

# BSS NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, February 3, 2021



## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

**Thursday:**

**4**

**Catholic Schools Week: Student Appreciation**  
*Crazy Hair Day/Pajama Day! NO HOMEWORK!!!*

**6:00 - 7:00** - First Communion Parent Night  
(PARENTS ONLY, in church)

**Friday:**

**5**

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

**EARLY DISMISSAL AT 11:30!**

**Monday:**

**8**

**Tuesday:**

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**DEADLINE FOR SENDING VALENTINES!**  
*(please see page 2 for more information)*

**Wednesday:** 8:15 - Mass (KA, 7, 8)

**10**

**Thursday:**

**11**

**SPIRITWEAR DAY - VALENTINE'S DAY! ♥**  
*(wear pink or red shirt/accessories with uniform)*

**Friday:**

**12**

**8:15** - Mass (KB, 3, 4)

**Valentine's Day Homeroom Parties**

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!

## WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

**Th**

Confetti Pancakes, Sausage Links,  
Smile Fries, Veggie Boat, Baked Apples,  
Fresh Fruit, Milk

**F**

Pizza Crunchers, Marinara Sauce,  
Green Beans, Garden Salad, Mandarin  
Oranges, Fresh Fruit, Milk

**M**

Chicken Tenders, Roasted Potatoes,  
Green Beans, Diced Peaches, Frozen Sidekick,  
Fresh Fruit, Milk

**T**

Beef Taco with Queso, Salsa, Sour Cream,  
Corn, Black Beans, Diced Pears, Fresh Fruit,  
Milk

**W**

Chicken Drumstick with Dinner Roll,  
Mashed Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Pineapple  
Tidbits, Fresh Fruit, Milk

**Th**

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

**F**

French Toast, Scrambled Eggs, Salsa,  
Veggie Boat, Baked Apples, 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

Hi, Parents!

Happy Wednesday! So far, this Catholic Schools' Week, we had mismatch Monday and wrote letters to all of those special individuals whom enrich our community so much, students heard Father's vocational story and contributed items to our Parish Pantry (which was a massive success!), we have sold/are selling tickets for chances to win the raffle baskets assembled by staff and the money raised will be donated to a charitable cause, and, today, we are showing our BSS pride and appreciating the most special people in our lives: our parents. We not only created cards of thanks for our parents because they help us bloom where we are planted but also gave them the gift of no homework tonight! To wrap up the week, we will have crazy hair and pajama day tomorrow for student appreciation. Students in K-4 will also be dazzled by the magic of Mr. Thomas and have a pizza snack and a movie! Finally, to conclude the week, students will dress like a teacher on Friday, play intercom Saint bingo, we will raffle off our baskets, and students will have an early dismissal at 11:30!

It is truly a blessing and a gift to have the opportunity to work at or attend a Catholic school. The sacrifice that our families make to have students here is not lost on us, and we thank you so much for your decision to support our community and your child's future by sending them to BSS.

Read on for updates.

## ❑ Updated COVID Reporting

- Currently, there are 28 students quarantined. Six of those students have tested positive. The remainder are a result of close contact or travel.
- Our numbers mirror the state and national trend where case numbers are dropping. We are so thankful for everyone working with us to continue to work through the situation and prevent the spread [when](#) possible. Thank you.

## ❑ Valentines

- Students are allowed 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.

## ❑ Education Opportunity Accounts

- Education Opportunity Accounts utilize voluntary, private donations of citizens to award needs-based funding to eligible families to provide them with educational opportunities that they may not otherwise have. Funding can be tailored to a student's specific needs and used for K-12 public and non-public school tuition and fees, online learning programs, tutoring services, therapy programs, transportation to and from school, and more.
- House Bill 149 (Education Opportunity Accounts) is on the move! Please call 1-800-372-7181 for the state legislative message line and the operator will leave a message for your State Representative based on your home address. You can also email by clicking [here](#). Ask your State Representative to make sure HB 149 is passed out of committee as soon as possible and that they vote for the bill when it reaches the House floor. Families are depending on them to bring educational choice to Kentucky!

