

# BSS NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, January 27, 2021



## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

**Thursday:** SPIRITWEAR DAY - DECADES DAY! 

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**Friday:** 8:15 - 9:15 - mass (KB, 3, 4)  
9:00 - 10:00 - Bishop's Right to Life Mass (grades 5-8)  
link can be found online at <https://covcathedral.com/>

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**Monday:** Catholic Schools Week: Mismatch Monday  
Dress in mismatch clothes, socks, shoes, etc.!

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**Tuesday:** Catholic Schools Week: Day of Service/  
Vocation Tuesday  
Wear your Catholic School gear with jeans or sweats!

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**Wednesday:** Catholic Schools Week: Parent Appreciation  
BSS Spirit Wear Day! NO HOMEWORK!!!  
10:00 - 11:00 - Bishop's Catholic Schools Week Mass  
link can be found online at <https://covcathedral.com/>

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**Thursday:** Catholic Schools Week: Student Appreciation  
Crazy Hair Day/Pajama Day! NO HOMEWORK!!!  
6:00 - 7:00 - First Communion Parent Night  
(PARENTS ONLY, in church)

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**Friday:** Catholic Schools Week: Administration,  
Faculty, and Staff Appreciation  
Dress like a teacher today!

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**EARLY DISMISSAL AT 11:30!**

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!**

## WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

**Th** Chicken Nuggets, Mac and Cheese,  
Baked Beans, Veggie Boat, Mandarin Oranges,  
Fresh Fruit, Milk

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

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NO LUNCH - EARLY DISMISSAL

**FEBRUARY  
LUNCH MENU  
COMING SOON!**

## 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

Happy Wednesday, Parents!

As we near the end of January, we continue to be very grateful for your unceasing support of our school community! We are reminded on an everyday basis how fortunate we are to have our BSS village. Your words of encouragement, prospective parent referrals, financial donations, volunteer hours, and surprise treats have continued to give us motivation! Thank you.

Please read below for some updates:

## A.) Valentine's Day

- a. We plan on having parties for our students on 2/12. Mr. Steffen and Mrs. Geiman will finalize details with Parents' Club. Volunteers will not be needed or permitted.
- b. After consideration, we are allowing students to bring in Valentines for their classmates. We are asking students to bring in a bag/box for the collection of Valentines as well as their Valentines cards by Tuesday, 2/9. This way, the valentines will sit for at least 72 hours before teachers distribute them to the students. If any candy is included with Valentines, ensure it is pre-packaged, not homemade, and peanut free. Thank you!

## B.) Updated COVID Reporting

- a. 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. Thank you for your understanding.
- b. Our quarantines continue to decrease each week thanks to your efforts and diligence as well as the protocols in place here at BSS! Currently, 42 students are quarantined. 3 students are quarantined because of a positive test. The remainder are quarantined because of travel or as a close contact.

## C.) Car Line

- a. It is important that all families adhere to the written car line procedures.  
[The document detailing these procedures can be found here.](#) Two specific reminders:
  - i. As you enter the lot from Dixie Highway stay in a single file line along the edge of the parking lot until you reach the point where the lines divide (Point C in the linked document). At that point (as long as it is after 7:05), you may choose to go left up the church driveway or straight up the back lot. When cars cut across the bottom lot, it increases the risk of a collision between a car following protocol and those crossing the lot (not following protocol).
  - ii. Unless you have direct permission from the school, no cars should be dropping students off in the front school lot in the morning. Our walkers use that lot every morning and when it's dark/dim, it is extremely dangerous to have cars moving around in that lot. Follow the regular car line procedures as detailed in the document linked above. Thanks for helping keep everyone safe and following the procedures.

## D.) Catholic Schools' Week

- a. The kickoff to Catholic Schools' Week is this weekend, and the celebration runs through next Friday. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to see the CSW agenda for an overview of this fun and exciting week! Thank you to our CSW committee as well as our parent volunteers for their hard work planning this annual celebration of Catholic Schools and all that makes them so wonderful: our students, staff, community, and faith!

Thank you for your continued partnership. God bless!

