

BSS NEWSLETTER



Wednesday, January 26, 2021

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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Thursday:  **SPIRITWEAR DAY - (DECADES DAY)**

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

Friday:  **BLUE RIBBON PARADE!**
Wear your Blue Ribbon Shirt to school!

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8:15 - All-School Mass with Bishop Iffert

Monday: **OUT OF UNIFORM - ALL BLUE!**

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2:15-3:15 - MathCounts

Tuesday: **OUT OF UNIFORM - MISMATCH DAY!**

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

Wednesday: **OUT OF UNIFORM - DRESS LIKE PARENTS DAY!**

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8:15 - All-School Mass
2:15-3:15 - Lego Robotics Club (8A)
2:30-3:15 - Homework Buddies

Thursday: **OUT OF UNIFORM - PAJAMA DAY!**

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BLESSING OF THE THROATS
3:30-4:30 - Elementary Quick Recall Match
7:00-7:30 - First Communion Parent Night

Friday: **OUT OF UNIFORM - CATHOLIC SPIRITWEAR DAY!**

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DEADLINE - JillyBeans Valentine Cookie Orders
11:30 - Early Dismissal

↑ CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK! ↓

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

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

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

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Rotini with Meat Sauce, Garlic Breadstick,
Garden Salad, Steamed Broccoli,
Diced Peaches, Frozen Sidekick, Milk

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Lunch TBD

W

Roast Beef with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes,
Dinner Roll, Corn, Pineapple Tidbits,
Fresh Fruit, Milk

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Chicken Nuggets, Mac and Cheese,
Baked Beans, Veggie Boat w/ Dip,
Mandarin Oranges, Fresh Fruit, Milk

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NO LUNCH - EARLY DISMISSAL!!!

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

Good afternoon, parents!

We are gearing up for a week of fun! We are so excited to participate in Catholic Schools' Week (CSW) with our community next week! Next week is, by far, one of our students' favorite celebrations of the year. Our CSW committee has been diligently working to create a special week for our students which celebrates the mission of Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service. You will find this week's detailed agenda below in this newsletter. Please take note of the need for donations for our CSW Day of service.

Below are some reminders:

Registration

- Re-Registration for current families and registration for new families is now open. The online and paper forms [can be found on this page of our website](#) and re-registration papers were sent home with all students earlier this week.

Thursday, 1/27

- Students and staff may celebrate Decades Day by dressing in their favorite era's clothing and accessories. This is a full out-of-uniform day!

Friday, 1/28

- Students may wear their Blue Ribbon shirts with uniform bottoms
 - Bishop Iffert will be officiating Mass at 8:15 to celebrate our Blue Ribbon Award. For crowd control purposes, we ask parents to view the livestream of the Mass ([found here](#)) from home instead of attending this Mass.
 - A school-wide parade will take place later in the day. We will video this and share it with our community!
 - Our students will be treated to Kona Ice for all of their hard work in earning our 4th Blue Ribbon award!

Catholic Schools' Week: 1/29 – 2/4

- The CSW Agenda can be found below in this newsletter. Please read it through and print it out to stay aware of what's taking place next week!

