

# Most Precious Blood School

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Family Folder Newsletter  
August 31,2017

## **Pizza Kit Fundraiser**



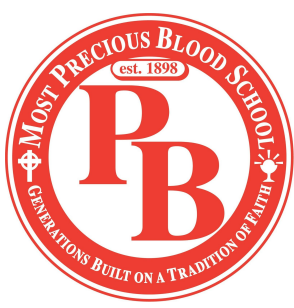
**Little Caesar Pizza kit fundraiser are coming home in the family folder. Our school goal is for each student to sell one fundraiser item. The Fall Fundraiser supports many of our school programs. We traditionally raise Over \$3,000! The funds go directly back into our teacher and student needs. Please do your best to sell as many kits as possible. As a bonus the pizza is really good:) There are classroom and individual incentives!**

**Each child to sell akit gets a Spirit Wear and hat day!**

**Top sellers earn cold hard cash!**  
**1st -\$75 2nd - \$50 3rd - \$25**

***\*Students be on the look for hidden miniature Caesar's throughout the school all of September. They can be redeemed for prizes in the office.***

**Thank you for your participation!**



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## MEMORANDUM

To: Parents and Guardians

From: Most Precious Blood School

RE: Annual safe environment training for children and young people

Date: August 31, 2017

Very soon we will undertake the annual safe environment training to all children and young people in our religious education program (school). While our initial motivation for doing this training came from the Bishops' mandate in the **Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People**, we know now that this is important personal safety information that every child should have.

Children in preschool to grade five will hear our **Good Boundaries Script** presentation. The main points in this presentation include:

1. God made us and loves us. God made our bodies.
2. We each have personal space.
3. We should treat ourselves and others with respect and care (golden rule).
4. Some touches are safe, some are not safe.
5. There are warning signs when we are in danger.
6. If we are ever in danger, not being respected, or being touched in an unsafe way, get away.
7. Get help from an adult. Keep telling and asking until you get the help you need.
8. There are adults in your life to care and protect you.

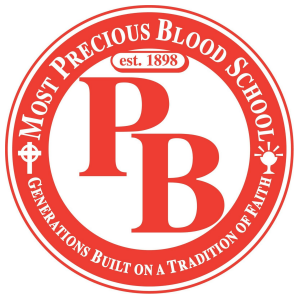
Children in preschool, kindergarten and first grade may read a storybook, **The Swimsuit Lesson** by Jon Holsten (copyright 2005). This book, in story form, makes the same points as above.

Young people in grades six, seven and eight will receive lessons on developing good boundaries for life as God designed. The subjects covered in these lessons include:

- Grade 6 -- Discovering God's Purpose for Relationships
- Grade 7 -- Boundaries for Good Relationships in God's Plan
- Grade 7 -- Rules for Good Boundaries
- Grade 8 -- How People Violate Boundaries
- Grade 8 -- Grooming & Tactics
- Grade 8 -- Friendships for Life

If you would like to review any of these materials or have any questions, please contact:  
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Picture retake day will be on Tuesday, September 12. Students getting their picture retaken (or taken for the first time) are to come to school dressed for their school picture. Students are to bring a change of clothes to change into their uniform after they have taken their school picture. If wanting retakes, students must bring back the picture package or proof packages.



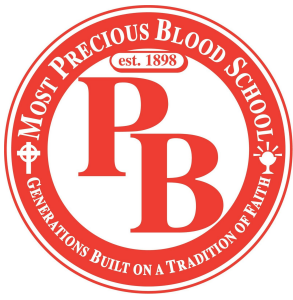
## Library News



The Library is going through a few changes. To make the Atrium more visible and easier to get to, it will be moving into a corner of the Library. In order to make this happen, space is needed. So, to accomplish this task the Library is getting a little “cleaning”. There are outdated, tattered, and unread books that we will be purging as the year goes on. There is a bookshelf just outside the Library that, as books are withdrawn from the system, they will be placed there. The bulletin board above it says “Weeding out the books”. Anyone, children and adults, are more than welcome to take them home, as long as they have “withdrawn” written inside the front cover. If anyone has any questions, please e-mail the Librarian at [arader@preciousblood.org](mailto:arader@preciousblood.org)  
Happy Reading!



September 6<sup>th</sup> –All plants, flowers, and vegetables are to be brought into the main school at arrival



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## Discipline with Purpose

### School Rules

**1.**

**Respect yourself and others as a child of God**

**2.**

**Contribute to the learning Environment**

**3.**

**Follow classroom procedures**



Do you know someone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or might be interested in joining the Catholic Church?

