

BSS NEWSLETTER

Thursday, January 5, 2021



**NEW VIRTUS
BULLETIN
THIS WEEK!**



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Thursday:



SPIRITWEAR DAY

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2:15-3:15 - Quick Recall Practice (*grades 6-8*)

3:30-4:30 - Elementary Quick Recall Match

Friday:

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8:15 - Mass (*grades k-4*)

Monday:

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2:15-3:15 - MathCounts practice

2:30-3:30 - Children's Choir rehearsal (*grades 5-8*)

Tuesday:

11

2:15-3:00 - Elementary Governor's Cup Tryouts

2:30-3:30 - Children's Choir rehearsal (*grade 4*)

2:30-5:00 - Middle School Governor's Cup (*Districts*)

Wednesday:

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8:15 - Mass (*grades 5-8*)

2:15-3:00 - Elementary Governor's Cup Tryouts

2:30-3:15 - Elementary Quick Recall Practice (*4B*)

2:30-3:15 - Homework Buddies

2:15-3:15 - Lego Robotics Club (*8A*)

Thursday:



SPIRITWEAR DAY

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3:30-4:30 - Elementary Quick Recall Match

Friday:

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8:15 - Mass (*grades K-4*)

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

Th

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

F

Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup,
Oyster Crackers, Garden Salad,
Applesauce, Fresh Fruit, Milk

M

Mini Corn Dogs, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans,
Broccoli with Dip, Frozen Sidekick,
Diced Peaches, Fresh Fruit, Milk

T

Cheeseburger/Hamburger, Potato Wedges,
Baked Beans, Diced Pears, Fresh Fruit, Milk

W

Honey Sloppy Joe Sandwich, Waffle Fries,
Corn, Pineapple Tidbits, Fresh Fruit, Milk

Th

3 or 4 Way Chili Spaghetti, Kidney Beans,
Diced Onions, Shredded Cheese,
Oyster Crackers, Glazed Carrots, Veggie Boat,
Mandarin Oranges, Fresh Fruit, Milk

F

Donato's Cheese Pizza OR Cheesy Breadsticks
w/marinara, Steamed broccoli, Garden Salad,
Applesauce, Fresh Fruit, Milk

WEEKEND MASSES

**WE WOULD LOVE
TO SEE YOUR FAMILY
AT MASS THIS WEEKEND!**

Saturday:

4:00pm

Sunday:

9:00am, 11:00am

A Note From Your Administration

Hi, parents,

Happy New Year to you and your families! We are excited to see what 2022 has in store for BSS! As we continue to celebrate our fourth Blue Ribbon Award, we are confident the new year will bring continued success to our school community. Thank you for the blessings you were to us during 2021.

Our Annual Giving Campaign continues to be underway. For those of you new to our community, the AGC is our main fundraiser throughout the year to help supplement the costs of specialists' salaries, improve our facilities, update and fund new technology, purchase the newest physical and cyber security to keep our students safe, and more. Tuition alone does not cover the expense of educating a child at Blessed Sacrament, and we have achieved four National Blue Ribbon Awards largely thanks to the generosity of our community which supplements the cost it takes to keep BSS so competitive. Donating to the AGC is instrumental in our success.

At the beginning of this year, we were fortunate enough to be recipients of a grant as a result of Covid-relief funds being made available to applying schools. These funds are called EANS (Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools). These funds did not replace last year's AGC donations. They were earmarked for approved expenses directly related to pandemic-related learning loss. We were not given a lump sum of money, and the particularities of what we are able to request are very detailed and strict. Using these funds, we were able to:

- ☐ hire additional teachers' aides and tutors throughout the building to assist with small-group and one-on-one intervention in grades K-8 to ensure students are on-track with where they should be after unconventional schooling the past few years
- ☐ purchase new remedial supports for phonics, math, speech, fluency, and reading
- ☐ accelerate the timeline of additional technology purchases (such as Clevertouch Panels for every elementary room (K – 5) and updated student devices for numerous grades)
- ☐ purchase cleaning and sanitizing equipment, solutions, and purifiers to help prevent the spread of Covid-19 in the building
- ☐ provide teachers with professional development training for intervention strategies and programs
- ☐ update some of the technology available to teachers
- ☐ purchase resources such as microphones, webcams, and document projectors to assist with non-traditional instruction when it was needed