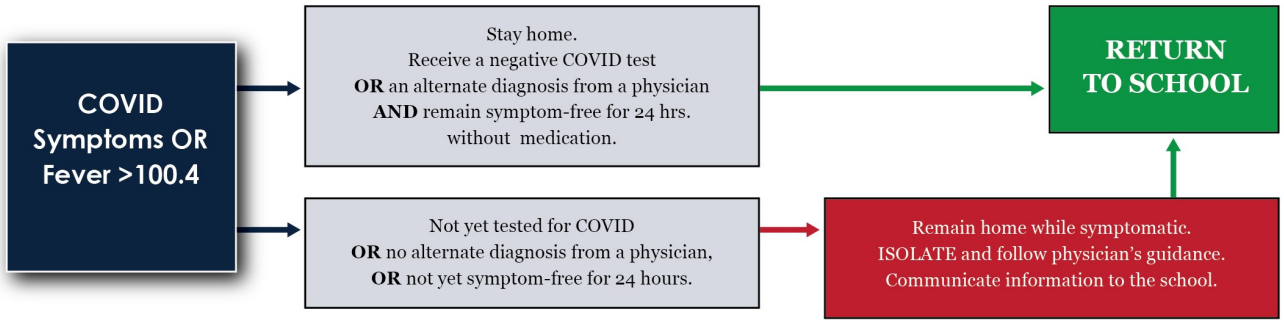
COVID Reporting

- Currently, we have four students quarantined because of a positive case from homerooms 1A, 2C, 4A, & 4C. There is also one staff member out as a result of a positive test.
 - Eight additional students are quarantined as close contacts of a positive case.

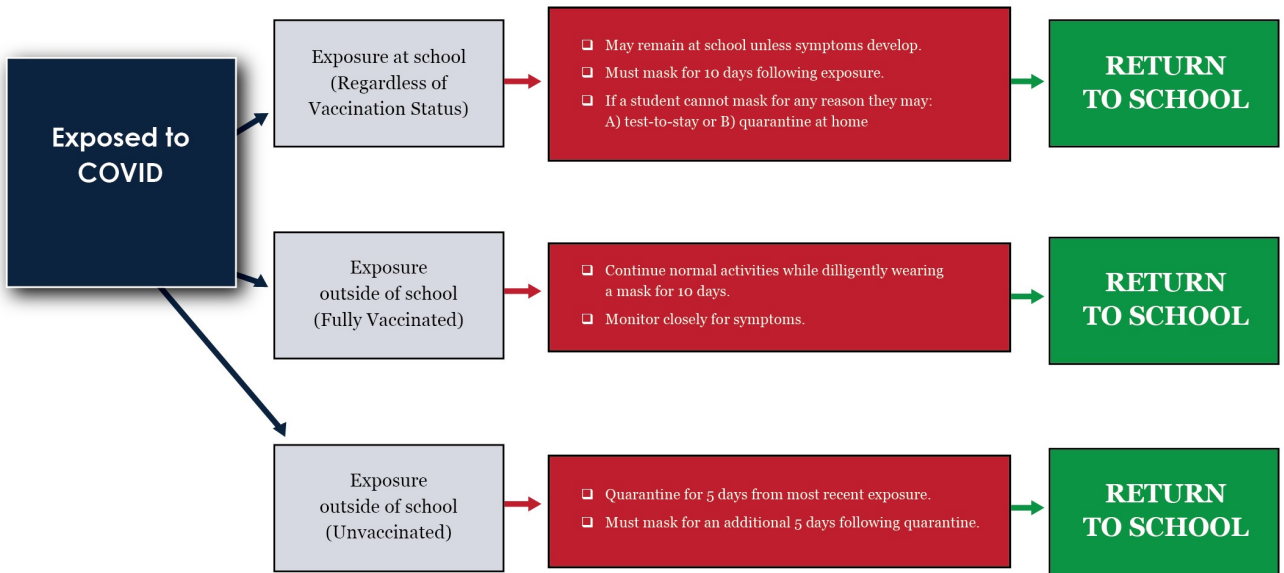
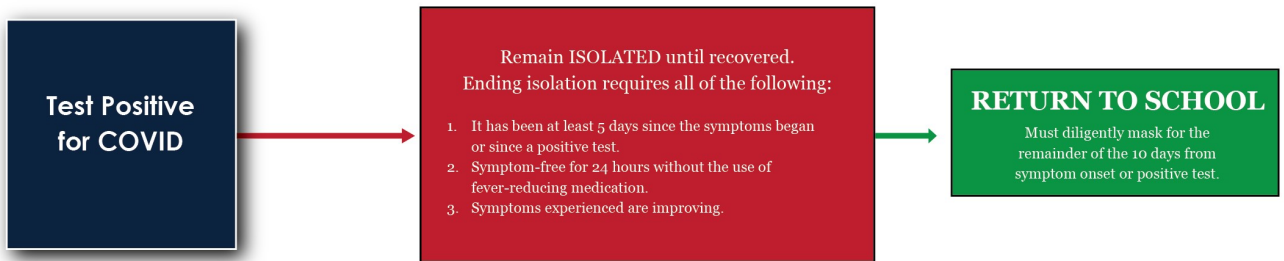
Thank you for celebrating our Catholic School!

