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Good Words for Great Souls

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October Greetings to you, Bulldog Families! It's a new month, a new season, and new joys on the horizon for our Bulldog Community. I hope you've taken time to applaud your efforts as parents, guardians, and shepherds, as you've returned to the ritual and routine of this new school year. Parents, you do so much behind the "seens" (spelling intentional), and remember, God sees you. He sees you pulling in early to drop off your child for before school care to get to work. He sees you swinging by with that lunch your child forgot. He sees you making sure school uniforms are cleaned and ready for the week. He sees you laughing and crying with your child. God sees and knows our highs and lows and all sorts of in-betweens as we parent these beautiful children of God.

Parents, give yourselves a moment today, or tonight, to pray
A Parent's Prayer.

Loving God,
You are the giver of all we possess,
the source of all of our blessings.
We thank and praise you.

Thank you for the gift of our children.

Help us to set boundaries for them,
and yet encourage them to explore.
Give us the strength and courage to treat
each day as a fresh start.

May our children come to know you,
the one true God,
and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

May your Holy Spirit help them to grow
in faith, hope, and love,
so they may know
peace, truth, and goodness.

May their ears hear your voice.
May their eyes see your presence
in all things.
May their lips proclaim your word.
May their hearts be your dwelling place.
May their hands do works of charity.
May their feet walk
in the way of Jesus Christ,
your Son and our Lord.
Amen.

WELCOME

Great Souls join our Bulldog Community

“My name is Lauren Ramirez. I am a first year Pre-K3 teacher here at Blessed Sacrament. I am so grateful for the welcoming, loving and supportive team I have the pleasure of working with. I am a mom to 3 children under 3 and graduated with my Masters of Science in Reading Specialization. I love the color pink, anything that shines with glitter, shopping & spending quality time with family!”

Lauren Ramirez, PK3



“I have been an educator for 32 years and study at the University of the Incarnate Word. I love working with young children and getting to know our families. I am blessed to be a part of the Bulldog team!”

Melissa Segura, PK4



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“I have a passion for children, and that they have deeply creative and wondrous childhoods. When we are young that is where we find our love of learning. I grew up in Port Aransas on the beach, so nature is very dear to me. If I can't go on actual adventures by traveling, I journey in books instead. Quilting has become my new hobby this year. I am a mother of 3 children, and a new grandmother of a 22-month old grandson who attends CDC at Blessed.”

Barbara Bibb, early childhood specialist

“I am honored to be part of the Blessed Sacrament Community. I am passionate about teaching Spanish as a form of communication as well as teaching the cultural and heritage components of the language.”

Briseida Atwa, 6th grade & middle school Spanish teacher



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“I am absolutely thrilled to be working here at BSCS with such warm, dedicated and talented faculty and staff. I was a science teacher for the past 15 years for grades 4-12 but really consider myself a lifelong learner. Family is super important to me so I will always advocate for a healthy work-life balance. I love getting to know people and hearing their stories!”

Jessica Prado, instructional coach

“I have 31 years of experience in the field of education and hold a Bachelor’s degree in Education from Texas A&M University and double Masters degrees in Education with an emphasis in Reading and in Library Science. My primary mission is to empower children to succeed and, most importantly, to become proficient and confident readers. I firmly believe that reading is the cornerstone of academic achievement, and I am committed to the success of all of my students.”

Alma Mendiola, dyslexia specialist





IN RESTROSPECT 1.0

September was a month of BOLD DOG energy. Whew!

Our first Bulldog Family Night, CIRCLES OF TRUST: Building Connection, Building Community, was a full house with LEARNING (thank you, Mrs. Rodriguez), LISTENING (thank you, Mrs. Marton, and our Bulldog Singers), and LAUGHING (thank you, PTC Team, for planning and bringing the games to life)!

