

BSS NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, September 18, 2019



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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Thursday: 8-12: 8th grade visits CCH & NDA
1:30-2:30: Civil War Music Presentation
3-4: Strings Program
3-4: Student Council Board Meeting

Friday: 8-1:30: Civil War Day
8:45-9:45: Mass (K-4)

Monday: 8th Grade Trip to Camp Joy

Tuesday: No School for 8th Grade
10:30-11:30: Reading Dogs visit Grade 2

Wednesday: 8:45-9:45: Mass (5-8)

Thursday: 1st Grade Johnny Appleseed Day
8:15-9:15: Kindergarten goes to the Firehouse

Friday: 8:45-9:45: Mass (K-4)

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

Th Chicken Nuggets, Macaroni & Cheese,
Baked Beans, Veggie Boat, Mandarin
Oranges, Fresh Fruit, Milk

F Grilled Cheese or Fish Sandwich, Tomato
Soup, Oyster Crackers, Salad, Applesauce,
Fresh Fruit, Milk

M Chicken Patty on Bun or Pork BBQ on
Bun, Glazed Carrots, Waffle Fries, Pickles,
Lettuce, Tomato, Frozen Sidekicks, Diced
Peaches, Milk

T Cheese Pizza or Pepperoni Pizza, Corn,
Diced Pears, Fresh Fruit, Milk

W Spaghetti with Meat Sauce Or Chicken
Alfredo, Dinner Roll, Green Beans, Garden
Salad, Pineapple Tidbits, Fresh Fruit, Milk

Th Confetti Pancakes, Sausage Links, Smile Fries,
Veggie Boat, Baked Apples, Fresh Fruit, Milk

F Pizza Crunchers or Cheesy Flatbread,
Marinara Sauce, Steamed Broccoli, Salad,
Mandarin Oranges, Fresh Fruit, Milk

2019-2020 SCHOOL THEME

"Shaped by God to be Stewards"

This year we are helping our students discover their shared identity and purpose: we are all children of God, made *by Love for love*.

This year we are seeking to help our students discover their *unique* God-given gifts and purpose that will enable them to make an irreplaceable gift-of-self to the world for God's glory.

A Note From Your Administration

Parents,

We have officially been in school for a month. Congratulations on surviving the transition from summer to early mornings! We know coffee deserves a lot of credit, but we appreciate all that you do to get your students here on time and ready to learn.

Having the first month run as smoothly as it did reiterates our belief that, together, we have a great partnership. Our initiatives would not be successful without your assistance. Without feedback and suggestions from our community, some of the positive changes in our school would not happen. Please remember that we believe strongly in maintaining open lines of communication. Because of parents, Theology of the Body was introduced to us and eventually implemented into our curriculum. Many wonderful service opportunities, such as the St. Vincent de Paul food drive, were spearheaded by parents. Our cafeteria ran smoothly during its transition period because of our parents. You are gifts to us and our growth.

We want to ensure that we continue to nurture this relationship going forward, and, because of that, we want to ask you a strange favor: don't be patient. This is a partnership. If you think something isn't working or if you have a concern, let us know so we can address what needs to be addressed as soon as possible. 100% of the things we don't know about will go unaddressed. So, please, reach out to us so we can work together. If it is our professional opinion that it is a time to be patient, we will let you know that, but at least we will have the information so we can monitor it.

Remember the 48-hour rule as well. If it has been two business days, and you haven't heard back from a staff member that you attempted to contact, then assume your email became lost in the shuffle. Please reach out again. We do our best to be very responsive and radio silence contradicts our open-door policy. We put our day-to-day interactions with students at the top of our priority list, though, so sometimes e-mails get lost/overlooked.

Again, thanks for smoothly transitioning your children into the new school year.

Together, we will embrace our unique SHAPes and use our gifts to make the '19-'20 school year the best yet!

Mr. Steffen & Mrs. Geiman

Thumbs Up!

As you all know, put together a large collection for Saint Vincent de Paul recently. We received the following note from one of the workers there, and we wanted to share it with all of you.

