## **BSS NEWSLETTER**

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#### Wednesday, March 29, 2023

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CALENDAR

Thursday: SPIRITWEAR DAY - CINCINNATI REDS GEAR! Sixth Grade Viking Day 30 After School-3:30 - Music Share Day (Music Room) 2:15-3:30 - Mozart Strings (Parish Center) 8:15 - Mass (grades k-4) Friday: 1:00 - First Grade Way of the Cross (Church) 5:30 - First Grade Way of the Cross (Church) family pizza party immediately following (Parish Center/Cafeteria) 5:30-8:30 - Lenten Food Truck Friday (Undercroft) Monday: NO BUS SERVICE! 9:00 - 8th Grade Cincinnati Reds Field Trip! 2:30-3:30 - Children's Choir rehearsal (grades 5-8) **TUESDAY: NO BUS SERVICE!** 2:15-3:30 - Children's Choir Rehearsal (grade 4) Wednesday: NO BUS SERVICE! 8:15 - All School Mass 5 Thursday: NO SCHOOL - HOLY THURSDAY 7:00 - Mass of the Lord's Supper (church) **NO SCHOOL - GOOD FRIDAY** Friday: 12:00 - Way of the Cross (church) **3:00** - Good Friday Service (church) 6:00 - Way of the Cross (church)

6:30 - Confession (church)



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SERVICE

We would love to see all of our school families at mass this weekend!

Saturday - 4:00 pm

Sunday - 9:00 and 11:00 am

Dear Families and Friends,

I know we are all heartbroken by recent events in Nashville, Tennessee. Of course, when we hear and read about these events, we think of our children and their safety. Please know that safety is a priority at Blessed Sacrament School. School safety is everyone's responsibility. Chief Nader (Fort Mitchell) and Sergeant Shrand came to visit yesterday and talked with some of our students in their classrooms. Chief Nader came earlier in the year as well to introduce himself and get a tour of our building. When students are in their classrooms, the doors are locked. We have cameras throughout the building and grounds. We lock the church doors when students are at mass. This year, SRO (Student Resource Officer), Ted Edgington, conducted a walk-through of our building. He made suggestions for safety improvement.

One suggestion was to add an extra layer of protection by adding the eye hooks and ratchets to reinforce our locked doors. We have implemented that suggestion and were awarded a grant from the Northern Kentucky Health Department to cover the cost.

The Diocese of Covington has also been focusing on safety through professional development on threat assessment for principals and others. We protect our students by caring for them and monitoring them. We receive alerts through "Bark" and monitor their activity online while at school through Go Guardian. We are blessed to have a school counselor, Mrs. Gastright, who works with students to support them through challenges in their lives. We have a school nurse who also takes care of our students, and provides guidance for our staff.

Lastly, we conduct monthly drills and have already had three lockdown drills this year. Mr. Edgington is coming to our faculty in-service to review active school shooter training. We are always working on protecting our students: hearts, minds, bodies, and souls. Please know we love them too.

Blessings,

Mrs. Aideen Briggs Principal, Blessed Sacrament School

"One of the main tasks of theology is to find words that do not divide but unite, that do not create conflict but unity, that do not hurt but heal." – Henri Nouwen

Did You Know...

...that I got a text from another principal "singing the praises" of our choir members who gave of their time and talent by performing at the Catholic Diocese Dinner this week? We are so grateful to these students sharing their talent with us at weekly mass as well as in the community.



#### BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL

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Welcome to Preschool

#### AT BLESSED SACRAMENT

Us a part of being "all in," we are expanding our elementary school to include preschool in the fall of 2023! We are eager to serve more families and students through a Catholic-based program in which students will be developed spiritually, academically, and personally using the Gospel teachings of Jesus Christ.

#### Our preschool students :

- Must be three years old by January 1, 2023
- Must be potty-trained

#### Two classes of up to 18 students

State-certified lead teachers and full time aide

#### Our curriculum will include:

Direct instruction in religion, reading, writing, mathematics, science, music, art, Spanish, PE, unplugged STEM, and social-emotional learning. Children will have opportunities for hands-on learning, sensory and dramatic play, play time, and peer interaction.

#### Blessed Sacrament Preschool schedule:

- Preference given to full-time students.
- □ Five days per week, 7:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.
- □ Half-day and 2-4 days per week.
- □ Mirrors the K-8 BSS calendar.

#### Please contact us for more information:

Director: Clair Davenport (cdavenport@bssky.org)
 Principal: Aideen Briggs (abriggs@bssky.org)

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## **Thumbs Up!**



#### THUMBS WAAAAAAY UP for the cast and crew of High School Musical Junior!

Mrs. Weber put together a fantastic show, and our students were amazing at all of their <u>SOLD OUT</u> performances! Thank you to everyone who helped to make this production a success, especially Mrs. Caite and Kitten Schreiver and family, Mrs. Erin Woods, Mrs. Shannon Kurtzner, Mrs. Krallman, the Berry family, the Shuff family, the Ketterer family, and the Lee family. We were ALL IN THIS TOGETHER and couldn't have done it without your help!