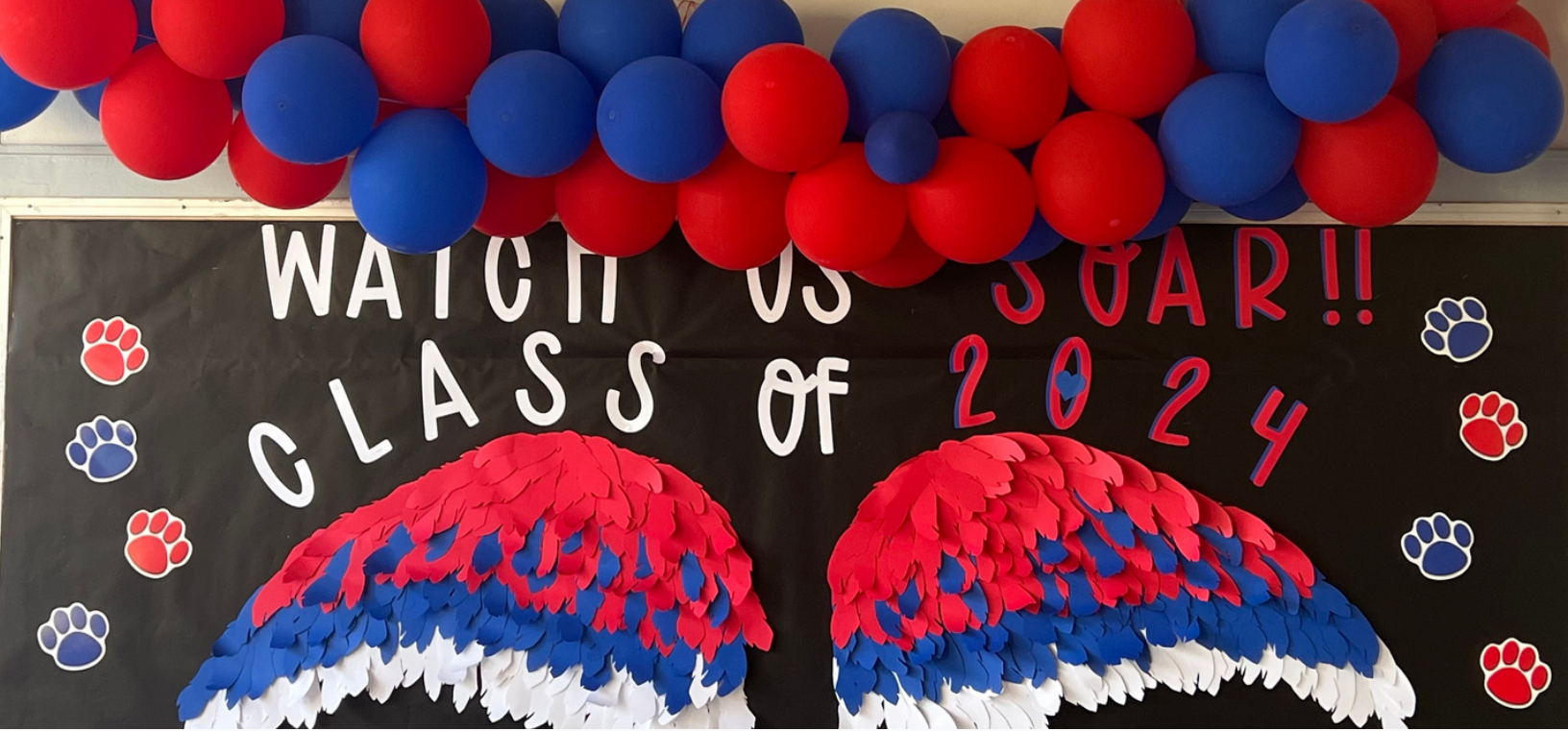
IN RESTROSPECT 2.0

The Giving was BIG this year for Blessed Sacrament Catholic School! Our BOLD DOGS raised \$89,190.01 during BIG GIVE SA! (how about that penny?)

