

BSS NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, August 21, 2019



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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Thursday: 6:30pm: Back to School Night (grades 5-8)

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Friday: 8:40-9:40am: mass (grades K-4)

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Student Council Homeroom Rep. Elections (grades 5-8)

Monday:

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Tuesday:

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2:45 - 3:45pm: Jr. High Quick Recall Tryouts

6:00-7:00pm: Immanuel School of Music Parent Mtg.

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WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

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

F Grilled Cheese or Fish Sandwich, Tomato Soup, Oyster Crackers, Salad, Applesauce, Fresh Fruit, Milk

M Chicken Patty on Bun or Pork BBQ on Bun, Glazed Carrots, Waffle Fries, Pickles, Lettuce, Tomato, Frozen Sidekicks, Diced Peaches, Milk

T Cheese Pizza or Pepperoni Pizza, Corn, Diced Pears, Fresh Fruit, Milk

W Spaghetti with Meat Sauce Or Chicken Alfredo, Dinner Roll, Green Beans, Garden Salad, Pineapple Tidbits, Fresh Fruit, Milk

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

F Pizza Crunchers or Cheesy Flatbread, Marinara Sauce, Steamed Broccoli, Salad, Mandarin Oranges, Fresh Fruit, Milk

2019-2020 SCHOOL THEME

“Shaped by God to be Stewards”

This year we are helping our students discover their shared identity and purpose: we are all children of God, made *by Love for love*.

This year we are seeking to help our students discover their *unique* God-given gifts and purpose that will enable them to make an irreplaceable gift-of-self to the world for God's glory.

A Note From Your Administration

This is a big year for our community!

If you haven't yet heard, both the parish and school turn 100 this year! A mustard seed-sized assembly of the faithful started the Parish congregation which grew into our Blessed Sacrament Community. We celebrate them and our faith-filled community this year.

Many events to commemorate our milestone are occurring throughout the year. Feel free to join for as many as possible!

- Centennial Family Food Truck Picnic: September 22
- Sounds of the Century Concert: October 20
- Parish Outreach: November 9
- New Year's Eve Mass and Party: December 31
- The 100th school day of the 100th year: January 27 (tentative date)
- Church Tours: January 26
- Celebration of Marriage: February 14
- Evening to Treasure: February 22
- Parish Lenten Missions: March 10-11
- March Madness and Fish Fries: March/April (TBD)
- Parish May Crowning: May 10
- 40 Hours Devotion: June (TBD)
- Closing Mass and Celebration: 11:30 Mass, June 14
- School Essay Contest (TBD)

For more information on any Centennial Events, please click [here](#).

Thumbs UP!



These 9 wonderful students organized a face-painting station at the Corn Roast using skills they developed in summer art camp with Mrs. Miller. They selflessly donated their profits back to our art program! We are SO proud of our students for using their unique abilities and talents to serve our school.

Way to use your SHAPE to be stewards, girls!



Meet our Specialists

READING SPECIALIST



My name is **Sarah Wischer**, and I am the Reading Specialist at BSS. My husband, Pete, and I live in Lakeside Park with our three boys and our dog, Ginger. Max (6th grade) and Luke (4th grade) attend BSS, and Quinn (Sophomore) attends Covington Catholic. BSS is a very special place to me, as I graduated from here many years ago. I earned my Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from the University of Kentucky (Go Cats!) and my Master's Degree from Northern Kentucky University with an Endorsement in Reading and Writing. I am also trained in Orton Gillingham and Barton tutoring. I taught for 6 years before staying home with my children and am entering my 5th year at BSS. When I am not teaching, I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, watching my boys play sports, being outdoors, and going on adventures whenever possible. I really enjoy working with the students at BSS and helping them all to reach their true potential. I look forward to a new and exciting year full of endless possibilities and hope to see the children appreciate their own special gifts in order to grow and succeed.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT SPECIALIST



Hello! My name is **Christina Fischer**, and I am the Academic Support specialist. My husband Chris and I live in Lakeside Park, and we have four children, all graduates of BSS: Kyle 2007, Megan 2008, Anna 2016, and Caroline 2018. We also have an English Bulldog named Roscoe. I received my Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and Special Education LDBD from Xavier University, and I earned my Masters in Elementary Education from Northern Kentucky University. This is my 13th year teaching and my 9th year at Blessed Sacrament School. Prior to moving into my Academic Support position, I taught 6th grade here at BSS for 6 years. When not at school, I enjoy reading, walking, gardening, and spending time with my family. I am excited to begin another school year, and I look forward to working with all the wonderful teachers and students who share their gifts with me every day!

