### **Grading**

As we move forward into the third trimester, please know our teachers will continue to post assignments and grades onto FACTS SIS. We remain mindful on the need to be flexible with assignments considering our current status. If you have any questions concerning your child's academic progress, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher. We are here to support you and your child.

### **The Power of Prayer**

God is good! All the time! As we continue to work closely with the Department of Catholic Schools and the Diocese Finance department, it is with great pleasure that I share some wonderful news. Through collaboration and lots of prayer, we were able to obtain additional resources to help with funding and have our furloughed employees back to BSS. Because of this pleasant surprise, we are able to provide more one-to-one assistance to students who need it and more support to teachers and office staff. Our goal is, and will continue to be, to provide the best care for your family as possible.

### **Registration for 2020-2021**

Registration for next year is here. Please submit your registration packets to the school office as soon as possible. You are welcome to scan and email your forms, take pictures and submit them, or contact Mrs. Ramirez at the school office to make arrangements for drop-off. Mrs. Ramirez can be reached through the school number 714-893-7701 or by email at [eramirez@bsscatholic.org](mailto:eramirez@bsscatholic.org). Your registration helps us plan our school budget for the following year. It is critical for the school, especially during these unprecedented times, to obtain an enrollment count for next year, as it will help us ensure we budget for the needs of all students.

### **Associated Student Body (ASB)**

It's election time for our 2020-2021 ASB officers! The Associated Student Body (ASB) is comprised of students who are elected and appointed to leadership positions and represent all the students of Blessed Sacrament School. Students in grades 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> will have the opportunity to apply, interview, and run for ASB Executive Board positions (President, Vice President, and Secretary) and Commissioner positions (Spiritual Growth, School Spirit, Athletics, Service Projects, and School Affairs). Applications, interviews, campaign advertisements, election speeches, and the inauguration ceremony will be conducted virtually. We are excited for the process and encourage students to run for ASB. Please contact Miss Gomez, ASB Moderator, at [bgomez@bsscatholic.org](mailto:bgomez@bsscatholic.org) for ASB applications and/or questions.

**BSS Pictures and School Spirit**

Please continue to send us pictures of your child working on their assignments, working out during P.E., creating artwork, playing the piano, and/or praying. We would also love family pictures during family time. We want to share our experiences with our BSS families. Let's keep our BSS spirit alive through pictures. Please see attached flyer for school spirit days!

Thank you for your continuous support and love.

Yours in Christ,  
Dr. Castillo, Principal

*“The Lord keeps watch over you as you come and go, both now and forever.” PSALM 121:8*