BSS NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, January 13, 2021













WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Thursday:

SPIRITWEAR DAY!



Friday:

8:15 - 9:15 - mass (KB, 3, 4)

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Monday:

NO SCHOOL - MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

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Tuesday:

Wednesday: 8:15 - 9:15 - mass (5, 6)

Thursday:

SPIRITWEAR DAY!



Friday:

8:15 - 9:15 - mass (1, 2)

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WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

Baked Ziti with Breadstick, Steamed Broccoli, Garden Salad, Mandarin Oranges, Fresh Fruit, Milk

French Toast, Scrambled Eggs, Salsa, Veggie Boat, Baked Apples, Fresh Fruit, Milk

NO SCHOOL -MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

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

Salisbury Steak, Dinner Roll, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Pineapple Tidbits, Fresh Fruit, Milk

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

Wild Mike's Cheese Bites with Marinara Sauce, Green Beans, Garden Salad, Applesauce, Fresh Fruit, Milk

2020-2021 SCHOOL THEME

Rooted in Christ, **Bloom Where You are Planted**

We have focused on identity (SHAPE) and vocation. This year we will focus on living out that unique vocation, or purpose that God has given each of us - our mission.

We will explore how God reveals both himself and our life's mission through experience.

A Note From Your Administration

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your continued support as we navigate ongoing quarantine situations and work to keep our students in school. We are hoping that, after this initial uptick following the holidays, things will start to normalize over the next week. Thanks for your patience and understanding.

Read on for some updates:

A) Sports

a. At the Diocesan principal's meeting today, many principals shared that most of the quarantine situations they are seeing are a result of sports. While our local schools have all cancelled winter sports, many students continue to play in local leagues like the Hoops League at Town & Country. The first-hand experiences of various principals and parents is that the COVID-prevention protocols in place for these leagues are not sufficient. The coordinator of one local league even made it a point to say that the Diocese has no jurisdiction on if students can participate in their league. In our opinion, this goes against what we are trying to do, which is keeping our students healthy and in school. As a school, we recommend that students do not participate in team sports for the time being. While the aforementioned leagues are out of our control, they affect us. Please consider if having your kids participate in certain sports is the best thing for the community at this time. If you choose to continue participating, please take as many precautions as possible to ensure health and safety while participating, including ensuring that the leagues and sports you participate in are as safe as they can possibly be. Thank you for your help with this.

B) Updated COVID Reporting

- a. We would like to again update our COVID reporting measures. Unfortunately, with the number of situations occurring, it has become impossible to report them in a timely manner. With that, we are making the following change. Cases within the school, but not within your children's grade-level, will be reported via the weekly newsletter. Close contact situations, and cases in the grades of your children will still be reported directly via e-mail within 24 hours. Thank you for your understanding.
- b. Currently, 49 students are quarantined. 17 students are quarantined because of a positive test. The remainder are quarantined because of travel or as a close contact. The good news is that the strong majority of these students are almost finished with their quarantines and will return next week.
- c. The continued success of in-person instruction is contingent upon on everyone's diligence. Please be aware of your activities outside of school, especially when it comes to social events like sleepovers, birthday parties, sports, etc.

C) Spirit Wear & Uniform Exchange

- a. We are working on getting dates together for another spirit wear sale. We will send this information as it becomes available.
- b. Please check out our new 'BSS Uniform & Spirit Wear Exchange' Facebook Group. A HUGE thank you to Kim Franxman for her time and effort organizing not only this, but the uniforms themselves. Thank you!!!

D) Updated Diocesan Travel Policy

a. Going forward, for the time being, any leisure travel outside of the home area (roughly the 275 loop) will necessitate a mandatory quarantine upon return. The Kentucky Health Department is currently advising against all leisure travel at this time. Please contact the office if you travel outside of this home area and need to quarantine as a result so we can keep our records up-to-date.

E) Registration

a. Registration for the 2021 – 2022 school year will open on Sunday, January 31st. If you know of any families looking to learn more about our school, please put them in contact with us directly. You all are by far the most effective from of advertising that we have. We appreciate any recommendations and referrals! Thank you.