MATH SPECIALIST



Hi. My name is **Maureen Wood** and I am one of the math specialists at BSS. I have been a teacher at BSS for 21 years and have taught math, science, and social studies for over 28 years. I have been very blessed to work at BSS and I love the students and community here. I celebrated my 35th wedding anniversary in August of 2019 to my husband, Sam. We have 4 wonderful children. Brian is an attorney and is married to Kirby, who is a NDA grade, while residing in Louisville. Mitchell is a security engineer, works in Cincinnati, and resides in OTR. Stephen works for Kroger and lives in Ft. Wright. Lastly is our only daughter, Clara, who is a dental student (D2) at the University of Louisville. We are very blessed. I look forward to another great year at BSS and know your children will be cared for here. My main job will focus on remediation and enrichment for math students in grades 4-8. If ever you have a concern or question, please email. I hope you have a blessed and productive new school year. Go Eagles!!

MATH SPECIALIST



My name is **Whitney Hoffer**, and this is my third year as the Math Specialist teacher at BSS. My husband and I have two daughters, Makenzi (4) and Madison (3), who keep us very busy! Life is going to get even busier for us as we are expecting another beautiful blessing in November. We are very excited! My teaching career includes two years at Sts. Peter and Paul in Lexington, and two years at BSS teaching 6th grade math and science before I stayed at home to care for my two young daughters. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Georgetown College and a Masters of Arts in Teaching from the University of the Cumberlands. I am extremely excited to continue working with the students at BSS. The school community is one of a kind, and I am blessed to be a part of it. I have a passion for math and believe it can actually be fun learning new concepts. My goal is for students to be comfortable and confident in learning new math skills. I look forward to another wonderful school year!

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TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT

Hi, my name is **John Thomas**. After spending five years with St. Joseph's Orphanage, I started working at BSS in October of 2013. I've spent most of my time working in the office, but about a year ago, I got the job of Technology Coordinator. I will still spend a lot of time in the school office, but I'm also out and about in the school helping to keep our technology working smoothly. I have to say, I've never felt as welcomed as when I came here, and nothing brightens my day more than when a classroom of kids brings me pictures they've drawn. I keep an envelope in my desk filled with drawings of me wearing capes and wielding lightsabers, and I look at them whenever I need to smile.



TECHNOLOGY TEACHER

Hello my name is **Amanda Lulay** and I will be teaching Technology this year for students K-8th. I joined the BSS family last school year in October and have been so blessed to be a part of such a great school and community. I am most excited to develop an exciting and enriching curriculum this year with students that will engage them in all aspects of technology. This year students will be taking a deeper focus into computer science which includes coding and robotics, along with digital literacy and applications. I look forward to what this new year will bring and the new experiences we will gain together in this exciting subject!



LIBRARY/ENRICHMENT SPECIALIST

My name is **Emily Bradley** and I am the Enrichment Specialist and Librarian here at BSS. My husband and I live in Burlington with our two children, Raelynn (2) and Jaxon (5 months) and our dog Gunner, who keep us very active! BSS holds a special place in my heart, as I went to school here back in the day. I graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Early Elementary and Special Education and my Masters Degree in Teacher Leadership with a Reading Endorsement, both from the University of Louisville. I am currently working on my second Endorsement in Gifted and Talented Education from Xavier University. This will be my 7th year at Blessed Sacrament and I am very excited to work with the students and embark on my 2nd year in this position. My goal is to instill a passion for reading and for students to become confident in their skills as they advance their learning throughout their academic career. I look forward to another amazing school year!



SPANISH TEACHER (GRADES 2-4, 7-8)

¡Hola! My name is **Olga Ribail**. This is my ninth year at Blessed Sacrament School. I will be teaching Spanish to grades 2 – 4 and grades 7 & 8. I have taught Spanish at the elementary, middle and high school levels for 24 years. I was born and raised in Mexico. My family and I moved from Colorado to Kentucky ten years ago.