The process by which adults come into the Church is known as "the RCIA", which is short for "The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults." RCIA sessions will begin in September on Tuesday evenings. For more information, call Jessie Bloom at the rectory (424-5535 ext.22).



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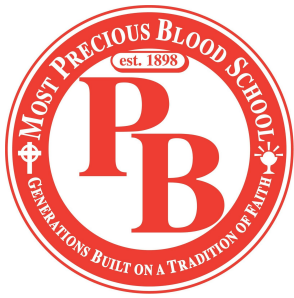
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Wednesday September 13, during music class 4th graders will tryout band instruments.

On September 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, parents and students interested in joining band are invited to attend a brief meeting in the music room.

Questions will be answered and instrument rental can be done during this time. Please discuss the possibility of Band now and plan to come to the informational meeting.



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## School Volunteer at Most Precious Blood School

### Just 2 Hours!

Dear Parents,

If we can get every Most Precious Blood School parent to commit **Just 2 Hours** to helping out, we can do amazing things for our kids and our school.

*Will you please take the 2 Hour Power Pledge?*

We are introducing a program called the 2 Hour Power Pledge that emphasizes that all help makes a huge difference for schools. Research shows that kids at schools with a broad base of involved parents perform markedly better on all kinds of key success measures.

As you'll see from the Interest Survey and Pledge Form, we'd love to help you get involved in any way that works for your schedule and interests.

*What would you like to do? When would you like to do it?*

**We would love your 2 Hours – and we promise there is no obligation beyond giving your time in this small but important way.** If you'd like to do more – great, but we know that's not a fit for everyone.

To participate, simply complete the enclosed Interest Survey & Pledge Form and return it to school with your child. We will be in touch with opportunities that fit your interests and availability.

With your help, we can make a huge difference at Most Precious Blood School. As always, please feel free to call or email if you have any questions or concerns.

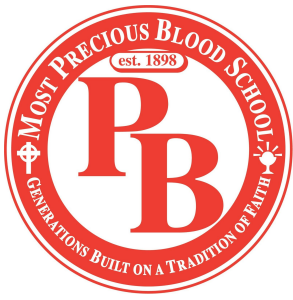
Please know how much you are appreciated.

Thank you in advance.

The School Board of Most Precious Blood School.

P.S. You can also fill out the survey online: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/27YV2PN>

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Every year at Precious Blood, HASA sponsors Christmas Workshop. With some purchased items and donated items, we open Christmas Workshop in Mohr Hall so that the students may come and purchase Christmas gifts for family and friends. The gifts are priced from .25 to \$4.00. We are in need of a few supplies: Gift bags (all sizes), tissue paper, gift tags, scotch tape, small wrapped candies, coffee mugs, brown or white lunch bags, votive candles, jewelry-sized boxes. We also appreciate any kind of new or gently used donations. If you are able to help, please send donations to the school office marked "Christmas Workshop". Thank you.

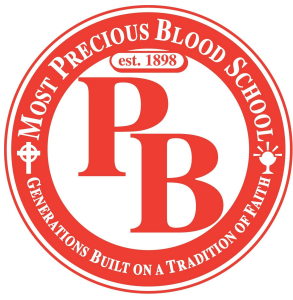
If you have any questions, please contact Angela Gernhardt in the school office at

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### Upcoming Dates

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**Most Precious Blood School is a Catholic community dedicated to promoting education in Christian values, academic standards, and character development.**

## How to register for reach alert

As a user of REACH Alert, you will be in control of how you receive your messages from Most Precious Blood School.

This means you will be able to:

- Choose up to three ways to receive your messages – email, voice call, text messaging.
- Add up to four devices – email addresses and/or phone numbers that you want to receive your messages with.
- Update your contact information at anytime – add an email address & phone number when you register, then login to update your info today or three years from now.

\*If you don't register, you won't receive our messages or the benefits above.

Registration takes less than a minute to complete! To register, go to [www.reachalert.com](http://www.reachalert.com) and click on the blue text, "Create an account." When prompted, please use the following information to register for our Network.

