BSS NEWSLETTER Wednesday, March 11, 2020	CLICK HERE FOR 2020-2021 REGISTRATION
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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK? Thursday: NO SCHOOL-Teacher In-Service	WHAT'S FOR LUNCH? Th ^{NO SCHOOL}
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Friday: NO SCHOOL!	CHICKEN TENDERS OR CHEESEBURGER, ROASTED POTATOES, GREEN BEANS, FROZEN SIDEKICK, FRESH FRUIT, MILK BEEF TACO OR BEEF ENCHILADA, SALSA,
Monday: ^{2:45-4:15: After School Art}	 SOUR CREAM, CORN, BLACK BEANS, DICED PEARS, FRESH FRUIT, MILK CHICKEN DRUMSTICK WITH ROLL OR HAM AND CHEESE SUB, MASHED POTATOES,
Tuesday:	 GLAZED CARROTS, PINEAPPLE TIDBITS, FRESH FRUIT, MILK BAKED ZITI WITH BREADSTICK OR INDIVIDUAL CHEESE PIZZA, STEAMED BROCCOLI, GARDEN SALAD, MANDARIN ORANGES, FRESH FRUIT, MILK
Wednesday: ^{8:45-9:45: Mass 5-8} 2:45-3:30: Homework Buddies	F FRENCH TOAST, SCRAMBLED EGGS, SALSA, VEGGIE BOAT, BAKED APPLES, FRESH FRUIT, MILK
18 5:30–7:30: Mathnasium Math Night in the Undercroft (open to all ages)	2019-2020 SCHOOL THEME
Thursday:Spirit Wear Day: March Madness 2:45-4:15: After School Art 2:45-3:45: Student Council Meeting 7C 3-4: Strings Program	"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 <i>by</i> Love <i>for</i> love.
Friday: NO BUS SERVICE 20 8:45-9:45: Mass K-4	This year we are seeking to help our students discover their <i>unique</i> 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

Good afternoon parents,

We wanted to send an update and action plan concerning the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The virus is still relatively new and there are many unknowns. We want to communicate our preparation efforts and plan for the unknown still to come. According to the Kentucky Health Department, there were no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Northern Kentucky as of yesterday. We are closely monitoring information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and local and state Health Departments. We have also been in communication with the Diocese, local Catholic schools, and local public school districts to ensure as much continuity as possible.

The CDC reports that the spread of the virus occurs through person-to-person respiratory transmission. The following points of emphasis are being stressed here at school to help prevent the spread of this and all respiratory viruses:

- 1. Teachers are making sure that their classroom procedures include consistent handwashing before students eat lunch or snack
- 2. Alcohol-based hand sanitizer is located in every classroom, in the cafeteria, and in the office
- 3. The staff is continuing to clean meticulously using approved and effective cleaners
- 4. We continue to stress to students to avoid touching their eyes, nose, and/or mouth

Precautions taken by parents can include:

- 1. Reiterating the importance of frequent hand washing with soap and water as well as keeping hands away from eyes/ nose/mouth
- 2. Strictly adhering to the no symptom policy in our handbook. Students with a fever or symptoms such as persistent coughing, vomiting, diarrhea, etc. should not attend school until they are symptom free for 24 hours
- 3. Encourage use of individual water bottles and the bottle fillers on our water fountains. This will reduce common contact with water fountains. The bottle fillers are hands free and are a better practice than drinking directly out of the fountain. We are also taking care to clean the water fountains, as well.

If the need should arise, a decision to close school would be made taking into consideration multiple factors including communication with local health agencies, communication with our public school district, and communication with our Diocese and local Catholic schools.

Luckily, we have used zero snow/calamity days this school year, so we have those days available should we need to close. If an extended closure (past our allotted calamity days) is necessary, all grade levels have developed contingency plans which would be communicated to their grade-level parents via e-mail at that time. While we do not anticipate it getting to that point, we want to ensure we are prepared. If the need should arise, it is the parent and student's responsibility to complete all assigned work.

If your family is considering traveling during this long weekend or Spring Break, especially to an area with a high rate of infection, please consider keeping your student home for several days after your trip to monitor for any symptoms that may emerge.

Attached to this e-mail is the flyer that Kenton County schools shared. Please reference that flyer and the links within for more information.

Thank you for your partnership in keeping everyone as healthy as possible. As always, the health and safety of our students and staff remain our number one priority. We will continue to communicate pertinent information as the situation develops.

Thank you.

Mr. Steffen & Mrs. Geiman

We received the following letter from Katie Jacobs, Principal of Holy Trinity School in Bellevue.