ART TEACHER (GRADES 3-8), SPANISH TEACHER (GRADES 5-6)

My name is **Martha Miller**, and I am excited to begin my 14th year at Blessed Sacrament teaching 3rd – 8th grade Art and 5th and 6th grade Spanish. My background includes Master's Degrees in both Art History and in Education, as well as undergraduate degrees in both Spanish and Fine Arts. My husband Tom and I will celebrate our 35th wedding anniversary in November this year. On sunny days, you may see us cruising around town in our Iris Mist (lavender) 1964 Grand Prix. During race season, we also serve with the KY Raceway Ministry. It promises to be a great year ahead. If you have any questions or concerns, or if you would like to volunteer to occasionally help in an art class or photograph student artwork, please contact me at mmiller@bssky.org (Put student's name in ALL CAPS in subject line to avoid message being sent to SPAM file.) You can also reach me by phone at 331-3062, ext. 54. Welcome!

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ART TEACHER (GRADES 1-2), MARKETING COORDINATOR

My name is **Annie Ernst**, and this is my 4th year teaching first and second grade art at Blessed Sacrament. I feel truly blessed to be able to share my love of art with your little ones, and am excited to introduce them to new artists through a variety of creative and fun projects! My goal is to give my students a basic foundation of art skills and an appreciation of the visual arts, and to build their confidence in their own creativity.

I also work as Marketing Coordinator here at Blessed Sacrament, where I am currently updating the design of our website, and continuing to improve communications among our BSS families, school administration, and parish. My education includes a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design from Mount St. Joseph University in Cincinnati, Ohio. I live in Erlanger with my husband Matt, my children Sophia (8th grade) and Patrick (6th grade), our dog Nera, and Patrick's bearded dragon Bernard.



MUSIC TEACHER

Hello Blessed Sacrament Families! My name is **Meghan Weber**. I am excited to be the new music teacher. My husband, Dan, and I have 5 children. Clara is a sophomore at NDA and alumnae of BSS. Mary, Kathryn, James and Charlotte are currently part of the Blessed Sacrament School family. We have been parishioners since 2003 and started sending our children here in 2009. I have volunteered in many musical facets through Preschool-Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, subbing in the classroom, and playing oboe, piano and hand bells at Mass. I attended Miami University and received a B.S. in Education with a Music Minor. I received a M.A. in Music Education at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. Prior to staying home with my children, I taught at The Seven Hills Schools in Cincinnati. This January, I had the opportunity to get back into the classroom as the Pre-K Music Teacher at Immanuel Methodist, Sonshine School. I am blessed to be a part of this wonderful community. I look forward to teaching the elements of music through instruments, singing, and moving. I hope through music class your children will gain an appreciation for various genres of music and gain musical literacy. I want to instill a LOVE for music in these years! A fun fact: It was my elementary music teacher who inspired me to enter this field!!



PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER

I hope everyone had a fun and relaxing summer! I am returning as the Physical Education Teacher for the 2019-2020 school year. For those of you who may be new to Blessed Sacrament this year, my name is **Pat Taylor**. I'm excited to be a part of your child's education! Like last year, one of my goals is to be a good CATHOLIC male role model for our youth. In today's society, it is especially important to show our students that Catholicism is not a thing of the past, but relevant to young people as well. Years from now your children may not remember what we did in class, but they will remember how they felt. If students leave my classroom appreciating physical activity and being one step closer to Sainthood, then I have done my job. During this process I will be working on my own path to Sainthood, because the Lord knows I need it! As you read this, please say a prayer for me and my wife Rachel, as we begin a new chapter in our lives. We have a baby boy on the way, due October 2nd, and need all of the prayers that we can get. I look forward to a wonderful year. May God bless us all.



GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

My name is **Jan Ankenbauer** and I am the counselor at Blessed Sacrament School. I have enjoyed working with students, families and teachers at BSS for 15 years. My husband Bill and I reside in Crestview Hills and have been involved with BSS for many years as our 3 grown sons attended BSS. We enjoy walking, biking, traveling and spending time with our grandson, Derek. I have worked in various high schools and grade schools in the Diocese for over 30 years. I look forward to getting to know all the students at BSS through classroom groups and guidance activities this year! I work Monday through Thursday and if I can assist you in anyway – just let me know!

