

Hi, parents,

We are excited to see many of you at our Open House on Sunday, 1/26! Feel free to stop by BSS anytime between 10:00 - 1:00 to tour the school, view student work, buy car magnets/window clings/ Sweaty Bands, see Spirit Wear samples, and chat with teachers.

All families will enter through the main school doors. Current families will then walk up the stairs to the classrooms while prospective families will meet in the Parish Center for information and to start tours. Refreshments for our current families will be in the cafeteria.

Please encourage any friends or family you know interested in BSS to come meet us during our Open House. It's a great opportunity to show off the community of which we are so proud.

We hope you can join us on Sunday. It is a great kickoff to Catholic Schools' Week!

Thank you,

Mr. Steffen and Mrs. Geiman



Catholic Schools' Week 2020 January 26th-31st

Saturday/Sunday January 25/26: Celebrating Our Parish

-Join us for Mass to kickoff this special week! Mass times are Saturday at 4:00 pm and Sunday at 9:00 am and 11:00 am. An Open House will follow the Sunday Mass times. Come and check out all of the wonderful things we are learning!

Monday, January 27: CSW Kickoff and Celebrating our Community and Volunteers

-Prayer Service in gym at 8:00am (planned by 2nd Grade)

-Each homeroom will make a Rosary bracelet (or keychain).

-Raffle tickets will be sold for teacher sponsored prizes and a chance to play in the teacher/student volleyball game on Friday. (Money raised will go toward Alex Zdolshek Scholarship Fund, Parish Kitchen, and the Henry Hosea House) Raffle tickets are \$0.25 each.

-Students will take time to thank our wonderful volunteers and community members. Letters of thanks/cookies will be dispersed to show our gratitude!

Tuesday, January 28: Day of Service

-Catholic Spirit Wear Day! Wear spirit wear from any catholic school, with jeans or sweatpants. -Raffle tickets sold today.

-School-wide service project: Blessing Bags for the homeless. As children add each item to the bag, there will be a "blessing" slide show that goes with it. Along with the essentials donated, we will also add a prayer card to each bag. The BSS students will be the hands of Christ as we work to serve those in need during this special project.

* We will use **last names** to gather the materials needed. Please have your children bring in the item listed below by Friday, January 24th.

A-D: socks or gloves (4-6 pack)

E-H: mini sanitizer or lotion (4-6 pack)

I-M: nut free granola bars or beef jerky sticks (4-6 pack)

N-S: travel toothpaste/toothbrushes (4-6 count)

T-Z: individual pack of tissues (4-6 pack)

Wednesday, January 29: Celebrating Our Parents

-Dress like your future profession day!

-Continue to sell raffle tickets, count money, and send to correct homeroom.

-10:00-Student representatives from grades 4-8 go to Mass at the Cathedral with

Mr. Steffen and Mrs. Geiman

- Living Rosary in Church led by 2nd and 8th grade buddies. This rosary will be offered up for the loving parents at BSS!

Thursday, January 30: Celebrating Our Students

-Out of uniform/crazy hair day!

-Students will receive ice cream sundaes from Parents Club after lunch in the Parish Center

-The Kid Beat Band by Greg Lee will put on a 50-minute concert in the gym for the entire school at 1:30!

-2:25 announcements of winners of baskets and players in the volleyball game -NO HOMEWORK TONIGHT!

Friday, February 1st: Celebrating Our Staff

-All-school Mass planned by 2B -Volleyball game K-4 10:00-10:30 5-8 10:40-11:20 -EARLY DISMISSAL (11:30am <u>with bus service</u>)

-Teacher Luncheon sponsored by the Parent Club-Catered lunch in the Parish Center

Catholic Schools' Week

The celebration of Catholic Schools Week first began back in the year 1974. What a wonderful thing to celebrate our faith in God! We are so blessed to be able to celebrate our faith, love, and hope in God everyday here at Blessed Sacrament School!