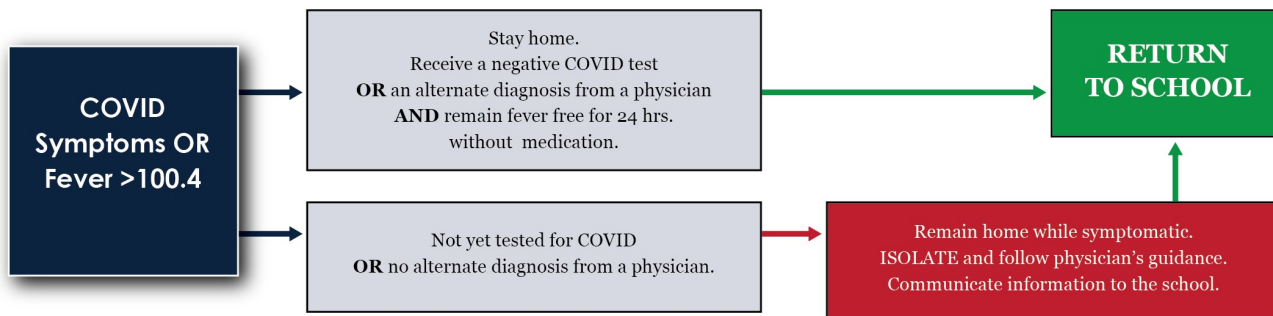
The AGC allows us to address a wide range of needs, not just those necessitated by the pandemic. Our Annual Giving Campaign replaces fundraisers such as candy/wrapping paper sales and walk-a-thons. This yearly donation consistently keeps our staff competitive as we are able to employ highly-skilled specialists in reading, math, speech, and intervention. Without the contributions of our community raised from the AGC, yearly upgrades to our curriculum, technology, building, and security would not be possible.

Thank you to those who have contributed to this year's Annual Giving Campaign. We are very grateful for your support. If you have not yet contributed, we ask you to prayerfully consider. Donations can be made [here](#). Every donation, no matter the amount, helps keep BSS the very best for all of our students! We are continuously a Blue Ribbon School because of our community!

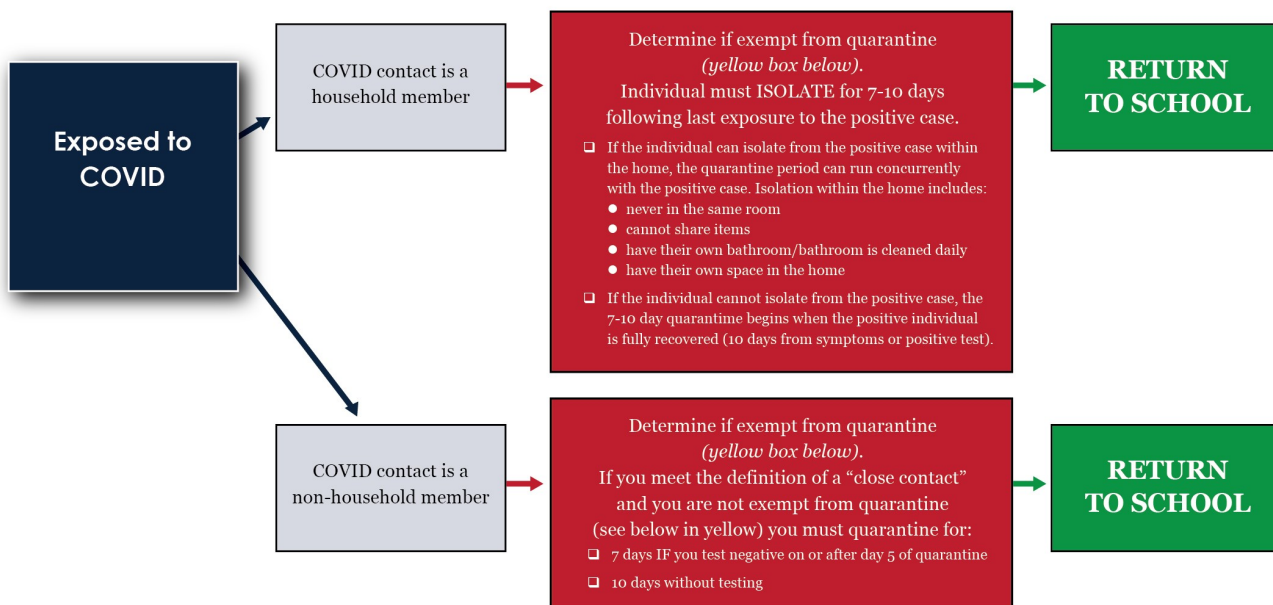
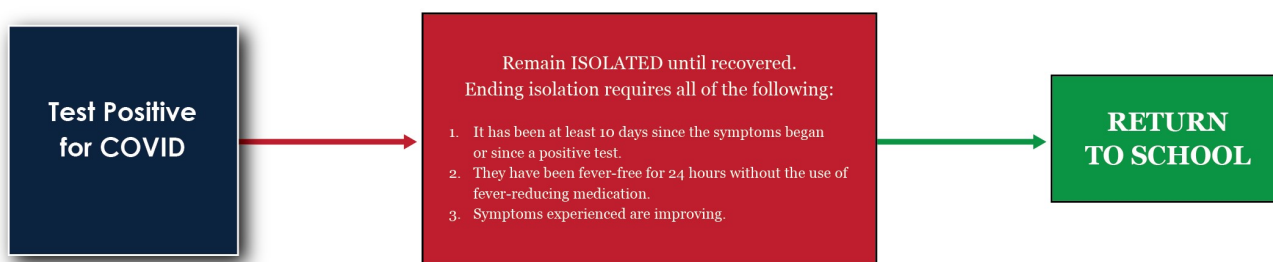
Thank you, God bless, and Happy New Year!