Mr. Steffen and Mrs. Geiman



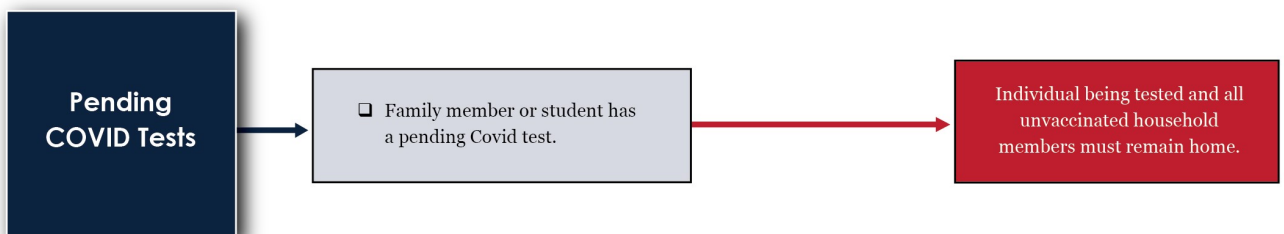


COVID-19 symptoms include: fever (above 100.4°F), chills, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle/body aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea and a new, uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing.



“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.

The CDC now considers those who are **“fully vaccinated”** as having the booster vaccine, completed the 2 dose series of Pfizer or Moderna within the last 6 months, OR completed the J&J vaccine within the last 2 months.



Thumbs Up!

Thumbs Up for Third Grade!

These students were making cards for service workers in our community today! The cards will be delivered as part of our Catholic Schools Week celebration next week!

They also wore their orange and black today to support our Cincinnati Bengals!

WHO DEY!!!

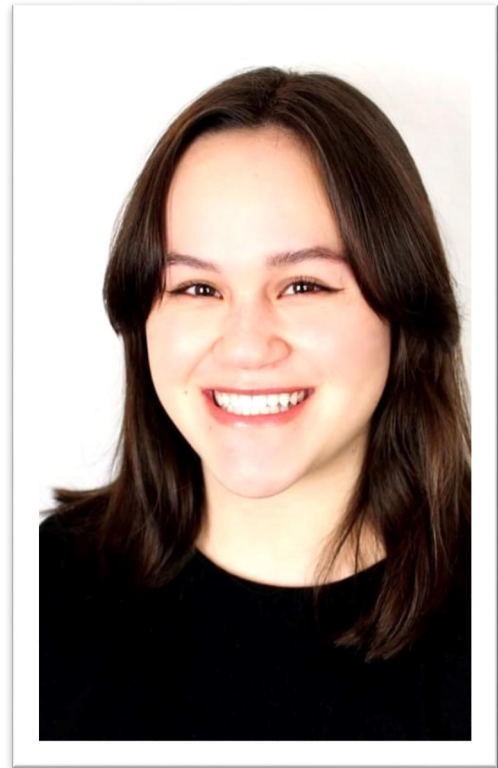


Thumbs Up for Alumni!

CONGRATULATIONS to NDA senior, and BSS alum, Molly, who has advanced to the semifinal round of the Cincinnati Arts Association Overture Awards for Vocal Music.

We are so proud of this accomplishment!

Good luck Molly!



Catholic School Week Parent Agenda Dates: Jan 30th-February 5th



Saturday/Sunday: Celebrate our Parish

- School representatives will be speaking during Masses
- School families will take up the Offertory.