“When I walked into the pantry on Friday, I was in awe with all the items you gathered. They will be very useful and beautiful. I do not know exactly who gave what, but please thank them from our hearts. You and those who gave are perfect examples of discipleship.”



We'd like to recognize BSS alumni Chris Stegman (pictured left) and Joseph Kiely for being named National Merit Semifinalists! On behalf of everyone here at BSS, we're proud of you, boys!



Grandparents/Special Friends Day

As you may have noticed on our school calendar, [Grandparents'/Special Friends' Day](#) is on Friday, October 18th this year. In order to prepare for this event, we need you to provide us with some information.

Please reach out to those grandparents and special friends to ensure they can make it and then visit the link below and fill out the form to RSVP. Please note that registration will close THIS FRIDAY, September 20th, so please complete the form before that day.

We look forward to hearing from you and to seeing all of our grandparents and special friends on October 18th!

OUT OF UNIFORM DAY TOMORROW!!!

TOMORROW, September 19th, students can come to school out of uniform by bringing in a donation for the Centennial Food Truck Picnic!

We are requesting the following donations:

Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd graders

-2 cans of Pringles (The cans will be used for prizes at the Washer Game.)

3rd, 4th, and 5th graders

-2-2liters (The 2liters will be used for the Ring Toss Game.)

6th, 7th, and 8th graders

-1 item to be used for the CAKE WALK (Any cake/cupcakes/dessert-homemade or store bought is acceptable.)

Thank you so much for the help! We look forward to seeing you and your families at the picnic on Sunday, September 22nd!



Blessed Sacrament School is selling special **PINK RIBBON** spiritwear shirts to support Breast Cancer Awareness.

Proceeds will benefit breast cancer research.

Shirts will be delivered by the beginning of October, and may be worn on gym and spiritwear days throughout the school year.

ORDER DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 19!



FRONT



BACK

Shirts are BSS navy blue, 100% cotton (pre-shrunk), with pink and white imprinting.

Student Name: _____

Homeroom: _____

	Youth XS	Youth Small	Youth Med	Youth Large	Youth XL	Adult Small	Adult Med	Adult Large	Adult XL	Adult 2XL	Total Qty	Price \$15 per shirt
T-Shirt												



Make checks payable to: Blessed Sacrament School

Order Deadline: Thursday, September 19

Turn order forms and money in to your homeroom teacher.

*** If you are sending in one payment for multiple children, please staple the order forms together and send in with the payment.*

A close-up photograph of various colored Lego bricks (red, yellow, blue, green, grey) scattered together, serving as a background for the title.

Lego Robotics Club

Lego Robotics is starting soon! Open to students in grades 5-8. We will use Lego Ev3 robots and learn Lego Mindstorms software to program them to complete fun tasks – this year's theme is Mission Horizon which is spaced-related. Meetings will be on Wednesdays afterschool until 4:00 starting on Sept 25th. Interested students need to pick up a registration form and permission slip as well as pay their fees by Sept. 23rd. Forms can be picked up outside 8A or in the library. See Mrs. Wetzel or Mrs. Lulay if you have any questions.

A background image featuring a close-up of a calculator's keypad with buttons like 'INV', 'sin', 'cos', and 'EE' visible, overlaid on a piece of paper with faint mathematical scribbles and numbers.

Math Counts

Math Counts information will be posted soon.

Math Counts is open to 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students.

We meet weekly, after school on Mondays, from 2:45 - 4:00.

Snacks and drinks are provided while we work on individual and group math activities.



Fine Arts Night

BSS Fine Arts Night is scheduled for May 14, 2020

Our theme this year, *One More Time*, focuses on using recycled materials to create awesome works of art. The newsletter will be used to communicate items that the art room can use your help in collecting. These should be clean items, possibly used, that are destined for the trash at home or work. At the moment, we are collecting:

- Tiles, stone or ceramic, any color (between 3" and 8")
- Receive packages at home or at work? Brown Kraft paper (or other paper used for packing material) is needed
- Perhaps your company is disposing of unused paper or fabric because of changes they are making
- Clean Styrofoam veggie trays (*please do not send meat trays, for obvious reasons*)
- Toilet paper / paper towel cores

Other items will be added to the list as the year progresses.