Hello, everyone,

Last week, our students prayed heavily for those that fell victim to the Nashville tornados. Through a family member of mine who is on the Family Assistance Intake Unit in Cheatham and Robertson County, we learned about Stoner Creek Elementary School, which suffered a total loss and will have to be rebuilt. Our heart aches for this tragic loss and for the students, staff, and community.

To help build their spirits, Holy Trinity School, with your assistance, will be holding a book drive. Per their suggestion, we will collect books appropriate for Kindergarteners through 5th graders. In each book, we would appreciate an encouraging note taped to the front cover. These notes can be simple to let the students in Nashville know that they are in our prayers.

If you would like assist us in our mission, you may drop your books off to Holy Trinity School at 235 Division Street Bellevue, KY 41073 or send in your donations with your students. I'd be happy to swing by and pick them up from BSS. We will collect books through Holy Thursday. Over Spring Break, I will travel to Nashville to drop the books off in their community.

Thank you for helping our efforts! Please let me know if you have any questions.

-Katie-



Blessed Sacrament School TENTATIVE School Calendar 2020 - 2021



Wednesday, August 19

Monday, September 7

Friday, October 9 Monday, October 12

Monday, November 2 Tuesday, November 3 Friday, November 13 November 25 - November 27 November 30 - December 3

Thursday, December 3 Friday, December 4 Tuesday, December 8 December 21 - January 1

Monday, January 4 Monday, January 18 January 31 - February 5

Friday, February 5 Monday, February 15 Wednesday, February 17 Friday, February 26

Friday, March 19

April 1 - April 9 April 12 - April 16

Friday, May 7 Monday, May 31

Tuesday, June 1 Wednesday, June 2 First Day of School

No School - Labor Day

No School - Teachers' Professional Day No Buses

No School - Teachers' Professional Day No School - Election Day End of 1st Trimester No School - Thanksgiving Holiday Parent Teacher Conferences

Dismissal at 11:30 No School No School - Feast of the Immaculate Conception No School - Christmas Holiday

Return to School No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Catholic Schools Week

Dismissal at 11:30 No School - Presidents' Day Ash Wednesday End of 2nd Trimester

No Buses

No School - Easter / Spring Break No Buses

No School - Teachers' Professional Day No School - Memorial Day Holiday

No Buses Last Day - Dismissal at 11:30 - No Buses

Thumbs Up!

A Success. . .

Student Council would like to thank everyone who brought in their change for *Change for Change*. This is student council's major and <u>only</u> fundraiser. Each year the officers and administration take into consideration suggestions from student council members and requests from outside agencies regarding allocation of the funds. We have helped build water tanks in Uganda, provided money to purchase an entire volleyball system for an area diocesan school, donated to local charities such as Care Net, purchased food items for FUEL NKU (a food bank for college students), and contributed to the scholarships offered at the end of the year, among many others!

This year we raised a grand total of \$1,897.82. The classroom winners of a party of their teacher's choice are 6B, Ms. Erdman's class; and 1A, Ms. Meisenhelder's class. Congratulations!

Again, thanks for your support!

After reading an article in the *Cincinnati Enquirer* about college students who do not have enough to eat, the student council board members decided that they would like to make a donation to FUEL NKU, a food pantry on the campus, servicing just NKU students. Council members did initial research on the website and decided that rather than make a cash donation, they would like to purchase items on the list to donate. The StuCo secretary contacted the organization via email to determine if there were any items on the suggested list that were needed at that particular time and to gather any other pertinent information.



Imagine the surprise when the answer received was from a former BSS student, Shannon Wilson, a graduate student who mans the FUEL NKU email site. Taking the list which Shannon sent, the board members compared prices on the suggested items and compiled a shopping list. Mrs. Verrett and Mrs. Fischer finalized the list and the groceries were ordered. Once the items arrived, arrangements were made for Shannon to pick them up and deliver to the facility.

Student Council had been looking for local charities to assist. Truly God works in mysterious ways by leading it to Shannon and FUEL NKU!



for both fish fry nights! Π March 27 & April 3 5:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Multiple job openings

are still available

Fried Fish, Baked Fish, and Cheese Pizza

\$9/adult, \$8/senior or child

Questions? Please contact us at BSSFishFry@bssky.org

Would you like to volunteer? https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0e44aeab28a3ff2-blessed1

> BLESSED SACRAMENT 2407 Dixie Highway | Fort Mitchell, Kentucky 41017

Registration Hite

Registration for 2020-2021 is now open!