We would like to give a special shout out to Mr. Greg Lee and Mrs. Casey Lee for their help with sound and lighting! Please click the following links for their information: <u>Greg Lee Entertainment</u> <u>ShowStoppers Talent Agency</u>

## **Thumbs Up!**

#### **THUMBS UP FOR BSS GYMNASTS!**



Isabella, a third grade student at BSS, is The Ohio State Champion under the USA Gymnastics Association for Vault, Bars, Floor and All Around in her age division!





Emma, a sixth grade student at BSS, is the Ohio State Champion under the USA Gymnastics Association for Vault, Beam, and All Around in her age division!



#### REMINDER!! Music Share Day is TOMORROW, March 30th (after school - 3:30 PM in Music Room)

Any student currently studying privately for voice and/or other instruments are invited to share a song they are working on in their lessons. \*Also open to students who just enjoy listening to music

Students will stay after school to share their musical "gifts" with Mrs. Weber and school mates. All levels are invited. \* A snack will be provided and we will all participate in a final piece together! <u>Students must have permission slip to attend.</u>

#### Click here for the Music Share Permission Slip

Questions? Contact Mrs. Meghan Weber at <u>mweber@bssky.org</u>





Development Committee's Wish List fulfillment continued last week with deliveries to the Music Room! "Here are some pics of fun "Musical Toys" in action. I'm so grateful for all the support to the music program!!"

-Meghan Weber, BSS Music Teacher





#### Please join the Blessed Sacrament community for

## FINE ARTS DAY

Sunday, April 23, 2023

#### We are celebrating the arts in a BIG way this year!

 - Vocal Arts performances at Sunday mass
 - Visual Arts displays throughout our school building
 - Instrumental and Performing Arts featured in the Music Room and Gymnasium

#### **Schedule of Events:**

11:00-12:00 - Mass in Blessed Sacrament Church, featuring the BSS Children's Choir
12:00-12:30 - Gather with fellow parishioners for Coffee and Donuts in the Undercroft
12:30-2:00 - View student art displays and performances at Fine Arts Day in the School Building





#### **EVENING TO TREASURE IS OVER, BUT THE FUN HAS JUST BEGUN!**



Don't forget that you can still donate to Fund-the-Need for our bathroom upgrades, purchase tickets to our amazing group parties (first party is Cincinnati Cyclones BSS Spirit Night this Friday March 31!), and sign your kids up for the annual free throw contest!

Don't miss out on the fun!

**CLICK HERE TO DONATE** 

#### How to order Summer Solutions Workbooks



#### Go to: www.SummerSolutions.net

Books are \$16.99 including shipping to your home.

#### Promo Code: T0P2023



Get a discount when you **order 3 or more workbooks** and use the promo code. The earlier you order the more you save!

- January 1, 2023 April 16, 2023 = 15% off.
- April 17, 2023 May 31, 2023 = 10% off.
- June 1, 2023 December 31, 2023 = 5% off.



#### Know what to order!

Be sure to order the level of the book that your child is in during the 2022/2023 school year!

We recommend you order the "standards" version of the workbook.

#### Bounce into next school year with confidence!

Just a little bit of review over the summer will keep your child's skills fresh. Completing three lessons a week over summer vacation ensure readiness for school next fall.



PARENTSCLUB@BSSKY.ORG

## Parents' Club News

Interested in joining Parent's Club? We are looking for new members to join for the 2023-24 school year! Email us at <u>parentsclub@bssky.org</u> and let us know your interest!!

"Many hands make light work" - John Heywood

#### LENTEN FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS AT BSS! 5:30-8:30 PM @ The Undercroft



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\$1 Split the Pot (Cash only) \$2 Beer & Seltzers \$3 High Noons \$1 waters and soft drinks You are welcome to BYOB as well! Food Service 5:30-7:30 PM

Click <u>HERE</u> to sign up to help on March 31st

Father Daughter pictures can be viewed at kracherphotography.com Click BSS link, Password: eagles



1st Grade Pizza Party Following Stations of the Cross is THIS FRIDAY March 31st in the Parish Center & Cafeteria! See link below to order....TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO PLACE YOUR ORDER! Please remember to park in the school parking lot, as Food Truck Parking will be in the church lot.

#### Upcoming Parent Club Sponsored Events:

March 31st: 1st Grade Stations of the Cross and Pizza Party - Order <u>HERE</u> March 31st: Food Truck Friday 5:30-7:30 PM @ Undercroft April 28th: 3rd Grade Donuts with Da-Ladies following 8:15 Mass in Parish Center May 1-5th: Staff Appreciation Week June 2nd: Family Food Truck Night/ End of year Celebration

#### Upcoming SPIRIT NIGHTS

April 18th Chipotle Buttermilk

May TBD Dewey's

#### SPIRIT NIGHTS 2022-2023

City Bird \$173

Coldstone \$85.29

Erlanger Skyline \$120

Erlanger Putt Putt \$231

Chipotle \$447.86

Chick-fil A \$170

Dewey's Pizza \$200

Skyline \$150

City Bird \$107.20

Total: \$1684.35

Larosa's Buddy Cards BOGO Large Cheese Pizzas ¢10

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#### 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 <u>cpfeiffer@comey.com</u>.