School Mass Info

Parents,

We absolutely love when parents join us and our students for Mass. To celebrate with your child as a part of the larger school community is such a gift. This year, there is a change that you need to be aware of if you plan to join us for a school Mass.

This year during school masses, the church will be locked to prevent access from the outside. At the conclusion of the opening hymn (at ~8:45, roughly 5 minutes after the start of Mass) all doors will be locked. The middle side doors and front side doors are equipped with push-bars to allow people to exit if necessary while still restricting access from the outside. Please do not knock to try to gain entrance, as the doors are too far from pews to hear it. If there is an emergency, contact the school office.

While we love the idea of an open church and school community, leaving the church open during school mass is no longer an option due to the heartbreaking events that are now all too frequent across our country. We thank you for your cooperation and understanding with this implementation process.

- Mr. Steffen & Mrs. Geiman

Virtus



August Virtus Video Help

We have received calls regarding the fact that some people are having difficulty opening the August Virtus video module, which replaces the bulletin for the month of August. Here are a few suggestions which hopefully will help:

To watch the Virtus video:

1. Use Google Chrome. If you use Internet Explorer, on the Virtus website under the "training" tab, click 'Message Center' on the left side. There is a message about using Internet Explorer for the training module.
2. You will need to allow Flash Player. If puzzle piece icon appears on the page, click it. A new box will pop up near the top address bar with two choices, 'allow' or 'block'. You will need to allow it to proceed.
3. Do not try to watch on an iPhone or iPad (this is true for any monthly bulletin)
4. Give it time to load, it may take awhile

Thank you for being Virtus trained. We appreciate our volunteers!



Youth Choir

Rehearsals for the Children's Choir are going to look very different this year. We hope for a lot of growth in the program and have decided to separate grade levels and rehearsals so that students can receive better instruction appropriate to their age, as well as received individualized instruction. The new rehearsal schedule follows:

- 5th and 6th Grades: Monday, 3:00-4:00PM
(Blees Center Music Room)
- 7th and 8th Grades: Tuesday, 3:00-4:00PM
(Blees Center Music Room)
- 4th Grade: Wednesday, 3:00-4:00PM
(Blees Center Music Room)

Rehearsals begin the second week of school (August 19, 20, 21)
Permission forms for the Children's Choir can be found here.

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Students who wish to serve as cantors are required to participate in the appropriate level of choir, and there will be auditions for the cantor positions. 4 students per grade level will be selected as cantors based on auditions. The auditions for cantors will take place in September and more information will be posted on the church's Music Ministry page. (www.bscky.org/Music-Ministry)

For an article about this year's children's choir please see the parish newsletter here

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Quick Recall

Junior High Quick Recall Tryouts

If your junior high student would like to participate in a fast-paced academic activity, quick recall is the perfect setting. And, we have A LOT of fun!

Try-outs for the junior high quick recall team will be after school next Wednesday and Thursday, August 28-29, from 2:45-3:45.

If your child is interested in trying out, but has a conflict on those days, please get in touch with either Mr. or Mrs. Ingraham at BSS.

Please send a note giving permission for your child to try out to Mr. Ingraham.



After School Art

Registration information for Fall After School Art will be coming soon via email from Mrs. Miller. Thank you for your patience!



Service Opportunity

JUNIOR HIGH SPANISH STUDENTS: Opportunity to earn service hours

Mrs. Miller is looking for a detail-oriented student who makes good grades in Spanish to create Quizlet vocab practices for 5th and 6th grade units of study. The words need to be spelled corrected, including accent marks. Please contact Mrs. Miller if you are interested in this opportunity to earn service hours.

Basketball

Signups for Blessed Sacrament Boosters basketball are now open! Please click [here](#) to sign up.

Recreational teams are again available from 2nd through 8th grade, at a cost of \$100 for the season.

There will also be tryouts for competitive teams in the 7th and 8th grades, at a cost of \$140 for the season.

New this year, we are offering additional basketball training weekly through our partnership with Griffin Elite. These training sessions will be held weekly on Tuesday evenings and include 30 minutes of skill development and 30 minutes of physical training. These sessions are in addition to the standard weekly practice time for all recreational teams. The cost of these sessions will be \$120 per child and reflect a discounted price available only to BSS students for paying full up front. Month-to-month options are also available, but would have to be arranged directly through Griffin. More information for these sessions can be obtained [here](#).