Mr. Steffen and Mrs. Geiman





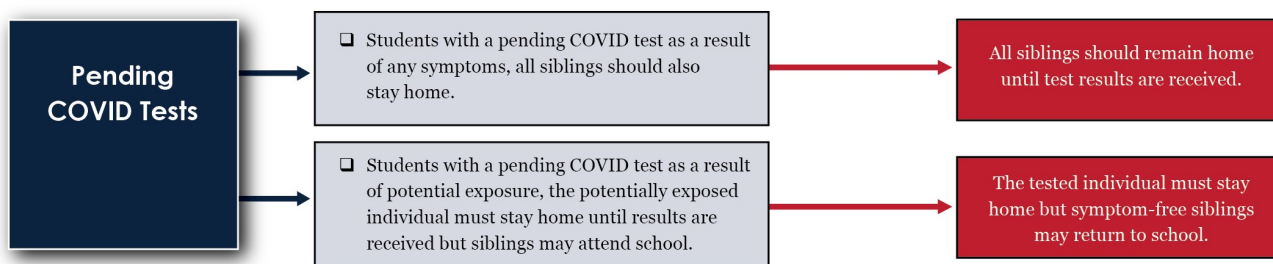
COVID-19 symptoms include: fever (above 100.4°F), chills, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle/body aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea and a new, uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing.



"Close contact" is defined as an individual within 3 feet of someone who has COVID for a total of 15 minutes (cumulative) over the previous 24 hours.

Individuals in the school setting are **exempt** from quarantine if ANY of the following criteria are met:

- ❑ they are masked and maintain at least 3 feet of space from the positive case
- ❑ they are masked and within 3 feet of the positive case for less than 15 minutes over the prior 24-hours
- ❑ they are fully vaccinated



Thumbs Up!

Thumbs Up for the
anonymous donor
of our new
BSS Eagle costume!



Thumbs Up for the BSS 3rd
Grade Girls Basketball Team!

They won the St. Joe's Holiday
Basketball Tournament during
Christmas Break!





Be the WHY



BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL
ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN
2021 - 2022

*You are part of the **WHY** that allows each of us at Blessed Sacrament School to strive for excellence every day. Your support motivates us to continue to aspire towards greatness.*

At Blessed Sacrament School, we pride ourselves on ensuring that our students are ready to make the most of their opportunities beyond gradeschool. Working with local Diocesan high schools to develop our junior high essential skills, our students leave the Blessed Sacrament campus with experience in navigating a rigorous curriculum and are prepared for high school success. BSS alumni are consistently on the honor roll throughout high school, test into high level math and Spanish classes as freshmen, and receive many academic scholarships based on high school placement test scores. Your generosity helps prepare Blessed Sacrament students for the future!