Our celebration this year will be the week of January 27th-January 31st. The theme this year is *Catholic Schools: Learn, Serve,* Lead, and Succeed. Lots of fun, engaging activities have been planned for the week. We will begin Monday morning with a prayer service. The students will be making pocket rosaries/prayer bracelets. The teachers will be putting together themed baskets to be raffled off, and the money raised will be given to the Alex Zdolshek Scholarship Fund, Henry Hosea House, and the Parish Kitchen. The children will be writing letters of thanks to be given to our wonderful parents, volunteers, and those in our wider Ft. Mitchell community who support our school. The students will be putting together *Blessing Bags* to be given to the homeless. We will celebrate our awesome students by having a crazy hair/pajama day. After lunch, students will get to enjoy an ice cream sundae, and the Kid Beat Band will provide a concert for them. We will close the week with an all-school Mass, student/teacher volleyball games, and an early dismissal.

We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful and supportive faith community here at Blessed Sacrament School. Catholic Schools 'Week is a great way to celebrate this!



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OPEN HOUSE

Do you know someone who is considering BSS?

We'd love to show them why so many families choose Blessed Sacrament School!

BLES

Sunday, January 26, 2020 10:00am - 1:00pm 2407 Dixie Highway Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky 41017 859-331-3062 | bssky.org



Reading, Math, and Academic Support Specialists available to all students

Specialist classes include Technology, Enrichment, Spanish (grades 2-8), Physical Education, Art, and Music

17:1 average Student to Teacher Ratio

Thumbs Up!



We Were Concerned. . .

The Student Council collected nonperishable food items from Monday, November 18th, through Tuesday, November 26th, which were donated to Be Concerned for its Christmas Store.

Be Concerned, Inc., located in Covington, has been serving Northern Kentucky families since it opened in 1987. Be Con relies on organizations such as BSS to make sure its shelves are full during the holiday season.

During December, Be Concerned served over 1000 families who otherwise may have had to do without. Additionally, the staff keeps track of the inkind donations by weight, and our collection weighed in at "a whopping" 1114 pounds!

Thank you again for your generosity.

Congratulations to the Junior High Quick Recall Team and their coaches, Mr. and Mrs. Ingraham... GOVERNOR'S CUP DISTRICT CHAMPS!!!



THUMBS UP to the BSS students who competed in the Middle Grade Districts for Governor's Cup.

1st Quick recall: Grayson Rohmiller, Jasmine Barczak, Sophia Ernst, Alex Chadwick, Ryan Hetzer, Alex Moening, Owen Heck

1st FPS: Lucie Kiely, Lila Timmerding, Lila Harris, Lucy Kleman

Math: 1st- Grayson Rohmiller; 3rd - Luke Meagher

Science - 2nd Ryan Hetzer; 3rd Peter Holocher; 5th Lucy Bailey

Social Studies - 3rd Owen Heck

Arts and Humanities - 2nd Jasmine Barczak; 5th Lucy Bailey

Language Arts - 2nd Jasmine Barczak; 5th Keira Lucas

Composition - 1st Grayson Rohmiller; 3rd Hannan Dusing; 5th Kate Harris

BSS 1st overall standings.

Teams competing were BSS, Holmes, St. Joseph Crescent Springs, and Beechwood. A big shout out to coaches Mrs. Ingraham, Mr. Ingraham, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Wischer and Mrs. Lubbers.

Parent Club News

SAVE THE DATES!

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 "Night at the Races" The 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>

More details to follow soon!



Parish Office Secretary - St. Augustine Parish in Covington, KY (<u>www.staugustines.net</u>) is seeking to identify qualified, actively practicing Roman Catholic candidates for the part-time (Monday – Friday; 9:00AM – 1:00PM) position of Parish Office Secretary. The responsibilities of this position will include management of the parish calendar and the database of 375 families, sacramental record keeping, tracking of Mass offerings, editing the bulletin, word processing, and telephones. Interested candidates can send a letter of interest, simple resume including references with email addresses, and compensation history to Stephen Koplyay at <u>skoplyay@covdio.org</u>.

We need your help!

During Catholic School's Week, students will be participating in a schoolwide service project. We will be creating "Blessing Bags" for the homeless. We are asking that each student bring in the item listed below, based off of your **last initial**.