Registration will remain open through September 6th.

For further information, please review the [Boosters website](#).

Questions can also be directed to [Benjie Pieper](#) or [Mike Petzelt](#) (boys) and [John Kirtley](#) (girls).



Cross Country

Signups for Blessed Sacrament cross country are still open! Please click [here](#) to sign up.

Inviting all runners, girls and boys entering grades 3-8, to come out and run for the BSXC Team! 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.

Our season began July 16, and runs through early November. Practices are held Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Flagship Park in Erlanger. Meets began in August and are usually on Saturdays with occasional weekday meets after school.

Our team is very understanding of and flexible with other sports' schedules. If you can't make every single practice or meet, that's ok.

Registration will remain open through September 1st.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions at josefniel@gmail.com



Spiritwear Sale

DON'T FORGET TO PLACE YOUR ORDER!

There is still time to place orders for uniform fleeces and sweatshirts, BSS gym shorts and sweatpants, and BSS spiritwear!

Please click [HERE](#) to place your order online.

Deadline for ordering is 11:59pm, Sunday, August 25!

Estimated delivery date is September 10, 2019

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

FOR 6TH, 7TH & 8TH GRADERS

AIDE AT CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD DURING 9:00 MASS @ BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Children's Liturgy of the Word is held in the Undercroft during 9:00 mass Sunday mornings. Aides should check in with the adult in charge in the Undercroft at 8:50 a.m. and help set up. Then they go to mass as usual, but when the young children are called forward prior to the proclamation of the readings at mass, aides should also come forward and accompany their group to the Undercroft, assisting the adults as needed.

All permission slips should be brought to the parish office in the Bles Center or mailed to:

Rosanne Thomas
Blessed Sacrament Parish
2409 Dixie Highway
Ft. Mitchell, KY 41017

Send to Parish Office by August 30th. Do not send permission slips to the school office.

(If you do not receive a volunteer assignment, it is because we have not received the signed permission slip. If you think you've been overlooked, please contact the Office of Religious Formation: 331-4302, ext 22 or rthomas@bscky.org. All volunteers are valued; we don't want to miss you).

Permission Slips are Due August 30, 2019



Yes!! My child has my permission to help with the Children's Liturgy of the Word in the Undercroft on Sunday mornings during 9:00 mass.

Student's name _____ Home Room _____

Parent's signature _____ Phone # _____

E-Mail _____

Schedules are emailed to parents

Send to Parish Office by August 30th. Do not send permission slips to the school office.



Blessed Sacrament String Classes!!!!

(violin, viola, cello, or bass)

Immanuel School of Music's goal is to offer this important outreach program to local schools, which at present have no active string program. These classes will not only teach your child music a string instrument, but important values such as individual discipline, creativity, and teamwork.

Mozart Strings

First Year Class

When: Thursdays 2:45pm – 3:45pm (First Class: Thursday, September 5, 2019)

Extra Activities: 4 Saturday Classes, Private Lesson Opportunities, Online Practice Videos, and 3 Concerts

Where: Blessed Sacrament School

Registration: \$170 a semester/per person (This does not include the rental fee.)

Rental Fee: Violin/Viola \$17.12 a month, Cello \$37.45 a month, and bass \$48.15 a month
(25 student max. / 14 student min.)

Who: 3rd - 5th Grade

No prior music experience necessary. All equipment and books are included with the instrument rental.