## ❑ Lunch Program & Title Funds

- Our school benefits from families who apply, qualify, and accept free/reduced lunch benefits. Schools receive Title I funding (state funding) based on our free/reduced lunch numbers and it appears that this data will also be used to determine funding from the most recent Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSA Act). To apply for these benefits for this current year, please go to the Diocese of Covington website (<https://covdio.org/schools/school-food-services/>) and complete an online or paper application. If you have any questions, please contact the school office or the School Food Services director, Jackie Kaiser, at the Diocese of Covington.

## ❑ Registration is Now Open!

- Just a reminder that [enrollment](#) for the 2021 - 2022 school year is now open! Please spread the word! Click [here](#) to view our promotional video.

## ❑ Vaccination

- We are so thankful to the Diocese for facilitating the vaccination of all school personnel in the Diocese. Our school staff received our first of two doses this past Saturday!

As always, we appreciate your partnership. Especially this week, Catholic Schools' Week, we thank you for your support of our school and community.

God Bless,

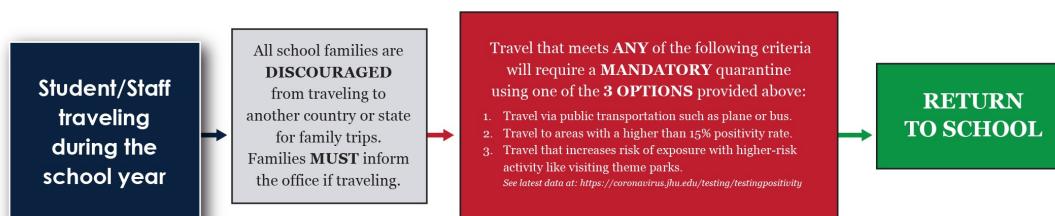
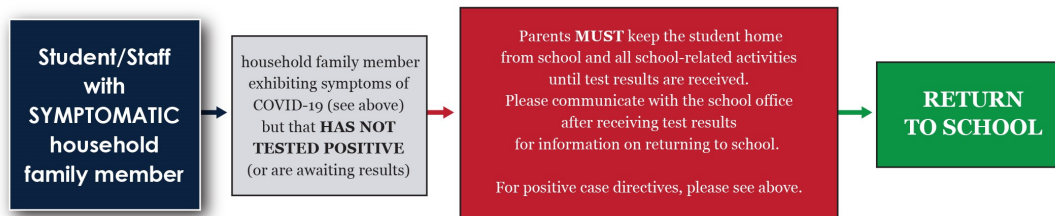
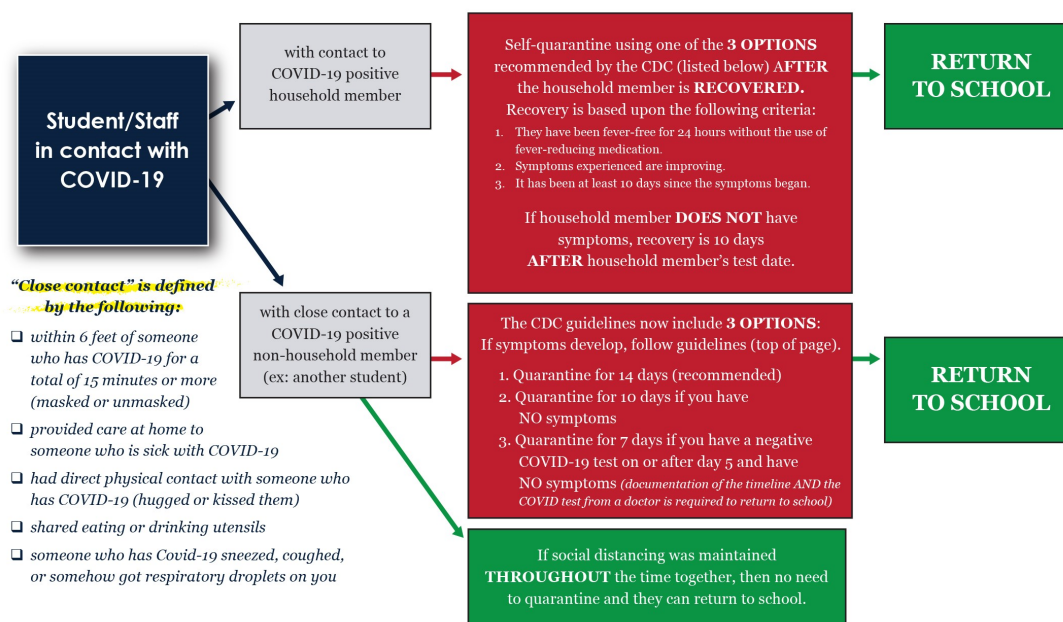
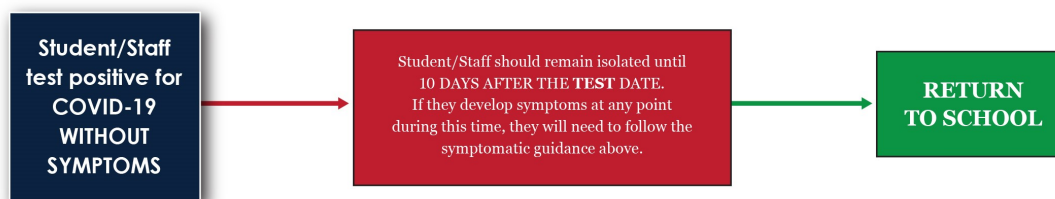
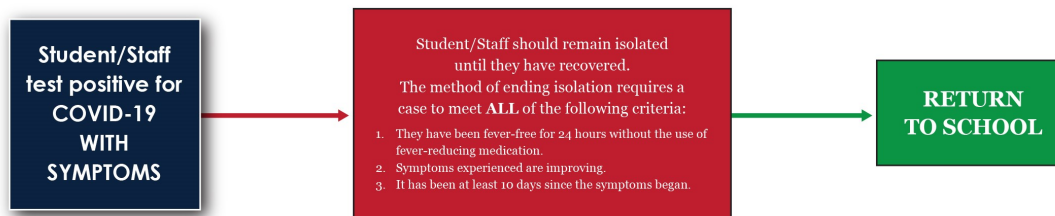
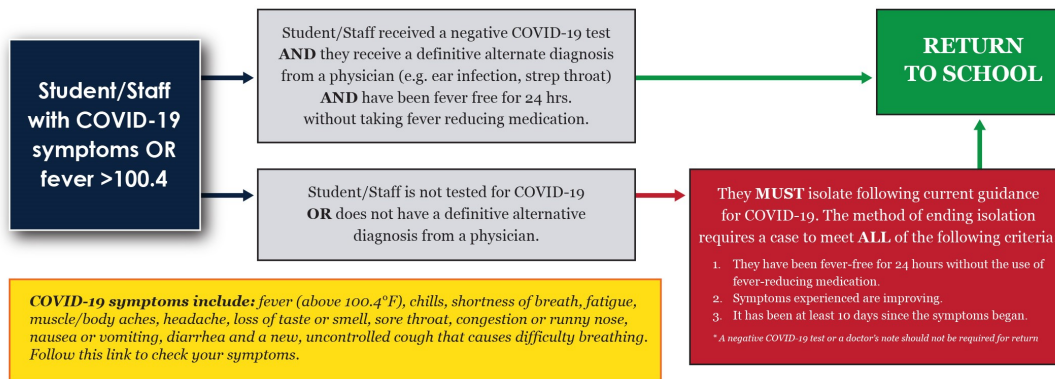
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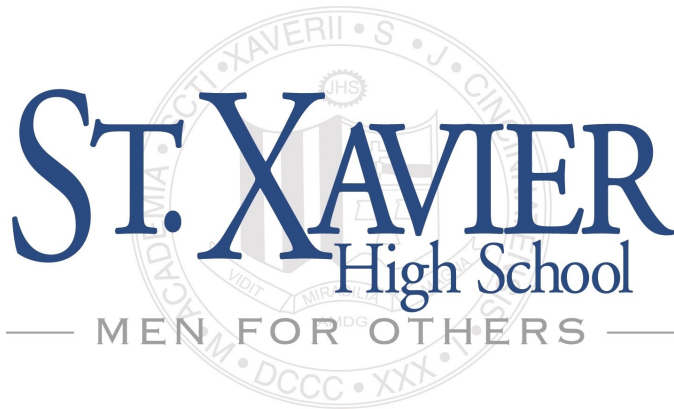


# BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL Covid-19 Response Chart for Students/Staff (updated 1/26/2021)

information subject to change.



