BSS NEWSLETTER Wednesday, May 26, 2021	
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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK? Thursday: 20 FIELD DAY	WHAT'S FOR LUNCH? No lunch - field day: No lunch - last day of school!
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Wednesday: 26	2020-2021 SCHOOL THEME Rooted in Christ,
Thursday: 27HAPPY27HAPPYFriday: 28	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.

Happy LAST Wednesday of the school year, parents!

WE DID IT! And when we say "we", we are referring to US. All of us! The school community. We navigated this year successfully because of our collective effort. Thank you for helping us stop and prevent the spread. No classes or grades had to be quarantined as a whole because of our combined efforts. Thank you for buying hundreds of masks, reiterating how important it was to practice protocols, supporting the staff, navigating another round of NTI, being flexible with the ever-changing mandates, and exercising patience as we worked through something we never expected to in our professional careers. Despite the odds, our children thrived this year because of this collective effort. THANK YOU! And congratulations for the 2020-2021 school year being in the books! We also wanted to recognize our graduates for whom a beautiful baccalaureate Mass was held last night. Congratulations class of 2021!

While we don't have the full details of what next school year will look like, please know that we will keep you all in the loop as things solidify. We, like you, hope for a return to an even-more-normal school year next year!

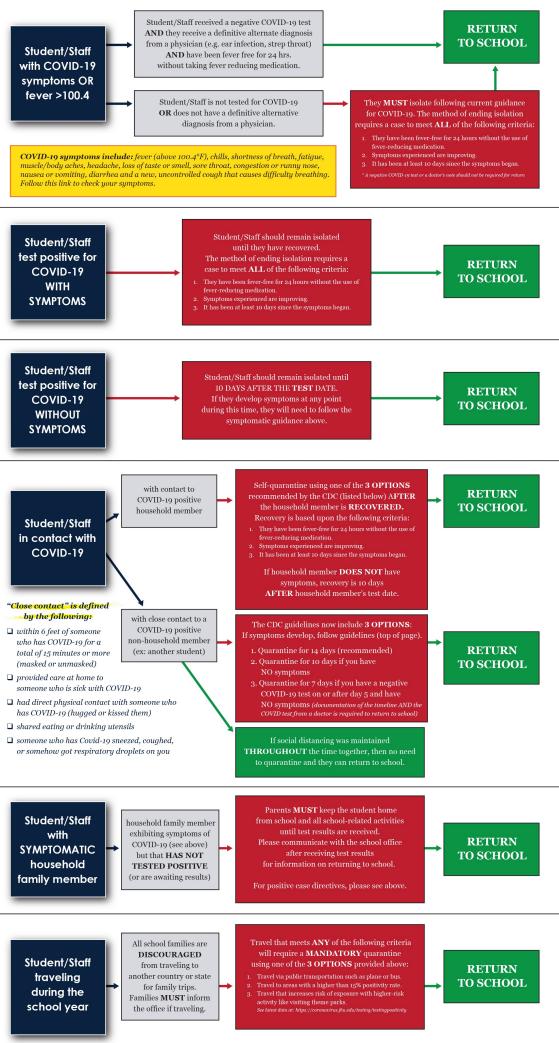
As we transition into summer and begin to prepare for next school year, there are a few staff changes we want to make you aware of.

- □ 3rd Grade: Mrs. Sergent has decided to stay at home with her new baby, but she will still be part of the Blessed Sacrament School Community by subbing. Ms. Calli Martin, a 2013 graduate of BSS, will be joining the 3rd grade team in 3B. She will be teaching social studies to all of the 3rd graders as well. We are excited to welcome her back!
- □ 6th Grade: With her children spread out between three different schools next year, Mrs. Frondorf has decided to take a break from teaching and will not be returning to her 6th grade language arts position. She, too, will remain a part of the community! We thank her for her endless dedication this year, and we will miss her in the classroom. If you know of a qualified candidate whom would be a great fit at BSS, please let us know!
- 8th Grade: Mrs. Glennon will not be returning to her 8th grade language arts position. We thank her for her time and dedication to BSS this year. Mrs. Christina Fischer (currently academic support) will be moving into the 8th grade language arts position.
- Mrs. Kathleen Michels is retiring after serving our school for 13 years. Many 1st and 4th graders were blessed to learn and laugh with Mrs. Michels, and her vibrant personality and love for the students will be missed greatly. A parishioner and BSS parent first, she will remain a part of our school and community and wants to stay very involved at BSS. We love Mrs. Michels, and wish her a happy and relaxing retirement!
- □ Mrs. Jan Ankenbauer is retiring after serving the Diocese for 36 years and BSS for 25 years. Mrs. Ankenbauer's passion and care for all children manifested in the creation of our counseling and intervention programs. Her legacy will live on forever at BSS through the successful continuation of both those programs. Mrs. Ankenbauer has helped an innumerable number of students and families during her time at BSS. Mrs. Ankenbauer is also a parishioner and BSS parent, and her involvement in our community will continue into her retirement. We thank her for everything. She made BSS a better place because of her tireless work. We wish her a happy well-deserved retirement!
- Our school secretary, Ms. O'Daniel, has also decided to ride into the retirement sunset after serving BSS for over 30 years. She has cured countless tummy aches with her magic mints, calmed anxious students, provided emotional support to all she met, and enriched our environment every day with her loving, gentle ways. She was the perfect person to greet visitors and represent our school to the community. Mrs. Becky Nielander will be taking the torch from Ms. O'Daniel after this year. Mrs. Nielander is a former BSS/current Diocesan parent, and was trained by the very best, Ms. O'Daniel. As we wish Ms. O'Daniel a blessed retirement, we also welcome Mrs. Nielander as a permanent member of our office staff!