The Parent Meeting

Wednesday, August 28th

6:00pm Mozart Strings

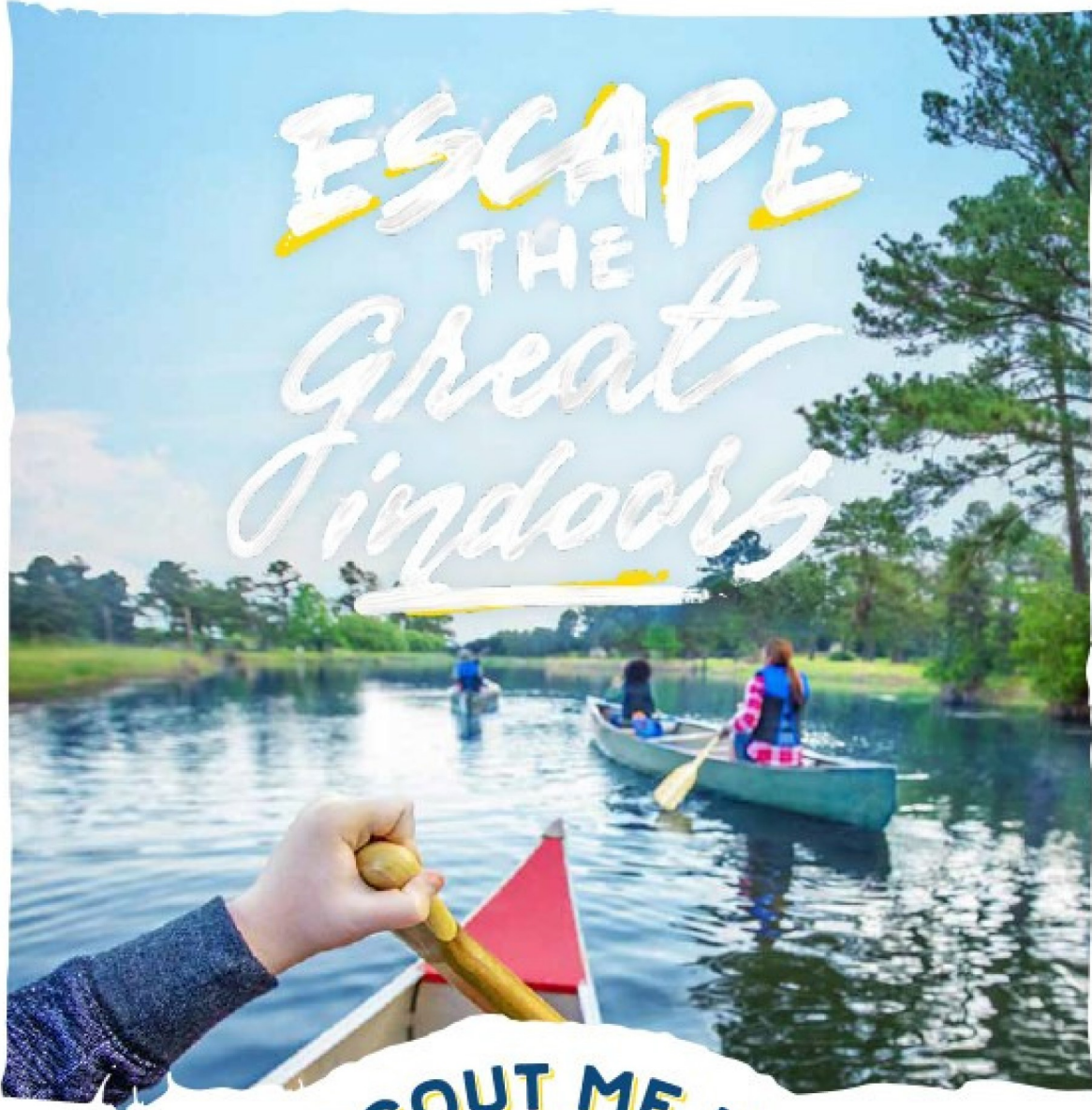
Blessed Sacrament School

At this time, ISM along with the Baroque Violin Shop will be there to answer questions about the class, tuition, rental program, and fee. **All children wanting to participate in the class need to attend this meeting** to be measured for their instrument of choice.

Registration and rental fees will be collected at the parent meeting.

Questions write Susan Sullivan: susans@immanuelumc.org or call 859.341.8555

Sign-up Night for Cub Scouts is *Tuesday, September 3rd* at
6:30pm in the BSS Undercroft



Cub Scouts is open to boys and girls in grades K-5.
Come join the fun!

Questions? Contact Liz Adair at 859-816-6094 or BSSPack711Committee@gmail.com

Educator of the Week

Coming again soon, we will feature an amazing BSS educator every week in our Wednesday Newsletter!

Centennial Fun Fact

Before winning his first pastorate, Father Dan taught for periods at his alma mater, Covington Latin School. He taught a variety of courses such as grammar to freshman, religious instruction to sophomores and seniors, and he conducted classes in speech. He also helped with German conversation classes and coached the speech and debating team!

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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