**Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School**

**Accelerated Reader Program**

The Accelerated Reader program provides students with an opportunity to practice reading skills and increase reading fluency and comprehension.   
   
Each nine weeks students are expected to earn the number of points indicated below for each grade level by reading books and taking computerized tests on the books read.  These points have been determined by recommendation from Renaissance Leaning, the developer of the Accelerated Reader program.   Students in grades three through eight will receive a grade in reading based on the percentage of points earned during each nine weeks period.  The grade will be recorded as one major test grade for the nine weeks period. Accelerated Reader is not mandatory in Kindergarten – Grade two. Students in Kindergarten – Grade two will participate in Accelerated Reader at the teacher’s discretion.

AR Points for Each Nine Weeks Period (AR Goals)

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| Grade | 1st Nine Weeks  Points | 2nd Nine Weeks  Points | 3rd Nine Weeks  Points | 4th Nine Weeks  Points |
| 3 | 8 – Required  10 – Free Dress | 10 – Required  12 – Free Dress | 12 – Required  14 – Free Dress | 12 – Required  14 – Free Dress |
| 4 | 10 – Required  12 – Free Dress | 12 – Required  14 – Free Dress | 14 – Required  16 – Free Dress | 14 – Required  16 – Free Dress |
| 5 | 12 – Required  14 – Free Dress | 14 – Required  16 – Free Dress | 16 – Required  18 – Free Dress | 16 – Required  18 – Free Dress |
| 6-8 | 15 – Required  17 – Free Dress | 17 – Required  19 – Free Dress | 19 – Required  21 – Free Dress | 19 – Required  21 – Free Dress |

 Each nine weeks the following recognition is awarded for:

1. Students who reach half of the required points by progress report time will earn a free socks and shoes day.

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| **Quarter** | **Free Sock/Shoe Day** |
| 1st Quarter | Wednesday, September 6, 2017 |
| 2nd Quarter | Wednesday, November 15, 2017 |
| 3rd Quarter | Friday, February 2, 2018 |
| 4th Quarter | Wednesday, April 18, 2018 |

1. Students who reach the required number of points will earn free dress.

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| **Quarter** | **Last Day to Test** | **Free Dress Day** |
| 1st Quarter | Thursday, October 5 | Tuesday, October 10, 2017 |
| 2nd Quarter | Wednesday, December 13 | Friday, December 15, 2017 |
| 3rd Quarter | Thursday, March 8 | Monday, March 12, 2018 |
| 4th Quarter | Monday, May 7, 2018 | Tuesday, May 8, 2018 |

At the end of the school year, recognition is awarded for:

1. Student with highest number of points in each class
2. Cumulative Awards – Cumulative Award points accrue from year to year resulting in the following awards.

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| **Cummulative Award** | **Point Requirement** |
| Bronze | 300 |
| Silver | 400 |
| Gold | 500 |
| Platinum | 750 |
| Pelican | 1000 |

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