Parent Club News

The BSS volunteer packet came home with your youngest child recently. You can also click [HERE](#) to view and print the Volunteer Packet.

We have over 25 volunteer opportunities this year! We truly appreciate your help and support. These school activities and events are successful because of our amazing BSS parents. We can't thank you enough!

If you have questions, please contact Lindsey White at lindseywhite29@yahoo.com.



Yearbook Photos

Please send any pictures that you take throughout the school year to the following email address : bsskypictures@gmail.com

Please label the subject line with the grade level of the pictures. Thanks in advance!

Dear Parishioners,

If you haven't already filled out the parish survey, please take a few minutes to do that. Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church is interested in learning the thoughts and opinions of parishioners on a range of subjects pertaining to parish life. To do this, we have developed a comprehensive [parish survey](#). This survey is available [here](#), and we would like your response to the questions asked. Please follow the link below to complete the survey. Your thoughts and opinions matter a great deal, and they will help us identify areas in which we excel and areas in need of improvement.



Attention 6th, 7th, and 8th graders! Mrs. Wischer and Mrs. Lubbers are looking for team members for the Middle School Future Problem Solving Team. If you enjoy thinking creatively, problem solving, writing, and working in a group, this team is for you! Please come see Mrs. Wischer or Mrs. Lubbers if interested, or send an email to swischer@bssky.org or hlubbers@bssky.org.

Thanks for considering! We look forward to seeing you!

Men's Open Gym

Interested in hooping it up this fall/winter?
Strap on your rec specs, ankle braces & high tops each week
on Wednesdays from 9-11 PM in the gym.

BSS parishioners only - signed waivers required.
Contact Chris Pfeiffer at christo.pfeiffer@gmail.com
for more details.

Art Contest

School-wide Participation in the Why I Love America Calendar Contest

The 19th annual *Why I Love America Calendar Contest*, sponsored by the Kenton County Attorney's Office and Republic Bank, is open to all Kenton County students grades K – 12. While originally created as a way for children to express themselves through art after the events of 9/11, the contest continues to provide students with an opportunity to reflect upon the freedoms and responsibilities we have as citizens.

A panel of judges will select 26 original works (one winner and one honorable mention from each grade) to be made into a calendar for 2020. All participating students will receive a complimentary calendar, and winners and honorable mentions will be honored at a special ceremony in December. The calendars are also available to the public, with proceeds to benefit the Northern Kentucky 9/11 Memorial.

Quick facts:

This year, Blessed Sacrament students are creating artwork illustrating the theme: *Why I Love America*.

With parental permission, the artwork will be entered in the contest. **An entry form will be sent home with each child to be signed by a parent. Please check the box on the form to indicate whether or not you give your permission for the Kenton County Attorney's office to use your child's artwork, name, and photograph in the production of the calendar and for promotional use. (Please return the signed form regardless of whether you grant permission.)**

Judging criteria will be based on consistency with the theme, creativity, and artistic value.

Prizes:

13 winning students, one from each grade, will be honored at an awards ceremony. They receive a certificate and monetary prize (donated by Republic Bank), and their artwork will be displayed as one of the calendar months.

Honorable mention students will also be recognized at the ceremony, and their artwork will be displayed in the back of the calendar.

But that's not all...

Students in grades K-12 are invited to submit artwork to the 31st Ohio River Sweep. The winning artwork will be used to create promotional materials for the Ohio River Sweep.

One Grand Prize winner will get a \$500 check, and 13 grade level winners will get \$50 checks. For more information and entry forms, [click here](#).

4th Annual Children's Environmental Health Summit Poster Contest

Choose your own adventure!
Show us how the environment affects
your health!