We celebrated in ways big and small: donuts, free dress, ice cream truck, AND: "Taping up Torres"!!! . . . which may have to be a new tradition we will repeat in years to come!

Families, your enthusiasm, effort, and energy surrounding this year's BIG GIVE is humbling to witness. Thank you, BOLD DOGS!





IN RESTROSPECT 3.0

Homecoming 2023 is officially in the books, but the week of growing our Bulldog Spirit will surely live on in the coming year!

So many Bulldogs made Homecoming Week an event to remember and cherish.

Homeroom Parents led an incredible effort decorating lockers and classrooms!

Coaches readied their players for rallies and games: WE WON!!

Our Spirit Squad raised the roof on the celebration and our middle school students ended the week with a Homecoming Dance!

The opportunity to make memories and build community were on point ALL WEEK LONG!

Thank you, ALL, who created and crafted the JOY for our Bulldogs!

HOMECOMING, CONTINUED



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Looking Ahead



Hyperlinks at a glance

[CLICK HERE](#)
to RSVP for
Tacos with
Tías and Tíos
deadline to register is
Friday, October 3 | 3 p.m.

Make sure to RSVP for
Tacos with Tías and Tíos
coming up on
Wednesday, October 11
from 7 a.m.–8 a.m.

DIA DE LOS
\$3.00 ENTRY AT THE GATE
FREE FOR KIDS UNDER 18!

BULLDOGS
BLESSED SACRAMENT
CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL
HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL
GAMES • RIDES • HAUNTED HOUSE • FOOD • BEVERAGES
FRIDAY, OCT. 20, 2023 * 5 PM - 11 PM
600 OBLATE DRIVE @ SAN PEDRO
LIVE MUSIC BY CONJUNTO PURO CORAZON

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to order your
Día de los Bulldogs
SHIRTS!
first come, first served

You'll want your
very own
Día de los Bulldogs
shirt to wear the night
of the carnival and
the year ahead!



[CLICK HERE](#)
to sign up
for your
Día de los Bulldogs
BOOTH SHIFT!
Let's GO, Bulldogs!

It takes the **WHOLE**
Bulldog Nation to make
our Halloween Carnival
a success. Sign up for
your grade level booth,
set up and/or tear down
ASAP!

Looking Ahead

Red Ribbon Week | October 23–27, 2023

Exciting things
are
afoot for our
Bulldogs for
RED RIBBON
WEEK!



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STAY TUNED
for more details
about:

Red Ribbon
Pep Rally
presented by
Antonian

Scavenger Hunt

Guest Speaker

Themed Dress Days

Door Decorating

Student Poster
Contest



OCTOBER 2023 AT A GLANCE



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3 6 p.m. HRP meeting	4	5 2:30 p.m. Blessing of the Animals <i>Health Testing</i>	6 12:30 p.m. Early Dismissal
9	10	11 7 a.m.–8 a.m. Tacos with Tias and Tios	12	13
16	17	18 2:30 p.m. Academic Awards Ceremony (Grades 3–8)	19 12:30 p.m. Early Dismissal 1 p.m.–5 p.m. Parent-Teacher Conferences	20 No school 8 a.m.–1 p.m. Parent-Teacher Conferences 5 p.m.–11 p.m. Día de los Bulldogs
23 Red Ribbon Week	24 Red Ribbon Week	25 Red Ribbon Week	26 Red Ribbon Week	27 Red Ribbon Week
30	31 PK3–1st: Trick or Treat	Nov 1 8:00 a.m. Solemnity of all Saints School Mass	Nov 2	Nov 3 Bike Rodeo
<p>(1) Oct. 1, 10 am: Bulldog Family Mass (2) Oct. 20, 5 p.m.–11 p.m.: Día de los Bulldogs: All hands on deck for decorating and staffing booths (3) Oct. 23–27: There will be themed dress and programming during Red Ribbon Week; TBD (4) Oct. 31: Students MAY dress up; no parties; no costume props</p>				