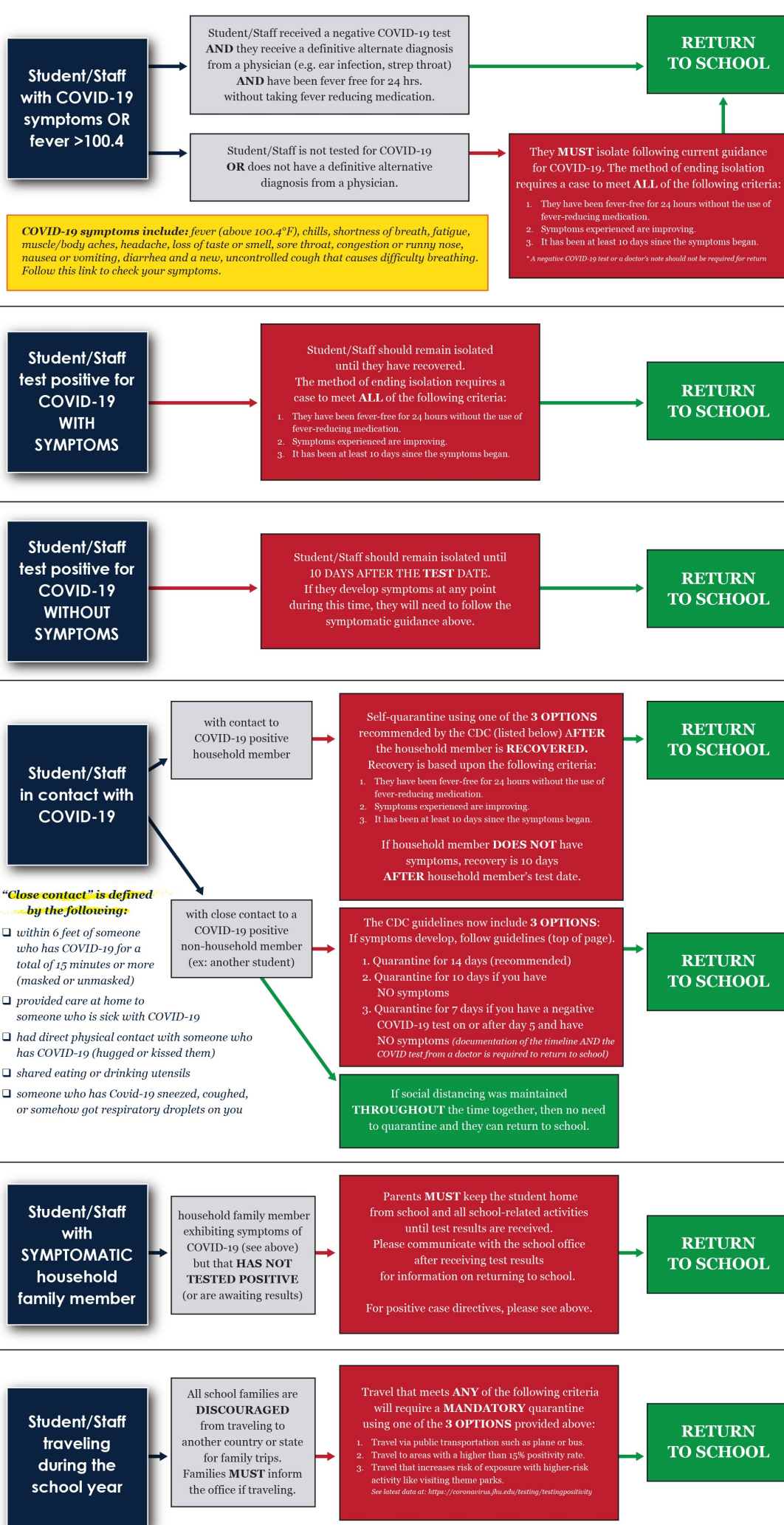
Mr. Steffen and Mrs. Geiman





# BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL Covid-19 Response Chart for Students/Staff (updated 1/26/2021)

information subject to change.







Congratulations to these BSS 8th graders and Future Colonels, who both received merit scholarships to Covington Catholic High School.

These academic scholarships are based on High School Placement Test scores.

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



**LOGAN**



**PETER**





# Thumbs Up!



**XAVIER**



**ASHLEY**

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# Giving

CAMPAIGN  
2020-2021

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 **\$86,827** in donations!