**Choose from one of these
environmental health topics:**

Water
Air quality

Climate
Physical Activity

Built Environment
Food



Submissions accepted September 3 - October 4, 2019

Mail submissions to: KY Dept. for Public Health
275 E Main St.
HS2GW-C
Attn. Shelly Canada (Poster Contest)
Frankfort, KY 40621



Please [click here](#) for information about the Environmental poster contest.

SUBMISSIONS, DUE BY OCTOBER 4.

Cafeteria Help Wanted

Holy Cross school cafeteria in Latonia, serving students in grades K-12, has an opening for a part-time worker. Duties include food preparation, serving line, and cleanup for four hours per day, Monday through Friday.

Interested individuals may contact Jacking Kaiser by email at

jkaiser@covdio.org, or call 859/392-1500.

Research Opportunity

Are you and your child interested in participating in a research study and making \$30? The **Parenting and Youth Well-Being Study** at Miami University is recruiting parents and students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade to participate in an important research study about relationships and youth's well-being. Participation takes approximately 60 minutes and families are paid a total of \$30 for their time. The study can be completed either at Miami University, the family's home, or a public library.

If you are interested in participating in the study or learning more, please:

Call us: 513 – 818 – 2804

Email us: framlab@miamioh.edu

** The Parenting and Youth Well-Being study has been approved by the Miami University Institutional Review Board (approval # 01767r).*

**SEPT
22
4-8PM**



CENTENNIAL FAMILY PICNIC

LIST OF EVENTS

- Ring Toss
- Giant JENGA
- Washer Toss
- Tasty Drinks
- Centennial Items for Sale
- Balloon Artist
- Live Music
- Raffles
- Cake Walk
- Face Painting
- Cookie Decorating
- Cornhole
- Volleyball



**PHOTO
BOOTH**

**FOOD
TRUCKS**



And please join us at 5:30pm for the "What Does the Blessed Sacrament Community Mean to Me" contest WINNER announcement, followed by the beloved Circle Song!

**BLESSED SACRAMENT
SCHOOL & CHURCH GROUNDS**

Sip & Shop For



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THE PRETTY PONY

Boutique

September 26, 2019
4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

*Come shop for a cause! 25% of all sales during the event will be donated back to Blessed Sacrament School!

*Snacks & beverages will be provided, so make it a girls' night out and do a little fall shopping!!

Located at

The Crestview Hills Town Center



November 8, 2019
Blessed Sacrament School's
Ladies Fall Event

Held in the Blessed Sacrament Church Undercroft
6:30 – 7:30 PM Special Cocktail Hour
7:30 – 11:30 PM Raffle Baskets, Games, Drinks & Food.

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE PARENT CLUB'S
LARGEST FUNDRAISER.**

For corporate or family sponsorships or to volunteer to
help with the event, please contact Holly Stanley: hollyschro@hotmail.com

Chick-fil-A
Spirit Night

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 18TH 4:00 PM – 9:00 PM



JOIN US FOR FOOD AND FUN! BSS WILL RECEIVE 15% OF SPIRIT NIGHT SALES! YOU MUST MENTION SPIRIT NIGHT OR BSS WHEN PLACING YOUR ORDER FOR US TO RECEIVE CREDIT FOR THE SALE.

MAY BE USED IN STORE OR DRIVE THRU.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

**CHICK-FIL-A FORT WRIGHT
3436 MADISON PIKE ROUTE 17**

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

FOR 6TH, 7TH & 8TH GRADERS

AIDE AT CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

DURING 9:00 MASS @ BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Children's Liturgy of the Word is held in the Undercroft during 9:00 mass Sunday mornings. Aides should check in with the adult in charge in the Undercroft at 8:50 a.m. and help set up. Then they go to mass as usual, but when the young children are called forward prior to the proclamation of the readings at mass, aides should also come forward and accompany their group to the Undercroft, assisting the adults as needed.

All permission slips should be brought to the parish office in the Bles Center or mailed to:

Rosanne Thomas

Blessed Sacrament Parish

2409 Dixie Highway

Ft. Mitchell, KY 41017

Send to Parish Office by September 26. Do not send permission slips to the school office.