Monday: Celebrate our Faith and Volunteers & BLUE DAY

- Out-of-uniform in all blue for Blue Ribbon - Jeans or sweatpants are okay
- Morning dance party!
- Raffle tickets for teacher-made baskets and the chance to play in the volleyball game sold today for 25 cents each.
- Prayer service in the church at 8:00 AM.
- School wide craft.
- Cards and cookies to our volunteers.
- Sundae bar for students after lunch!

Tuesday: Celebrate Service in our Community & MISMATCH DAY

- Out-of-uniform in all mismatched clothes
- Morning dance party!
- Raffle tickets sold.
- Students make Blessing Bags made for The Ion Center for Violence Prevention.
 - Kindergarten – coloring books and crayons
 - 1st grade – markers, colored pencils, and play dough
 - 2nd grade – sidewalk chalk, fidget type toy, paints
 - 3rd grade – fruit/cereal bars and juice boxes
 - 4th grade – fruit snacks and juice boxes
 - 5th grade – granola bars and small chip bags
 - 6th grade – toothpaste and toothbrushes
 - 7th grade – notebooks, lotion, hand sanitizer
 - 8th grade – brush and ponytail holders

Wednesday: Celebrate our Parents & DRESS AS A PARENT DAY

- Dress as a parent, but remember it is a Mass day.
- Morning dance party!
- Raffle tickets sold.
- Look for a special treat sent home for parents.
- All School Mass at 8:15 AM.
- CSW Mass at Cathedral.
- **No homework today!**

Thursday: Celebrate our Students & PJ Day!

- Out-of-uniform in your favorite PJs
- Morning dance party!
- **LAST DAY FOR RAFFLE TICKET SALES.**
- Movie and pizza in the afternoon. This afternoon snack does not replace lunch. Students bring a drink.
- Pick basket winners in the afternoon!
- **No homework today!**

Friday: Celebrate our Faculty and Staff & CATHOLIC SPIRIT WEAR WITH JEANS/SWEATS

- Out-of-uniform in your favorite Catholic School spirit wear!
- Valet Coffee/Smoothies for the faculty and staff.
- Morning dance party!
- Sweet treat for all students!
- Mr. Thomas will dazzle our K – 3 students with magic shows in the Parish Center.
- Students vs teachers volleyball games.
- Half day - Dismissal at 11:30 with bus service!

Be the WHY

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.

We would like to thank everyone who has already donated to this year's Annual Giving Campaign. The generosity and support of many parish families, in addition to **32%** of our school families, is greatly appreciated.

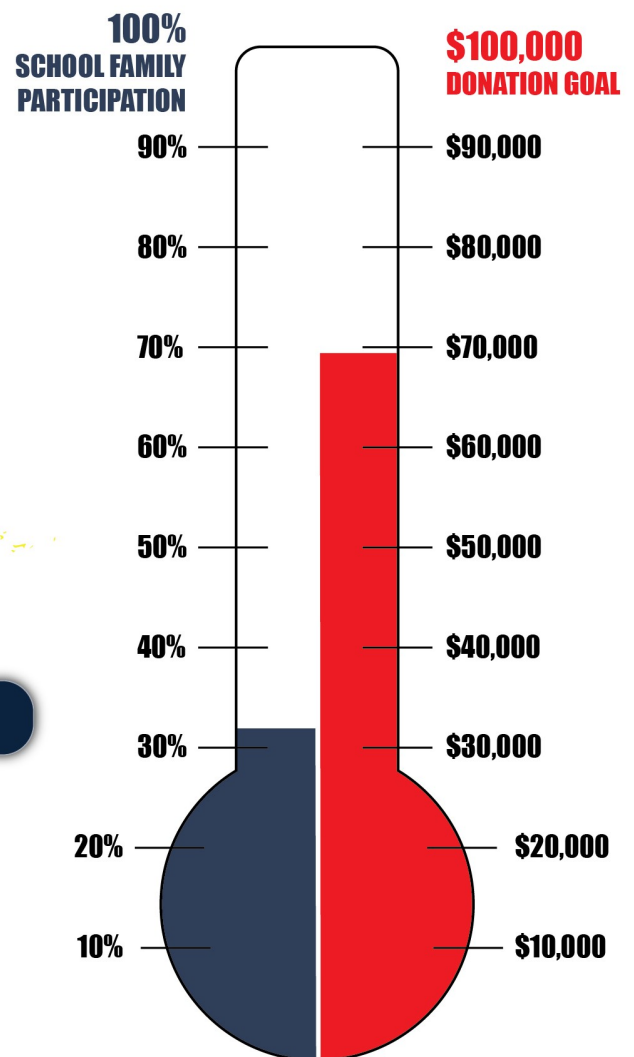
Imagine what we can accomplish with 100% school family participation!