[**CLICK HERE TO DONATE**](#)



Governor's Cup

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GOVERNORS CUP TRYOUTS – GRADES 4/5

**TUESDAY, JAN. 11 AND WEDNESDAY, JAN. 12
2:15-3:00pm AT SCHOOL**

Elementary School Governors Cup Competition is an academic event designed to provide a competitive opportunity for Kentucky's fourth and fifth graders. Students compete in quick recall, written assessment, and composition. This year students will be trying out for written assessment and composition on 2 days after school. You may come either day or both days. Students wishing to try out for written assessment will take a multiple choice test in one or more areas consisting of math, social studies, language arts, science, and arts and humanities. If your child wishes to try out for the composition portion of the contest, a prompt will be given for the composition portion in which students will write a persuasive piece. The top three students in each area will be selected to compete.

** Please make a note of competition dates so there are no conflicts with personal trips, ball games, etc.

Competition dates:

Districts: Composition (Tuesday, Feb 8)
Written assessments (Saturday, Feb. 12)

Regionals: Only those who place in the top 5 at districts will move on to regionals
Composition (Monday, Feb., 28)
Written assessments (Saturday, March, 5)

There are NO state finals for elementary school.

For more information please visit the KAAC site:
<https://kaac.com/governors-cup/>

If you have further questions, please contact
Mrs. Maureen Wood mwood@bssky.org.





Girl Scouts

**ATTENTION KINDERGRTEN AND FIRST GRADE GIRLS!
COME MAKE NEW FRIENDS WITH GIRL SCOUTS!**

Today, as yesterday, we continue the Girl Scout mission of building girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place.

Join us for a fun, informational event
Thursday, February 10, 2022
from 6-7pm in the Parish Center.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for more information!



Yearbook Photos

**ARE YOU THE PARENT WHO ALWAYS
CAPTURES SPECIAL MOMENTS ON FILM?**

We need pictures for the 2021-2022 BSS Yearbook!

Please start gathering your digital photos. We will provide information soon with a link for easily sharing photos.

Please ensure that photos are of school events only (classroom parties, after school clubs, BSS sports teams, etc.).

Help Wanted

Catholic schools in the Diocese of Covington are seeking to fill a number of immediate openings.

These include classroom teachers, counselors, instructional aides, and substitute teachers.

Many positions need to be filled beginning in January through the end of the 2021-22 school year.

Visit the “Employment” page on the Diocesan website, www.covdio.org/schools/employment, under “Teacher Openings” and “School-Related Openings”, to view the postings and for information on how to apply.

Questions may be directed to skoplyay@covdio.org.

Celebrate the Blue

BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL  AN EVENING TO TREASURE

Save the Date

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2022 • 6:00 PM - MIDNIGHT • MARRIOTT CINCINNATI AIRPORT
<https://www.facebook.com/2022E2T>

FORMAL INVITATIONS AND EVENT DETAILS ARE COMING SOON.

WATCH FOR EMAILS, INFORMATION IN THE NEWSLETTER,
AND SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS.

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS AMAZING EVENT!



From Our Parish

Happy New Year!

In Gratitude!

Thanks to all who assisted with fluffing and moving Christmas trees, watering and placing poinsettias throughout the church, setting up our parish's unique crèche, ministering at our Christmas masses, and helping in any way to extend our hospitality to all who celebrated Christmas with us, parishioners and visitors alike.

So much effort goes into the ministry of liturgical environment, and we are most grateful to those who took time, during an already busy season, to decorate our Lord's house so beautifully.



Mid Week Meditation

Most parishioners know that we have Eucharistic exposition and adoration every Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.—4 p.m. One of our best kept secrets, however, is that we close this worship time with rosary at 3:30, followed by solemn benediction. Join us for a half hour of prayer and blessing in the middle of your week.

Blessed Sacrament Church
BECOMING STEWARDS IN COMMUNITY



A FEW REMINDERS...

- ☐ Please remember to keep extra masks in backpacks
- ☐ Please consider keeping a small hand sanitizer in backpacks and lunch boxes
- ☐ Our current arrival and dismissal procedures can be found [HERE](#) in the handbook (see page 28)
- ☐ Please make sure that snacks and are peanut-free. A list of safe options can be found [HERE](#), but please check labels as there may be other items that are not included on this list.
- ☐ Your children are **AWESOME** and we are **SO HAPPY** that they are here!

THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO EVERY DAY!

WE APPRECIATE YOU!

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 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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The mission of Blessed Sacrament school
is to spiritually, academically, and personally develop active Catholics
using the Gospel teachings of Jesus Christ.