# Thumbs Up!



**NOAH**

Congratulations to Noah who received a Class of 2025 Xcellence Award to St. Xavier High School.

It comes with a tuition award and was based on an essay that he wrote as well as an in-person interview.

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





# Thumbs Up!



CONGRATULATIONS to these BSS 8th graders for their accomplishments in last weekend's Middle School Governor's Cup Regional Tournament. They will both move on to the State Competition in March!

**Peter Holocher** - 2nd place: Science  
- 5th place: Social Studies

**JT Houston** - 4th place : Arts and Humanities

Well done Peter and JT! We are very proud of both of you and wish you good luck at State!!!





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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 **\$87,378** in donations!

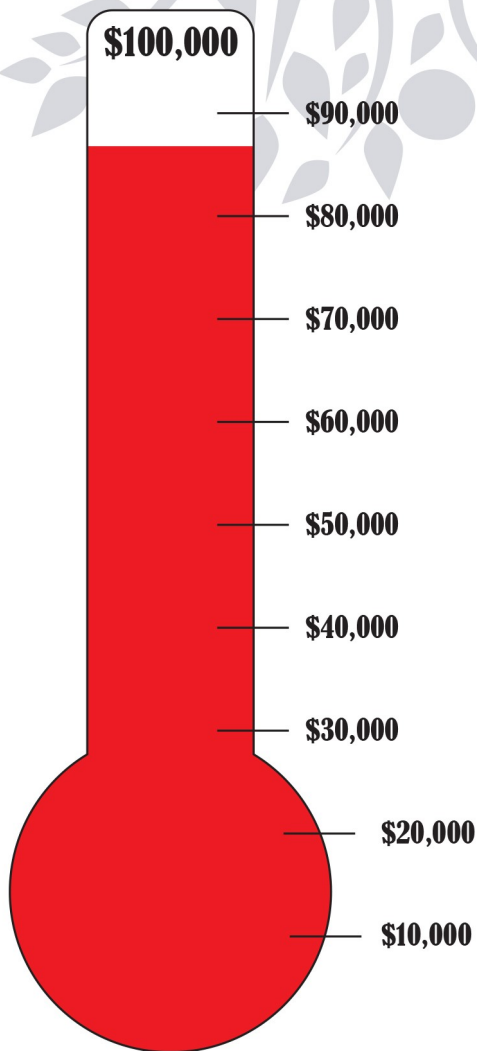
Please help us reach our \$100,000 goal!

At this time, approximately **34%** 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.*

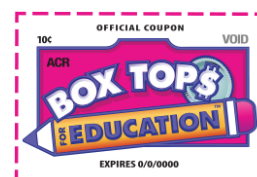
*The dollars generated by this campaign do not disappear into the ether; they go directly back into the school to improve it within the next year.*

**TODAY'S DONATIONS ARE HELPING SHAPE TOMORROW'S LEADERS**



# 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)







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# Baseball

A close-up photograph of a white 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 resting 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!](#)

# Evening to Treasure

RACE TO THE FINISH



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### Bronze



Scott & MaryEllen Farrell



Dr. & Mrs. Rob and Anita Wagner





# 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 with a white rectangular box containing the center's name and address, set against a background of a green landscape with 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!

 GRIFFIN ELITE X IGNITION APG  
700 DOLWICK DR. ERLANGER, KY 41018  
(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.

### **PRICING**

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



REGISTER THROUGH THE GRIFFIN ELITE APP!

# 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.)

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is to spiritually, academically, and personally develop active Catholics  
using the Gospel teachings of Jesus Christ.