If you have not already contributed, please prayerfully consider making a donation. We would like to challenge the remaining **68%** of school families to each make a donation to help us achieve our financial and participation goals!

[CLICK HERE TO DONATE](#)



BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL
ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN
2021 - 2022



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK SERVICE PROJECT FOR THE ION CENTER FOR VIOLENCE PREVENTION

During Catholic School's Week, we are focusing on Faith, Excellence, and Service.

On Tuesday, February 1st, our students will be putting together "Blessing Bags" for men, women, and children who have been affected by violence in our community.

Please take a look at the following list and see what items your child(ren)'s grade level(s) are asked to donate. Children can do chores around the house to earn money for these items. We would appreciate if you prayerfully consider donating to this service project.

*It would be wonderful if these items could be brought into school by **Friday, January 28th.***

Grades K-2 will be putting together KIDDIE FUN BAGS:

- Kindergarten - coloring books and crayons
- Grade 1 – colored pencils, markers, and play dough
- Grade 2 – fidget type toys, sidewalk chalk, and paints

Grades 3-5 will be putting together SNACK BAGS:

- Grade 3 – fruit/cereal bars and juice boxes
- Grade 4 – fruit snacks and juice boxes
- Grade 5 – granola bars and small chip bags

Grades 6-8 will be putting together SELF CARE WELCOME BAGS:

- Grade 6 - toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Grade 7 – notebooks, lotion, and hand sanitizer
- Grade 8 – brush and ponytail holders

Thanks in advance for your generosity!





Girl Scouts

**ATTENTION KINDERGARTEN 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 and feel free to email photos to
Parents Club at parentsclub@bssky.org.*

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.).*

Info from Boosters

Signups are open for Soccer and Baseball for spring 2022!

Registration can be found at <http://www.bssboosters.com/demosphere-registration-site>

Flag Football Registrations are open!

Register using code **SP22BSS** at

<https://playfanatics.com/youth-sports-2/registration-page/>

The Boosters are looking for the following positions:

- Board Members
- Soccer Directors for U6, U8, U10 and U12-U14,
- Boys Basketball Director
- Girls Basketball Director.

Interested? Please contact Jeff Epplen at epplenj@gmail.com or 859-445-5422.

Parent Club News

**Please join us for an “open” Parent Club meeting
via Zoom Thursday, February 10 at 8PM!**

Come find out what Parent Club is all about
and discuss upcoming opportunities for involvement at BSS.

Submit Topics for discussion and/or questions to be addressed
to parentsclub@bssky.org by Monday Jan 31st.

VALENTINE TREATS FOR SOMEONE SWEET

Jillybeans Sweet Treats

Celebrate Valentine's Day with a sweet treat for your loved ones AND raise money for BSS! Jillybeans Sweet Treats has graciously offered to give 50% of all sales back to Blessed Sacrament Parent Club! **Orders Due Friday February 4th**, sent home on Friday February 11th.