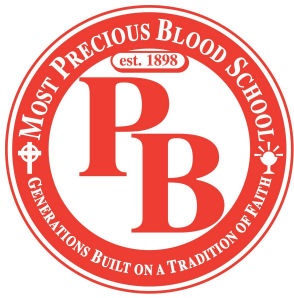
Network Name: Most Precious Blood

Role: Parent

Registration Code: 46808

If you have difficulty registering, please contact REACH Alert at (877) 307-9313 or [info@reachalert.com](mailto:info@reachalert.com). For additional information from us, please contact us at (260) 424-4832





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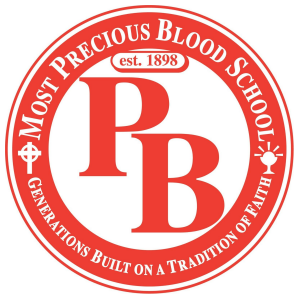
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The school year is off and running. It's hard to believe that midterm reports will be coming home in just three weeks. If you have not attempted to login to powerschool to check grades we would encourage you to do so. Some people have had difficulties with their login credentials and if you are having troubles please contact the school office. You can also contact the office if you are in need of your login credentials.

Chromebooks for students in sixth grade and new seventh grade students are nearly ready to be rolled out. Look for information soon about a parent meeting for sixth graders about how the Chromebooks will be implemented and student expectations for use.

All three grades have finished with Chapter 1 in **FYI** **icb** class. The focus of the first chapter is Divine Revelation and how God reveals his plan for us through Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition. Sixth grade additionally focused on the types of writing in the Bible, seventh grade added the attributes of God, while eighth grade focused on God's covenants with his people. All three grades will have a test over chapter one on Friday. Online reviews for the test can be found at <https://quizlet.com/classes/MrBloomPB/> or the Alive In Christ website [www.aliveinchrist.osv.com](http://www.aliveinchrist.osv.com).

**GWYbW** classes are off to a great start. If you would like to see what your children are learning and how they are learning it you should have them show you their science notebooks. This year, one of our big goals is to utilize science notebooks to keep track of our activities and reflect on what we have done. All notebooks should have a table of contents to help you quickly find what we did on which dates. Science notebooks will be graded approximately once a week and the rubric can be found in the back of the notebooks. Eighth graders will take a test early next week on inherited and acquired traits. Seventh grade has been studying forces and what happens when they are not in balanced. Sixth grade is studying properties of matter, specifically volume. This week they are completing an activity that has them learning how to determine the volume of irregularly shaped objects. Students in all three grades will have a science test next Tuesday. The



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review for the science test can be found at <https://quizlet.com/classes/MrBloomPB/> however the review will not be available until Thursday after school.

**FYU** While all of our middle school students know what nouns are, they have been learning about the different kinds of nouns over the last week and a half: proper, concrete, abstract, collective, singular, and plural. They have had some practice using the various types of nouns in their Grammar Usage and Mechanics (GUM) workbooks. The sentences and paragraphs they come up with can be quite entertaining!

Thank you for turning in the orders for Scholastic Book Club books in English Language Arts class. Students may continue turning in the September orders through September 28th. Each Thursday, all middle school students have their spelling tests. The grades compete against one another to win the Chocolate Chip Cookie Challenge. Any middle school class earning an A+ average (as a class) will win the award of homemade chocolate chip cookies baked by Mrs. Johnson! All three classes received A averages last week, so they're on the right track. Please remind them to study their spelling words. Thank you for your support!

In **Social Studies**, each grade is continuing to outline the different themes we will cover this year. 6th grade and 7th grade has continued to specifically focus on a shared theme in world history. (As civilizations arise in different geographic regions they develop unique economies, social class structures, belief systems, leadership and achievements.) 8th grade is wrapping up their study of the is studying the different trades, technologies, religions, and arts of the Americas, West Africa, and Europe.

In **Math**, we are continuing to utilize our Simple Solutions workbooks. Students are instructed to work through each problem. If they have one that might be confusing, they are to attempt the problem. When they finish, they should circle the problems they struggled with. If your student is struggling, please refer to 1.) the help section in the back of the Simple Solutions book or 2.) the homework help page shared at the beginning of the school year. You can access the homework help page digitally [HERE](#). Across all grades we have been focusing on the idea that mistakes are proof that you're learning. 6th grade has been learning about greatest common factors, least common multiple, and working with fractions. In the 7th grade class we have been learning more about the concepts of integers and absolute value. Lastly, 8th grade has been reviewing how to solve equations with variables on both sides and how to solve linear equations.