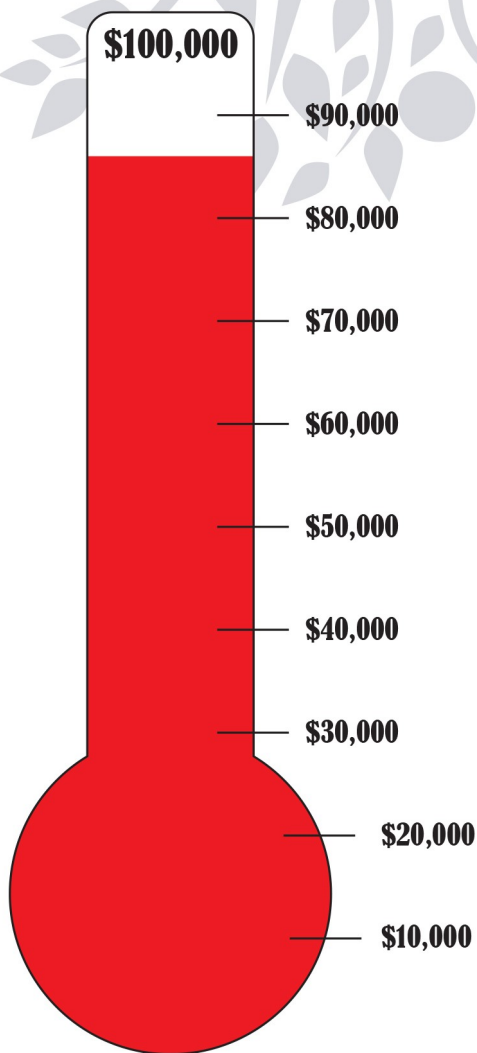
Please help us reach our \$100,000 goal!

At this time, approximately **32%** 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!

[CLICK HERE](#)

*if you would like to make a donation*



*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**





**CELEBRATE  
CATHOLIC  
SCHOOLS  
WEEK 2021**  
January 31 - February 6

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

# Service/Vocation Day

### FEBRUARY 2ND

Students are asked to bring a small cash donation for liturgical worship banners and/or canned goods to support our parish pantry on Tuesday, February 2nd.

St. Vincent de Paul- Parish Pantry is in need of specific items.  
Please see the following grade level list:

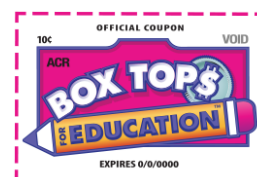
<b>Kindergarten</b>	.....	Toothpaste
<b>Grade 1</b>	.....	Hand Soap
<b>Grade 2</b>	.....	Mac & Cheese
<b>Grade 3</b>	.....	Chef Boyardee
<b>Grade 4</b>	.....	Chunky Soups
<b>Grade 5</b>	.....	Peanut Butter
<b>Grade 6</b>	.....	Jelly (small jars)
<b>Grade 7</b>	.....	Cereal
<b>Grade 8</b>	.....	Toilet Paper

Students will be making cards in class to pass out to families receiving aid, and will view a talk from our volunteers to understand how their donations are making a difference.

At church they will have a special opportunity to hear the vocation stories of our priests, Father Aidoo and Father Hils.

# 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](http://mybuddycard.com)**

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

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for the Buddy Card order form *(pay by cash or check made out to BSS Parent Club)*

Please [CLICK HERE](#) 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)*



# Parent Club News



If you ordered a cookbook and haven't received it yet, please email Tracie Edwards ([tracie.edwards1@gmail.com](mailto:tracie.edwards1@gmail.com)).

Also, if anyone would like to purchase a BSS cookbook, Parent Club still has 10 left in the office! Cookbooks are \$25.

Checks can be made out to:  
BSS Parent Club.

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**Are you tired of losing your  
BSS magnet in the carwash?  
Well, we have a solution for you!**

To support our school spirit, please consider purchasing a BSS EAGLE CAR DECAL!

Car decals are \$5. Cash or check  
(Make check out to: BSS Parent Club)



# Baseball

A close-up photograph of a baseball with red stitching resting on a patch of brown dirt and white chalk.

**Registration for Spring baseball is now open!**

Please visit <http://www.bssboosters.com/demosphere-registration-site> for registration information.

BSS boosters are also looking for a Baseball Director.  
Please contact Jeff Epplen at [epplenj@gmail.com](mailto:epplenj@gmail.com)  
if interested in applying, or for more information.

# Soccer

A close-up photograph of a black and white soccer ball on a green grassy field.