Thank you again for a year to remember. Be on the lookout for summer emails beginning mid-June. They will include items such as? Spirit Wear sales, class lists, orientation dates, etc.

God bless you and your families over the summer,

Mr. Steffen and Mrs. Geiman



Specific guidance addressing quarantine exemptions for antibodies, vaccination, prior infection, etc. can be found in the "Diocese of Covington Return to School Requirements" document on page 18.

Thumbs Up!



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL





Thumbs Up!



Thumbs Up for sixth grade AND the sixth grade teachers! They celebrated "Viking Day" today after reading the Magnus Chase books



Thumbs Up for Alumni!



Congratulations to these BSS alumni and 2021 Covington Catholic High School graduates! We are SO proud of you and can't wait to see what the future holds for all of you!

Thumbs up for Avery, a BSS graduate who visited BSS today after his Freshman Year concluded for summer break.

He honored Mrs. Miller by wearing his portrait of her, created in 8th grade, on his shirt!







Please click the links below to find the summer reading assignments for the 2021-2022 school year!Remember to look for the grade that your child will be in NEXT year, not their current grade.

FIRST GRADE

SECOND GRADE

THIRD GRADE

FOURTH GRADE

FIFTH GRADE

SIXTH GRADE

SEVENTH GRADE

EIGHTH GRADE (MIXED)

EIGHTH GRADE (ADVANCED)

Development Committee

The Development Committee is currently seeking new members!

By partnering with staff, families, parish, and the wider community, the Development Committee strives to support the school by assuring fiscal health through philanthropy and fund development.

The Development Committee consists of parent volunteers who are voted on by the existing board and approved by the school administration. Together with parish and school members including the Pastor and administration, the committee meets monthly. Committee members are expected to attend and promote a variety of activities throughout the academic year such as; Annual Giving Campaign (AGC), Evening to Treasure (E2T), Get to Know BSS Day, Open House, New Parent Orientation, Fine Arts Night, and Grandparent's Day. To find out more about the duties of membership, please visit <u>https://bssky.org/get-involved/development</u>.

If you have questions, do not hesitate to solicit the input of a current member. A list of current members can be found at the link above. If you are interested in becoming a member, please email <u>development@bssky.org</u> and tell us what makes you an excellent candidate.

POP TOP DRIVE!

Student Council

Have you been saving pop tops this year?

Bring them to school during the month of May and place your pop tops in the bin in the school lobby!



Let's make a difference for people in our community!

Yearbook Orders

Hello Parents!

It's that time of year again; time to think about ordering your 2020/2021 Blessed Sacrament School yearbook! We are super excited to share with you one of the most important parts of student life ~ celebrating the school year through the yearbook. Don't miss out on the opportunity to pre-order your copy.

Go to <u>https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/</u> and use Yearbook ID 2517621. Please be sure to make a printout or screenshot of your order as a backup for your records. A flyer was sent home with ordering instructions and pricing for yearbook packages. ***We will only be accepting online orders this year.

If you are unable to order online, please contact Dawna Thompson at <u>bsskypictures@gmail.com</u>

2020/2021 Yearbooks will be delivered to school at the end of summer/beginning of fall of 2021, for delivery to students at the beginning of the 2021/2022 school year.

Order your yearbook now to ensure that you have a copy!



ONLINE ORDERING IS OPEN!

Don't wait until the last minute! Order your school supplies for next year from the convenience of your home, and they will be waiting on your child's desk on the first day of school in August!

<u>CLICK HERE</u> for more detailed information!



Summer Solutions

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR EXTRA PRACTICE THIS SUMMER AND THE CHANCE TO WIN PRIZES FOR COMPLETED BOOKS?

It is recommended that students do summer practice in math and reading. Parents may purchase Summer Solution workbooks using the following link <u>https://summersolutions.net</u>. Cost per book is \$16.99 which includes shipping to your home. Use promo code: SUMMER3 to save 10% off of 3 or more books up to April 30th.

Summer Solutions is a workbook series that covers the material your child should know before advancing to the next grade. Completed workbooks should be returned at the beginning of the new school year to your 2021-2022 homeroom teacher to be eligible for prizes and homework passes. For additional questions, please contact your teacher, or email Mrs. Maureen Wood at mwood@bssky.org.