F) Circle Song

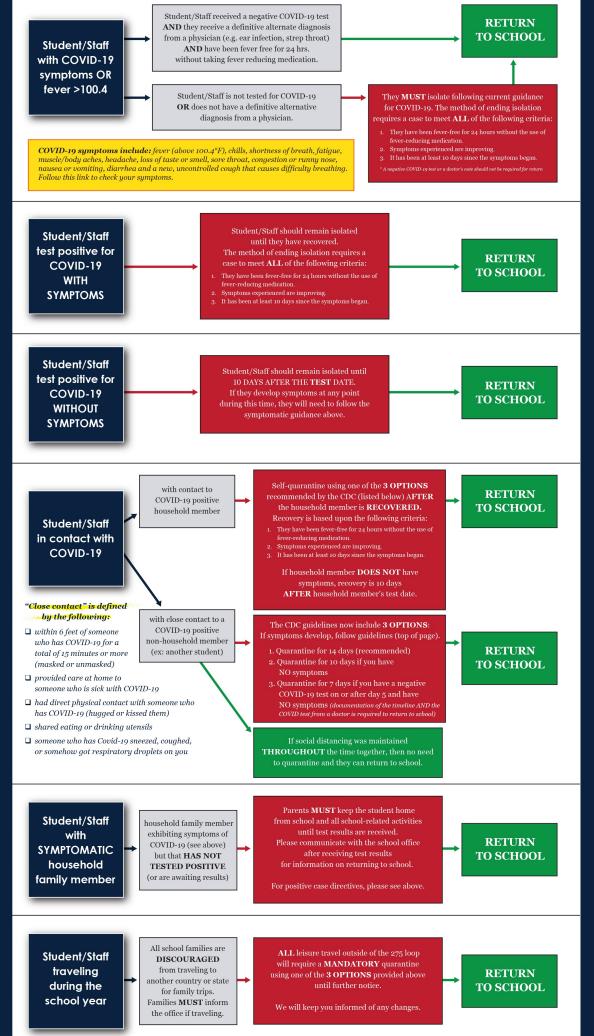
a. Even though it looks a little different this year, we are thrilled to be able to share the BSS Circle Song with all of you! Each and every one of you are a part of our circle and we are glad that we were able to capture this unique version of this special song to share with everyone!

b. Blessed Sacrament Circle Song — COVID Edition

We hope you are having a great week! Thank you.

Mr. Steffen & Mrs. Geiman







Thumbs Up!



Congratulations to these BSS 8th graders and Future Pandas, who both received merit scholarships to Notre Dame Academy. These academic scholarships are based on High School Placement Test scores.



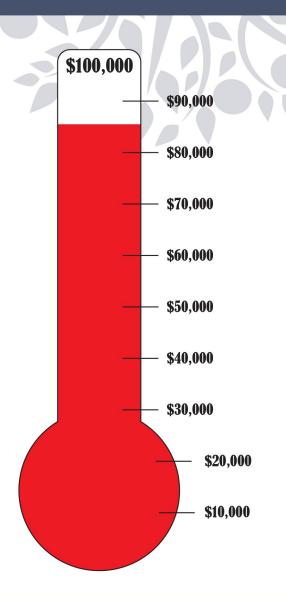
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We are SO proud of both of you and we know that you will do great things in high school!







Thank you to those who have already donated to this year's Blessed Sacrament School Annual Giving Campaign. As of January 13, we have received **\$85,078** in donations!

Please help us reach our \$100,000 goal!

At this time, approximately **30%** of school families have participated in this year's campaign.

If you have not contributed yet, please prayerfully consider making a donation. Even small donations can make a big difference!



We are blessed with the generous support of our dedicated parents, grandparents, parishioners, and friends of Blessed Sacrament School. Because of your donations to the Annual Giving Campaign, we have been able to consistently increase the security of our church and school, partially fund the salaries of staff specialists, fund multiple building upgrades, put new technology into the hands of our students and teachers, and more.

The dollars generated by this campaign do not disappear into the ether; they go directly back into the school to improve it within the next year.

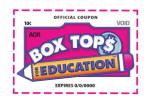
TODAY'S DONATIONS ARE HELPING SHAPE TOMORROW'S LEADERS

Parent Club News

Did you know that you can raise money for BSS when shopping for groceries or on Amazon?











Simply click on the Community Rewards tab on the BSS website and learn how to sign up for Amazon Smile, Remke and Kroger community rewards, as well as information on Box Tops and Coke Rewards!



\$150 Value - Just \$10!
Activate your Buddy Card at mybuddycard.com

14 offers on each Buddy Card "Buy any Large Pizza, get a Large Cheese Pizza FREE"

Please <u>CLICK HERE</u> for the Buddy Card order form (pay by cash or check made out to BSS Parent Club)

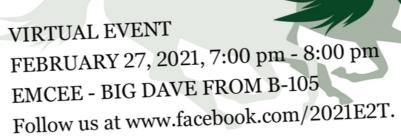
Please <u>CLICK HERE</u> to order Buddy Cards online

All proceeds benefit BSS Parent Club

(offers valid for Dine In or Carry Out only and expire one year from activation)

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE FOR BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL'S 28th ANNUAL

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Spirit Night!

Please mark your calendar for our next Spirit Night!

CityBird Tenders (Crestview Hills)

January 25, 2021

Detailed information coming soon!



COMMUNITY BY CITY









A FEW REMINDERS...

Please remember to keep extra masks in backpacks
Please consider keeping a small hand sanitizer in backpacks and lunch boxes, and continue to encourage effective hand washing habits
The most current school-related COVID-19 information can be found <u>HERE</u>
Our current arrival and dismissal procedures can be found <u>HERE</u> in the handbook (see page 28)
Please make sure that snacks and lunches are peanut-free. A list of safe options can be found <u>HERE</u> , but please check labels as there may be other items that are not included on this list.
During the colder months, please make sure that your child is bringing a coat, hat, gloves, etc. as we will be going outside for recess/breaks whenever possible.

THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO EVERY DAY - WE APPRECIATE YOU!

Your children are **AWESOME** and we are **SO HAPPY** that they are here!

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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