<u>Blessed Sacrament School is currently registering</u> <u>and re-registering students in ALL grade levels (K - 8th Grade)!</u>

If you have not already re-registered, please go to our website and click on "Enrollment" for registration information and online forms. And please pass this information on to anyone who may be interested in joining our BSS family!

TUESDAY ROSARY

Please join us every Tuesday after school in the church to pray the rosary with fellow classmates, families and the Blessed Sacrament community.

We will begin around 2:50 and finish around 3:15. All ages are welcome!! Come as often as you can!!

> Please contact Jennifer Abdrabbo 859-640-6885 or Elizabeth Alcorn 859-620-1245 with any questions.

Please feel free to text or email any intentions to the phone numbers above or email Elizabeth at <u>eliz366@yahoo.com</u>.

God Bless you all!!!



Mother / Daughter

This year, the event will be held at Circus Mojo on Sunday, April 5th. If you are able to help with planning, please contact Bridgette Lanham <u>bswlanham@gmail.com</u>

Father / Son

The "Night at the Races" event will be held in the undercroft on Friday, May 8th. If you are able to help with planning, please contact Anne Arnsperger <u>aarnsperger@me.com</u>

The Parent Club would like to extend a special thank you to our BSS families who have participated in our BSS SPIRIT NIGHTS! We hope you have enjoyed a variety of new places this year! So far, we have raised \$2,168.11! Way to go! SAVE THE DATE for our final two SPIRIT NIGHTS! **4/1** at CiCi's Pizza from 4-8PM, and **5/6** at Raising Canes from 3-9PM

Are you looking to get more involved at BSS next school year?

The Parent Club Bookkeeper position is open for the 2020-2021 school year. The bookkeeper will be part of the Executive Board and will work directly with the treasurer for the first year. The following year you will transition into the treasurer position. All board members are expected to attend monthly meetings with the school administration & evening meetings as scheduled throughout the year (currently 1 per trimester). In addition, attendance is expected at various school events throughout the year such as Parent Orientation Nights, BSS Open House, and Parent Club fundraisers as needed. All officers are selected by the current Executive Board. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask a current board member. If you are interested in this position, please email parentsclub@bssky.org and tell us why you would be a good fit for the Bookkeeper position!

SAVE THE DATE for the BSS FOOD TRUCK NIGHT! Friday, September 25th, 2020! Parent Club is looking for a chairperson(s) for the event. If interested, please contact lindseywhite29@yahoo.com.

Show your BSS spirit! New car window decals are available in the office. They are \$5.50 each. Many thanks to a generous BSS parent for the idea and for making these possible!



Mrs. Weber wants to enhance our Music Program. We're looking for old instruments in need of a good home!

- Band and String Instruments, Keyboards, Guitars, Ukuleles and various rhythm instruments
- Looking for 5-Gallon Buckets for a drum circle club
- Old mouse pads for computers, to use as "practice pads"

Donations can be dropped off at the school office, or Mrs. Weber can be contacted at mweber@bssky.org to arrange a pick-up. Thank you!



Does your student take an instrument or voice lessons?

Would they enjoy an afternoon to share with Mrs. Weber and other BSS students?

Wed. April 29th 2:45 – 4 PM in the Music Room Parents MUST RSVP to mweber@bssky.org for their child by Friday, April 24th



Your student should have 1-2 pieces "recital" ready to share. (They do not have to be memorized, but students need to come prepared with music and instrument.)

A peanut-free snack will be provided that day.

THANK YOU for investing in music lessons for your children.

Help Wanted

Part-time School Cafeteria Positions - St. Augustine, Covington, School Cafeteria is in need of a part-time staff member from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday during the school year. Duties include food preparation, serving, daily cleanup, helping with deliveries, and other tasks as needed. St. Agnes, Ft. Wright, School Cafeteria is in need of a part-time dishwasher for three hours per day, Monday through Friday during the school year. Candidates interested in either or both positions may contact Diocesan School Food Service Director Jackie Kaiser at jkaiser@covdio.org, or call 859-392-1536.

2020 U.S. Census Employment Opportunities – In advance of the 2020 Census, the U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting hundreds of thousands of people for temporary jobs across the United States. Temporary census positions offer the perfect opportunity to earn extra money while helping your community. Most positions will last several weeks and feature competitive wages, weekly paychecks, flexible hours (evenings/weekends), and paid training. Pay rates vary by county and state, but for Kenton county it's \$18.50 per hour plus \$0.58 per mile. For more information or to apply visit <u>www.2020census.gov/jobs</u>.