If the item could be turned in to your child's homeroom teacher by Friday, January 24, it would be greatly appreciated.

Last initial A-D: socks or gloves (4-6 pack) Last initial E-H: mini sanitizer or lotion (4-6 pack) Last initial I-M: nut free granola bars or beef jerky sticks (4-6 pack) Last initial N-S: travel toothpaste/toothbrushes (4-6 count) Last initial T-Z: individual pack of tissues (4-6 pack)

We are the hands of Christ!



BSS Spring Sports sign ups are now open.

Current sign ups include Soccer, Baseball, and Boys Volleyball,

Visit <u>www.bssboosters.com</u> for more info

Sign ups close in February





Girls on the Run Program Registration opening soon for girls in grades 3-5!!!

Online registration will run from January 27th- February 5th.

The Lottery to pick the team will take place on February 7th.

What is Girls on the Run?

It meets twice a week in small teams, and Girls on the Run teaches life skills through dynamic, interactive lessons and running games. The curriculum is taught by certified Girls on the Run coaches and includes three parts: understanding themselves, valuing relationships and teamwork, and understanding how girls connect with and shape the world at large. This is not a running club. It is a physical activity.

What is the commitment for Girls on the Run?

Girls gather as a team with coaches twice a week; practices will be on Tuesdays and Fridays from 2:45-4:30 beginning February 18 and cumulating on May 9 when all area Girls on the Run teams come together for the GOTR 5K at Paul Brown Stadium.

Because each lesson combines running activities with character development topics and builds upon the previous lesson, **girls must be able to commit to both days per week for the entire season**. With a limited number of spots on each team, please only register your daughter if you both can make this commitment.

More information will be send home to all girls in grades 3-5 next week. Please feel free to contact Brandi Ingram, <u>Brandiingram@icloud.com</u> with any questions.

Recyclables Needed

REDUCE-REUSE-RECYCLE

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
- STYRFOAM PEANUTS (packing material)
- KRAFT PAPER (or other paper used for packing material)
- STYROFOAM EGG CARTONS or VEGGIE TRAYS (18 egg size)
- CEREAL BOXES (Flattened)

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 is scheduled for May 14, 2020. Artwork by each BSS student will be exhibited and honors awarded. Save the date!



It's time to start working on the EIGHTH GRADE SCRAPBOOK!

The original scrapbook will be auctioned off at Evening to Treasure in February and additional printed scrapbooks will be available for purchase at the end of the school year.

Please start collecting photographs for your child's individual page which the students will work on during school in January. Also, please print, label, and send any photographs from throughout your child's years at BSS to the office in an envelope marked "attn.: Annie Ernst". Any unused photographs will be returned to you.

Keep an eye out for more detailed information being emailed soon!

Does Your Child Need Service Hours?



There will be opportunities to earn service hours following Masses on February 1, 2, 15, & 16. It's as simple as asking parishioners if they are interested in supporting our school by purchasing a raffle ticket for Evening to Treasure!

Contact Leeann Smiser (<u>smiserla@gmail.com</u>) before time runs

out!

Challenge Valentine's Babysitting Night



Your kiddos will enjoy a fun evening of gym activities, crafts, movie and snacks under the supervision of parents and students while you enjoy some special time of your own!!

Date: Saturday, February 8th, 2020 Where: Blessed Sacrament Parish Center Time: 6:00-9:00 P.M. Cost: \$10 per child/\$25 per family (pay in person at event) Ages: Children 3-9 yrs. old allowed

To Pre-Register: <u>becraft5@icloud.com</u> Questions: Barb Becraft (317) 508-7553

Proceeds support BSC Challenge Girls Club and their local service projects! Thank you for your support!

Community Events Click to enlarge





Donations Welcome





HOLY CROSS HS OPEN HOUSE WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22ND @ 6:15PM *BEGINS IN CAFETERIA*

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For more information about this event, please contact Robyn Ryan at: robyn.ryan@gmail.com

Centennal Fun Fact

The combined church and school redbrick structure that was constructed in 1920 was designed by Howard McClorey, the same architect for St. Anne Convent in Melbourne, KY.

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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