GET A HEAD START FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR, AND KEEP MATH AND READING CONCEPTS FRESH FOR NEXT YEAR!



Interested students in upcoming grades 7-12 are encouraged to learn a band instrument (flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, percussion, etc.) this summer for **FREE** with NDA/CCH Band Director <u>Mr. Greg Cerimele</u> and Percussion Instructor <u>Mrs.</u> <u>Julie Geiman</u>. No prior music experience necessary. Come join us and be part of the NDA/CCH beginner band 2021 this summer.

Beginning Band Rehearsals run Tuesday & Thursday 8:00-9:00 a.m. (June 1st - July 15th)

Already play a band or string instrument? Contact <u>Mr. Greg Cerimele</u> so you will receive updates regarding Summer Rehearsals and other instrumental music opportunities at NDA/CCH. NDA Email: <u>cerimeleg@ndapandas.org</u>

NDA Color Guard - Students in upcoming grades 7-12 interested in being a part of Color Guard, which performs with the band, can contact Color Gaurd Instructor Mrs. Jenifer Ericson, <u>ericsonj@ndapandas.org</u> for more information. Band students can also be part of the **NDA Color Guard**.



BSS Tennis

Grades 1-3, 4-8 – Summer Session 2

- Clinic runs from June 9- July 28 (8 weeks) at Five Seasons Sports Club.
- Grades 1-3: Wednesdays 4-5PM
- Grades 4-8: Wednesdays 5-6PM
- 60 min of instruction by 5 Seasons pros
- All levels welcome but geared more to beginner and intermediate players
- Cost \$75
- Super bargain for 8 weeks of tennis!!!!
- No makeups or refunds for weeks missed.

Please signup ASAP! Initially open to BSS students, then others if open spots remain. Email <u>kdraud@gmail.com</u> to be placed on a waitlist for open spots. Include child's name and grade.

We usually fill completely, so don't wait! Signups close Monday, May 24. Signup on the BSS Boosters website listed below.

Additional informational email will be sent to all participants after registration closes.

WWW.BSSBoosters.com

BLESSED SACRAMENT EAGLES CROSS COUNTRY

Great news, Runners! It looks like Cross Country will return for the 2021 season!! Registration for the 2021 BSXC team will open on May 23 at <u>https://bssboosters.demosphere-secure.com/demosphere-registration</u> The fee is \$65/child.

Our team is open to girls and boys in grades 3-8. No experience is necessary. Our main focus is personal improvement. We closely monitor each runner's progress, help them set personal goals, and celebrate when they achieve new personal records. We're also understanding of and flexible with other sports' schedules. If you can't make every single practice or meet, that's ok.

The season begins July 15 and will run through late October. We plan on having practice two evenings per week, details TBA. Meets begin in August and are usually on Saturdays with occasional weekday meets after school.

We will operate under guidelines set by the government, the KHSAA, and the diocese, adapting during the season as necessary. As excited as we are to be together as a team again, safety is always our priority.

Additional FAQs can be found <u>here</u>, and you can contact us with any questions at josefniel@gmail.com

We're looking forward to another fun season, and we can't wait to see everyone together again! Coaches Joe Nielander & Missy Schmitt

From Our Parish

SUMMER BUCKET LIST!

- Use construction paper, glue, leaves and flowers to create a natural work of art. Praise God for the beauty of creation. (*Clean up trash as you search for natural materials*).
- With adult supervision, float candles in a wading pool, and take turns snuffing the lights with a squirt gun. (Discuss ways of keeping the light of Christ burning brightly within us).
- Design a Marian garden. Paint a portrait of Mary on a smooth garden paver to focus your garden. *(Ideas on Pinterest)*.



- Make a pandemic time capsule by filling a box with school protocol memos, photos of social distancing family events and/or the family wearing masks to church or the grocery. Add stories, songs, prayers, and poems that the kids write about this unusual time and anything else pertaining to your family experience of the pandemic. Let the kids decorate the box and mark it to be opened in 5 years.
- Look for more ideas in the parish bulletin this summer and enjoy the summer break.



BECOMING STEWARDS IN COMMUNITY



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JUN YOUTH SOCCER CAMP INCLUDES T-SHIRT 9-11 9am-NOON / \$80 PER CAMPER / \$65 FOR 2+ SIBLINGS
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JUL SURVIVOR CAMP: S2 INCLUDES T-SHIRT
7-9 9AM-NOON / \$80 PER CAMPER / \$65 FOR 2+ SIBLINGS





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.juliclearningenetre.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.





2021 SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION





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A FEW REMINDERS...

- Delease 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 <u>HERE</u>
- Our current arrival and dismissal procedures can be found <u>HERE</u> in the handbook (see page 28)
- Please make sure that snacks and lunches 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.
- 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 <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.)

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