(If you do not receive a volunteer assignment, it is because we have not received the signed permission slip. If you think you've been overlooked, please contact the Office of Religious Formation: 331-4302, ext 22 or rthomas@bscky.org. All volunteers are valued; we don't want to miss you).

Permission Slips are Due September 26, 2019



☐ **Yes!! My child has my permission to help with the Children's Liturgy of the Word in the Undercroft on Sunday mornings during 9:00 mass.**

Student's name _____ Home Room _____

Parent's signature _____ Phone # _____

E-Mail _____

Schedules are emailed to parents

Send to Parish Office by September 26. Do not send permission slips to the school office.



Walking with Purpose

transforms the hearts and lives of women by providing Bible studies that enable women to know Christ through Scripture and the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.

Are you stretched and would like a way to refuel and be refreshed while making authentic connections with others?

Would you like to have a better understanding of your faith and learn more about God?

Coming to Blessed Sacrament this fall!

Thursdays, Sept 19th – Mar 19th

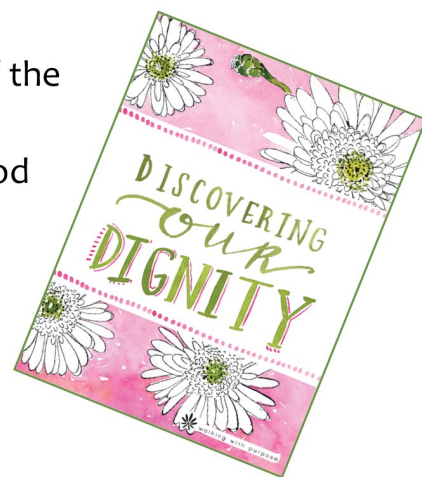
Mornings 10:40am – 12:10pm

Or

Evenings 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Discovering our Dignity

Discovering our Dignity gives us **modern-day advice** from women of the Bible. We learn that women of the Old and New Testament were sometimes as flawed and broken as we can be. Yet, the power of God worked in their lives. Through their stories recorded in Scripture, they reach out to **touch our “present”** in a tender, honest and loving way—**woman to woman**.



Registration: <https://catholiceventsnky.blogspot.com>

Contacts: Email: wwp.bssky@gmail.com

Morning: Ellen Chadwick (859) 630-9894 or Julie Fortner (859) 468-4301

Evenings: Connie Combs (859) 380-2466 or Jeanne VanDusen (859) 609-0936



walking with purpose



HAUNT YOUR - LIBRARY -

17th Annual Writing Contest for Children and Teens

Do you have an original spooky poem or scary story to share?

SEPTEMBER 16TH - OCTOBER 19TH

This contest is open to grades 1-12.
For other guidelines and entry instructions,
visit the Children's Department,
go to www.kentonlibrary.org,
or call 859-962-4077.

Covington Branch
502 Scott Boulevard
www.kentonlibrary.org

Teen

Children



Educator of the Week



Debbie Beckham

Eighth Grade Reading & Language Arts

Busy Grandma

Hates the dark

Historical Fiction fan

Centennial Fun Fact

Father Blees recognized that many people in the then rural area needed transportation to attend Mass, so he acquired a Model-T “bus” and enlisted volunteers to drive the vehicle and collect passengers for the two Sunday Masses.

If you have a great idea to share, feedback on an event, questions on upcoming events, or want more information on how to get involved please contact the BSS Parents Club at parentsclub@bssky.org.

If you have photos of BSS events, sports, after-school activities, classroom parties, etc., please send them to Dawna Thompson at bsskypictures@gmail.com

If you would like to submit an article or flyer to our weekly newsletter, please send information to Annie Ernst at annernst@bssky.org.

All information MUST be submitted by 12:00 pm on Monday to be printed in that week's newsletter.

(Submissions made after the deadline will run in the following week's newsletter.)

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is to spiritually, academically, and personally develop active Catholics
using the Gospel teachings of Jesus Christ.