



Blessed Sacrament Catholic School

New Family FAQ Sheet

Dear New BSCS Family,

Welcome to Blessed Sacrament Catholic School! We are thrilled that you made the decision to partner with us in forming your child in faith, morals, and academics during the 2023-2024 school year. The following information outlines some of the frequently asked questions we hear from new families. We hope this FAQ sheet will provide clarity and peace of mind as you look forward to the upcoming school year. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any other questions you may have throughout the summer. We look forward to the year ahead with you and your child!

In Christ,
Brooke Urban, Principal

Who should I contact with questions?

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions you may have during the summer or school year! You can start by contacting Ruth Bond in our main office at 303-377-8835 or r.bond@bscs-denver.net. She can help direct you to whomever can best answer your questions. If you have questions about enrollment or tuition payments, you can contact Katie Porter at k.porter@bscs-denver.net.

What opportunities are there to get to know the school at the beginning of the year?

New families are encouraged to attend our New Family Meet & Greet events at the beginning of August. You will meet our school administrators and participate in a tour of the school with the first week of school in mind. This is a great opportunity to familiarize yourself with the ins and outs of school, such as daily drop-off and dismissal procedures, classroom locations, key meetings spaces, etc. You will also have an opportunity to meet your child's teacher during Assessment Day, the Ice Cream Social, and the Back-to-School Night events.

Where can I find the academic calendar, supply lists, and other important documents?

Important documents, such as the academic calendar, supply lists, and summer assignment information can be found on our school website. Visit bscs-denver.net and navigate to the "Documents" tab under "Parent Portal."

Does my child have any assignments to complete during the summer?

Students in 2nd-8th grade are assigned summer reading and/or math assignments. We understand that new students may not be able to complete these assignments in the same manner as returning students, but we would highly recommend completing as much as possible so your child is ready for discussions and activities at the beginning of the school year. The assignments will be posted the last week of May. You can find details about these assignments on our school website under "Parent Portal" -> "Documents."

Where can I find information about the school uniform?

Students in Kindergarten-8th grade are required to wear the school uniform. Information about the uniform can be found at our school website under "Parent Portal" -> "Uniform". You are welcome to visit our Used Uniform Store, which is located near the main office, to purchase uniform items at a discounted rate. You can also purchase uniform items directly online or in store from [Dennis Uniform](#).

K-8 students are allowed to wear a Blessed Sacrament spirit shirt on the last day of each week with their uniform skirt/pants. Every student receives a spirit shirt as we approach our first school fundraiser in October. You can also purchase a spirit shirt at our Used Uniform Store or at [educationaloutfitters.com](#).

When are class lists published?

Class lists are published on FACTS and emailed to parents in August. These lists will include your child's teacher and classmates.

What is Assessment Day on August 21st and throughout the school year?

Blessed Sacrament has three dedicated Assessment Days throughout the school year in the fall, winter, and spring. The first day of school, August 21st, is our first Assessment Day. On these days, preschool-5th grade students come in by appointment to complete assessments that help our teachers gauge your child's achievement in reading, math, and other skills and knowledge. 6th-8th grade students participate in House and service activities from 7:40-11:30am then complete their assessments the following week during the normal school day. Your child's teacher will contact you during the week of August 14th to schedule your child's assessment or share details about the activities planned for middle school students.

Is there anything else my child needs on the first full day of school?

Your child can bring his/her supplies on Assessment Day. On the first full day of school, be sure to send your child with a water bottle, a snack for recess (two snacks for preschool), and a lunch. Preschool students also need a fitted crib sheet for nap and an extra pair of clothes to leave at school.

How can we connect with other Blessed Sacrament families?

You are invited to attend New Family Meet & Greet tours and our beginning of the year Ice Cream Social in August. You will also receive email updates with information about opportunities to connect with other families from our PTSA.

What communication should I expect during the school year?

Weekly Blue & Gold email updates from the school administration are sent during the school year in addition to weekly newsletters from your child's teacher. PTSA Room Parents also share updates with families throughout the year.

What are the school hours? Does Blessed Sacrament offer after-school care?

Morning drop-off takes place between 7:40-7:55 and dismissal takes place between 3:00-3:15. Blessed Sacrament also offers after-school care from 3:00-6:00, Monday through Friday. Full-day care is also available on most professional development days when there is no school for students. Parents are required to sign up for after-school care using the links sent weekly in the Blue & Gold email to parents.

How do I ensure my child's medications are available at school?

Many students need important medications at school, including epipens and inhalers. All medications *must* be checked-in through our school nurse and accompanied by documents outlined by CDPHE. Information about checking-in medications for your child can be found on the school website on the "Documents" tab under "Parent Portal."

We are interested in attending Mass and/or receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, or First Holy Communion at Blessed Sacrament. Who should we contact for more information?

You are always invited to attend Mass with your family at Blessed Sacrament. Mass times and church information can be found on the church website at blessedsacrament.net. Second and third grade students are prepared for Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation with their classes. If you would like to have your child baptized or he/she is older than third grade and has not received First Holy Communion and Confirmation, you can contact Bonnie Corcoran at b.corcoran@bscs-denver.net for more information.

How can I get involved at Blessed Sacrament?

We love to have parents volunteer and support our mission at Blessed Sacrament! Volunteers must first complete Safe Environment training, pass a background check, and sign the Archdiocese Code of Conduct before volunteering in classrooms or on field trips. You are then welcome to support your child's teacher in the classroom and on field trips. There are also many opportunities to be involved with our school PTSA, fundraisers, and with the church.