**Registration for Spring soccer is now open!**

Please visit <http://www.bssboosters.com/demosphere-registration-site> for registration information.



# DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE... REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!

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

## *Evening to Treasure* RACE TO THE FINISH

VIRTUAL EVENT

FEBRUARY 27, 2021, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

EMCEE - BIG DAVE FROM B-105

Follow us at [www.facebook.com/2021E2T](https://www.facebook.com/2021E2T).



[CLICK HERE FOR EVENT INFORMATION, REGISTRATION, AND ONLINE BIDDING!](#)

# Cheers to BSS

Hello BSS families!

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, as well as four amazing 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, beer, and seltzer. Any donation would be greatly appreciated!!

Click [HERE](#), or click one of the photos below, to purchase your tickets today for these four awesome Cheers to BSS raffles!



## **Van Winkle Special Reserve**

*Van Winkle Special Reserve 12-year, Blanton's Single Barrel and E.H. Taylor Small Batch!*



## **Buffalo Trace Collection**

*8 bottles of Buffalo Trace bourbon including Elmer T. Lee, Blanton's, Weller and more!*



## **Wine Down Wednesday**

*52 bottles of wine!*



## **Year of Beer & Seltzer**

*365 beers/seltzers!*

Questions or donations, please call or text Bethany Flick at 859.512.1651 or [bethanyflick@hotmail.com](mailto:bethanyflick@hotmail.com).

Thank you!!



A graphic featuring a white rectangular box with a black border, containing the center's name and address. The background of the graphic is a photograph of a green lawn and trees.

# *Julie Learning Center*

1601 Dixie Highway  
Park Hills, KY 41011

(859) 392-8231

## **Julie Learning Center now enrolling for 2021/2022**

Are you looking for a faith based pre-school and enrichment program for your 4 or 5 year old child? Julie Learning Center is conveniently located on the campus of St. Joseph Heights, Park Hills, and includes programs with a focus on academic preparedness, as well as nature studies, socialization, intergenerational learning, and engaging, brain based activities.

The center is open from 7am until 5:45 pm, and is located close to the Ft. Wright business district and downtown Cincinnati.

Due to Covid restrictions, tours are currently unavailable, but you may visit our Facebook page to see our students engaged in their daily activities. Visit our web site at [www.julielearningcenter.com](http://www.julielearningcenter.com) to make contact or call 859-392-8231 for more information.

Teachers employed in the Covington Diocesan schools receive a discount on JLC tuition.

# Community Events

 GRIFFIN ELITE X IGNITION APG  
700 DOLWICK DR. ERLANGER, KY 41018  
(859) 331-0979 

## MIDDLE SCHOOL BURST TRAINING

Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
3:00pm-4:00pm

The Ignition Burst Training program specifically focuses on developing athletic foundations in the areas of speed, agility, quickness and power. It is centered on learning proper mechanics and increasing the athlete's capacity to meet the demands of their sport.

### PRICING

Single Session: \$20  
5 Sessions: \$100  
10 Sessions: \$150



REGISTER THROUGH THE GRIFFIN ELITE APP!

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(859) 331-0979 

## ATHLETIC DEVELOPMENT

Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
4:00pm-5:00pm

Created for our youth athletes, the Athletic Development Training program teaches the foundations of performance training. Built for athletes grades 3-5, our ADT class serves as an introduction to strength and conditioning. By integrating constructive games and drills through body weight techniques we are able to teach proper mechanics in the developmental stages before bad habits are formed.

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DONATE NEW OR  
GENTLY USED  
COATS

DROP OFF  
DONATIONS AT  
OUR THRIFT  
STORES:  
ERLANGER  
FLORENCE  
FALMOUTH

ADDITIONAL DROP OFF  
LOCATIONS CAN BE  
FOUND AT  
[WWW.SVDPNKY.ORG](http://WWW.SVDPNKY.ORG)

HELP KEEP YOUR  
NKY NEIGHBORS IN  
NEED WARM THIS  
WINTER SEASON.



## Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Adopt a Highway Poster Contest



(please click for details)



# 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 [HERE](#)
- ☐ Our current arrival and dismissal procedures can be found [HERE](#) in the handbook (see page 28)
- ☐ Please make sure that snacks and lunches 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.
- ☐ 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.
- ☐ 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.)

## Check us out on Social Media



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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.