Package A:
\$15 for 12 mini pink and red heart shaped cookies



Package B:
\$12 for 5 piece "you're the coolest" ice cream cone set

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

♥ Online Orders Can be placed at:
<https://bit.ly/3nBTJfq>



♥ Cash or Check payable to: **BSS Parent Club**
(attn: Katie Miller)

Please include this form if paying with cash or check

Package A: _____ x \$15 = _____

Package B: _____ x \$12 = _____

_____ Total Due

Name: _____ Homeroom _____

All cookies will come home individually heat sealed in a box. Cookies are peanut and nut free, but processed in a home that contains peanuts and tree nuts





Artsonia

VALENTINE CARDS

Valentine cards customized with your child's artwork can be purchased through Artsonia, our BSS on-line art gallery!

Artwork with a valentine theme will be posted in 2 – 3 weeks for *1st and 2nd grades*. Students in *other grade levels* can complete valentine-themed artwork at home and upload it or bring the artwork in to be photographed.

The cards (or other Valentine gifts) can be ordered at the Artsonia site through Feb. 6 for arrival by February 14.

A set of 8 cards and envelopes costs \$9.95, with 20% being donated back to the school. Shop the Artsonia Gift Shop: <https://www.artsonia.com/schools/school.asp?id=139726>



Cheers to BSS

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN AND EVENING TO TREASURE IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!

Once again, the Cheers to BSS section will have our bourbon silent auction and raffles! If you have extra libations left over from the holidays or are just looking to donate to Evening to treasure, Cheers to BSS is looking for bourbon, liquor, wine, beer, and seltzer. Any donation would be much appreciated!!

Questions or donations, please call or text Bethany Flick at 859.512.1651 or bethanyflick@hotmail.com. Thank you!!

Photos Needed

Do you have photos of recent school events?

We are collecting photos of students participating in school events from the 2021-2022 school year to use in the slideshow at this year's Evening to Treasure.

Please send photos to Mrs. Bradley at ebradley@bssky.org

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.



Basketball

INTERESTED IN SOME FRIENDLY COMPETITION AND EXERCISE ON THE HARDCOURT?

All parishioners and BSS parents are invited to play basketball on Wednesday nights in the BSS basketball gym.

No commitments required - time of play is dependent on gym usage & weekly participation. A waiver is required for participation.

Contact Chris Pfeiffer for more details at 513-374-6494 or shoot him an email at cpfeiffer@comey.com.



Tuition Assistance

SEEKING LOWER TUITION PAYMENTS??

Parishioners of St. Thomas (POST) is a non-profit group based in St. Thomas Parish, Fort Thomas, that provides opportunities to school families to reduce tuition costs or for parish members to meet personal tithing goals by working Reds and Bengals games. Any family member of a Diocese of Covington parish or school is eligible to participate. Training is necessary.

Currently we are looking for anyone interested in working Reds games. Opening Day is March 31!! For more information, contact Oak Martin at poststthomas@gmail.com.

Info from CCH



CALLING ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL ROBOTICS FANS!

Saturday, January 29th, Covington Catholic High School is hosting its annual robotics tournament. This free event will feature 57 teams from all over the state of Kentucky and the Greater Cincinnati area. We are in need of middle school students to be field resetters for the event. They will have a front row seat and be provided food and service hours. No prior experience is needed.

Volunteer time slots are:

- 8:30 am – 12:00 noon 12:00 noon – 4:00 pm

Check out our Signup Genius page in the **Field Assistant** category:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508044AAFA629A4FB6-january>

P&G CoRE CovCath Colonel Classic Robotics Tournament

Saturday, January 29, 2022

9:00am-4:00pm

Covington Catholic School Gym

Spectators are welcome; the event is free and open to the public.

For more information, please contact Mr. Bob Lind at blind@covcath.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

Spare Change - Spare a Life

Care Net Pregnancy Service of NKY

Baby Bottle Campaign

Take home a baby bottle from church.

Fill it with checks, dollars, or coins.

Return by February 5th/6th.

Care Net offers compassion and resources to women and men faced with unplanned pregnancies. Pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, as well as mentoring and material support help clients gain the knowledge and confidence they need to make life-affirming decisions.



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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