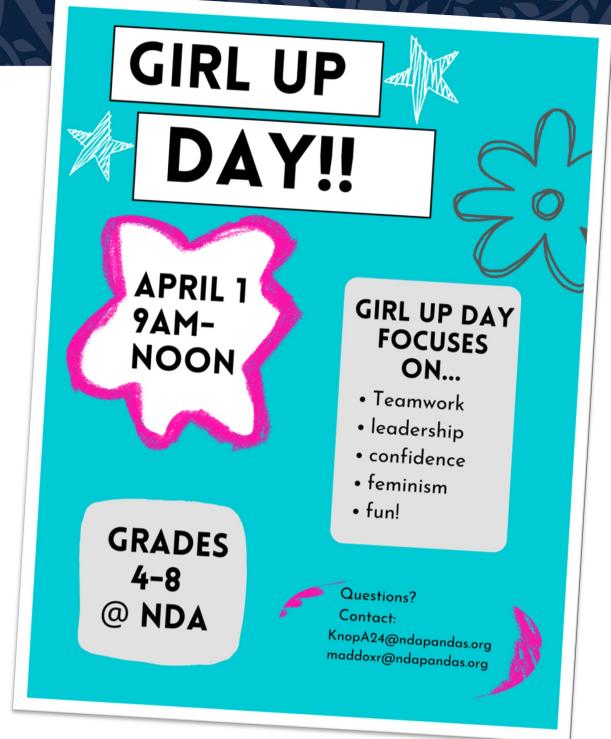
#### **BSS FIELD DAY IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2023**

#### **Please <u>CLICK HERE</u> to volunteer!**

#### Parents, make sure you are up to date on your VIRTUS!

If you are not VIRTUS compliant you can't volunteer on school grounds around students. Please visit <u>https://www.virtus.org/</u> to check your account.

Contact Mr. Taylor at PTaylor@bssky.org with any questions



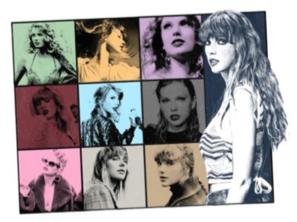
#### **GIRL UP DAY IS BACK!**

On Saturday April 1st, we invite 4th-8th graders to come to Notre Dame Academy from 9am-noon. This is a great opportunity for all young women to learn all about leadership and women empowerment. They will engage with other young women from all over the diocese, play fun games, and do many leadership activities!

To sign up, click the link: <u>https://forms.gle/gLoRRetaquLpMLj</u>

#### Calling All Taylor Swift Fans!!!

## CONCERT TICKET RAFFLE \$50 EACH CHANCE



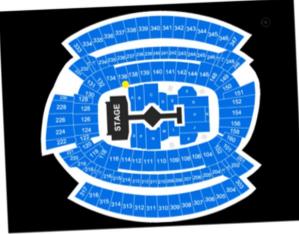
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> SCAN THE QR CODE

or www.Cassba.com

Don't miss out! Taylor Swift raffle chances for her July 1st concert.

> Don't wait! Only 500 chances will be sold!



Ticket location



Winner receives two tickets located in section 136, Row 11, Seat 2 &3. Drawing is April 20th at 6:00 pm

All proceeds will go to support 10,000 people served through Catholic Charities and the over 57,000 meals at Parish Kitchen each year.



# From Our Parish

### THE SACRED TRIDUUM

#### THE THREE HOLIEST DAYS OF THE CHURCH YEAR

SUNDOWN HOLY THURSDAY TO SUNDOWN EASTER SUNDAY (APRIL 6-9)



#### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:

- Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7 p.m.
- Good Friday Service: 3 p.m. Way of the Cross: noon and 6 p.m. Confessions: 6:30 p.m.
- Holy Saturday Easter Vigil: 8:30 p.m.
- Easter Sunday Masses: 9 & 11 a.m.

"And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith."

- 1 Corinthians 15:14

Blessed Sacrament Church

BECOMING STEWARDS IN COMMUNITY

## WHAT'S ON YOUR HEART?

## COMPLETE THE DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX

### **ONLINE** at

https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/g00yd4

Survey open February 22–March 27





## **Community Events**

CLICK HERE for	CLICK HERE for	CLICK HERE for
information about	BSS CHILDREN'S	FATIMA
VIRTUS	CHOIR	PROGRAM
TRAINING	registration	information
CLICK HERE for information about ISM GUITAR LESSONS	CLICK HERE for information about YOUTH GROUP	

## A FEW REMINDERS...

- Please consider keeping a small hand sanitizer in backpacks and lunch boxes
- Our current arrival and dismissal procedures can be found in the handbook (see page 28)
- Please make sure that snacks and 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.
- □ 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 <u>parentsclub@bssky.org</u>.

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.)

### **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.