Info from CCH



<u>Cov Cath Grade School Football Sign ups</u>

Sign up for Cov Cath's Colonels Youth Football (CYF) for 3rd through 8th grade now through April 30. CYF practices and plays home games on the Cov Cath fields. Teams play in the GCYL (Greater Catholic Youth League) with the parish schools feeding Elder, Moeller, Roger Bacon and LaSalle, while 7th grade team plays in NKY Middle School League.

To register on-line or to get more information, see our website at <u>www.covcath.org</u>, click on Athletics, click on Colonels Youth Football or email Bob Morris, CYF President, at <u>bmorris@covcath.org</u>. Walk-in sign-up day is on Saturday April 25 from 11 to 1 in the gym foyer at Cov Cath.



Recyclables Needed

<u>REDUCE-REUSE-RECYCLE</u>

Our theme for Fine Arts Night this year, **One More Time**, focuses on using recycled materials to create awesome works of art. You can help the art room collect the needed supplies while also reducing the waste that goes into landfills. We are collecting:

- CDs/DVDs
- KRAFT PAPER (or other paper used for packing material)
- STYROFOAM VEGGIE TRAYS or EGG CARTONS (18 egg size)
- CEREAL BOXES (Flattened)
- BROWN PACKING PAPER (textured OR plain)

Cleaning out the craft cabinet? Odds and ends that you plan to discard are welcome. Making equipment changes at work? Other changes? Unused paper, cardboard sheets, fabric, paper cutters, etc. are welcome.

BSS Fine Arts Night - May 14, 2020. Artwork by each BSS student will be exhibited and honors awarded.



SAVE THE DATE!

Blessed Sacrament Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 22-26, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Volunteer opportunities coming soon!



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SACRAMENT SCHOOL

Wednesday, March 18th 5:30PM – 7:30PM

Join us at Blessed Sacrament School for rewards, giveaways, and games for the whole family.

Food will be provided.

RSVP by emailing fortmitchell@mathnasium.com

Mathnasium of Ft Mitchell

(859) 636-MATH (6284) www.mathnasium.com/fortmitchell





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Panda Preview Night Tuesday, March 24 | 6 - 8 p.m.

Students and parents are invited to learn more about The Notre Dame Life!

6th and 7th graders This is your chance to get a head start on the 8th grade! Learn about The NDA Life and how to get ready for high school all in one evening.

> 8th graders Come and take another look at all we have to offer!

Students must be accompanied by an adult to attend this event.

The program will begin at 6 p.m. with Panda Pizza with the President and Principal! Take advantage of this opportunity to have dinner and one-on-one conversations with our faculty and staff.

The evening will include information on admissions requirements, student life, academics, and financing high school.

Reservations are required for this event. Please contact Katie Caccavari, NDA Director of Admissions, at 859-292-1829/caccavarik@ndapandas.org to register. Please indicate the number of family members who will be attending.

Reservations must be made by Friday, March 20.

www.ndapandas.org 1699 Hilton Drive, Park Hills, KY 41011 | 859.292.1829









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St. Pius X Catholic Church

Saturday, March 14, 2020 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

St. Pius X Parish Activity Center
Sign up at: www.hoxworth.org/groups/stpiusx

or contact Hoxworth at (513) 451-0910
All donors will receive a Hoxworth St. Paddy's Day Shirt!





drive, will receive an out of uniform pass for March 16th!

Blessed Sacrament Boosters 2nd Annual Golf Outing

Friday, April 24, 2020 TWIN OAKS PLANTATION CLUB 11:00 AM: LUNCH & REGISTRATION 12:30 PM: SHOTGUN START

*REGISTRATION: \$100/GOLFER AND INCLUDES 18 HOLE SCRAMBLE WITH CART, TEE CIT'S & AWARDS, LUNCH & DINNER, BEER, WATER, SODA HOLE SPONSORSPHIES RAE AVAILABLE FOR ST50 EACH Please e-mail: bdyas@sterlingcutglass.com with any questions *Register at bssboosters.demosphere-secure.com ASAP to secure your spot

Help us continue to fund our children's athletic activities: league fees, uniforms, PLAC & Virtus training, field maintenance, gym time, etc. Thanks for your ongoing support & we hope to see you on the course!





Visit www.laffalotcamps.com for more information and online registration





Click here for registration



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In 1937, Father Streck founded St. Thomas More College for the young graduates of Latin School. The all-male institution continued until 1945 when it merged with the all-women's Villa Madonna College. It was renamed Thomas More College in 1968.

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 <u>parentsclub@bssky.org</u>.

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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