BSS NEWSLETTER



Wednesday, September 11, 2019













WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Thursday: SPIRITWEAR DAY - Football Jerseys

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2:45 - 3:45pm: Student Council meeting

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

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

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8:40 - 9:25am: 9/11 Speaker (7th and 8th grade EXPLORE)

Monday:

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Tuesday:

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Wednesday: 8:45-9:45: Mass (5-8)

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Thursday: 8-12: 8th grade visits CCH & NDA

1:30-2:30: Civil War Music Presentation

3-4: Strings Program

3-4: Student Council Board Meeting

Friday: 8-1:30: Civil War Day

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8:45-9:45: Mass (K-4)

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

3 or 4-Way Chili Spaghetti, Kidney Beans, Onions, Oyster Crackers, Garden Salad, Mandarin Oranges, Fresh Fruit, Milk

"New" Cheese Bites or Cheese Pizza, Marinara Sauce, Veggie Boat, Applesauce, Fresh Fruit, Milk

Chicken Quesadilla or Cheese Quesadilla, Salsa, Sour Cream, Refried Beans, Corn, Frozen Sidekicks, Diced Peaches

Hot Dog or Cheese Coney, Roasted Potatoes,
Onion, Shredded Cheese, Carrots/Celery
with Dip, Diced Pears, Fresh Fruit

Salisbury Steak with Roll or Hamburger/
Cheeseburger, Green Beans, Mashed
Potatoes, Pineapple Tidbits, Fresh Fruit, Milk

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

Grilled Cheese or Fish Sandwich, Tomato Soup, Oyster Crackers, Salad, Applesauce, 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* Godgiven gifts and purpose that will enable them to make an irreplaceable Dear Parents,

We are so excited about our school theme this year and how it embraces the teachings of Pope St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body. "Shaped by God to Be Stewards" is the living out of the message of Theology of the Body.

This year, we have adopted a supplemental religion curriculum, created by Ruah Woods in Cincinnati, to share with our students and families the idea that they are created by Love for Love. This is what JPII spoke of in 129 public audiences from 1979-1984. The main idea is that we are all created to be a gift to one another. We are created by God, loved by God, and called to love God and others as God loves. We make others happy with the gift of ourselves because we were made for others, to compliment others. We are each made for a purpose, God's purpose. We do not need to invent our own identity, we just need to discover what God calls us each to be and do.

The Theology of the Body curriculum begins in Kindergarten. Grades K-2 use classic pieces of literature to teach how we use our gifts and uniqueness for God and others, the wonder of God's creation, the dignity of work, and God as our loving Father. These grades listen to stories and do activities to explore the topics.

The curriculum for grades 3-5 includes a piece of literature as well as the Holy Scripture. In these grades, the students learn about being temples of the Holy Spirit, to deepen their relationship with a living, present God, and to share their unique gifts with others. They use reading, discussion, and real life application to deepen their understanding of Theology of the Body.

Theology of the Body in grades 6-8 is designed to take the students deeper into the ideas of fundamental identity and dignity, vocation, suffering and gift, and human freedom. They will do this through lessons, discussions, activities, and journal writing.

In all grades, students will be exploring the questions, "Who am I created for?" "What am I created for?" and "What is my vocation/mission?" The answers to these questions will be found through the Theology of the Body program and our school theme activities. Loving God, sharing our gifts with others, and being stewards help us to uphold human dignity and serve others as we love God.

We look forward to guiding the students to the answers to these questions as they realize they are each children of God, made for Love by Love. Thank you in advance for your support for this new program, and as always, please contact homeroom teachers or either of us with questions. You can also find further information at <u>Ruah Woods website</u>.

Mrs. Ellen Chadwick eechadwick@yahoo.com Mrs. Julia Mai elijnatty3@gmail.com

Thumbs Up!





A BIG thumbs up for our all-star parent/former parent stand-in cafeteria staff! Becky Nielander, Tina Goetz, and Shannon Kurtzner (not pictured) dedicated hours of their time to keep hot lunches available for the kids throughout these transitional weeks with a new manager. We also want to recognize all those parents who assisted them when possible. THANK YOU for being stewards and for sharing your gifts with us!



Thank you, thank you, thank you to all of the students and parents who donated to our SVDP food drive last Thursday! The turnout was incredible and will have such a positive impact on our community!

Art Contest

School-wide Participation in the Why I Love America Calendar Contest

The 19th annual *Why I Love America Calendar Contest*, sponsored by the Kenton County Attorney's Office and Republic Bank, is open to all Kenton County students grades K-12. While originally created as a way for children to express themselves through art after the events of 9/11, the contest continues to provide students with an opportunity to reflect upon the freedoms and responsibilities we have has citizens.

A panel of judges will select 26 original works (on winner and one honorable mention from each grade) to be made into a calendar for 2020. All participating students will receive a complimentary calendar, and winners and honorable mentions will be honored at a special ceremony in December. The calendars are also available to the public, with proceeds to benefit the Northern Kentucky 9/11 Memorial.

Quick facts:

This year, Blessed Sacrament students are creating artwork illustrating the theme: *Why I Love America*. With parental permission, the artwork will be entered in the contest. An entry form will be sent home with each child to be signed by a parent. Please check the box on the form to indicate whether or not you give your permission for the Kenton County Attorney's office to use your child's artwork, name, and photograph in the production of the calendar and for promotional use. (Please return the signed form regardless of whether you grant permission.)

Judging criteria will be based on consistency with the theme, creativity, and artistic value.

Prizes: 13 winning students, one from each grade, will be honored at an awards ceremony. They receive a certificate and monetary prize (donated by Republic Bank), and their artwork will be displayed as one of the calendar months. Honorable mention students will also be recognized at the ceremony, and their artwork will be displayed in the back of the calendar.

Grandparents/Special Friends Day

As you may have noticed on our school calendar, <u>Grandparents'/Special</u> <u>Friends' Day</u> is on Friday, October 18th this year. In order to prepare for this event, we need you to provide us with some information.

Please reach out to those grandparents and special friends to ensure they can make it and then visit the link below and fill out the form to RSVP. Please note that registration will close next Friday, September 20th, so please complete the form before that day.

We look forward to hearing from you and to seeing all of our grandparents and special friends on October 18th!

Fight the team across the field. . .

Cheer, cheer for old. . .

We are right for the fight today. . .

Hey, all you football fans! Thursday, September 12th

our first Student Council Spirit Wear Day! It's a chance to wear a shirt or jersey representing your favorite college team.



Lego Robotics Club

Lego Robotics is starting soon! Open to students in grades 5-8.

We will use Lego Ev3 robots and learn Lego Mindstorms software to program them to complete fun tasks – this year's theme is Mission Horizon which is spaced-related. Meetings will be on Wednesdays afterschool until 4:00 starting on Sept 25th. Interested students need to pick up a registration form and permission slip as well as pay their fees by Sept. 23rd.

Forms can be picked up outside 8A or in the library.

See Mrs. Wetzel or Mrs. Lulay if you have any questions.

Math Counts In the single sing

Math Counts information will be posted soon.

Math Counts is open to 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students.

We meet weekly, after school on Mondays, from 2:45 - 4:00.

Snacks and drinks are provided while we work on individual and group math activities.



BSS Fine Arts Night is scheduled for May 14, 2020

Our theme this year, *One More Time*, focuses on using recycled materials to create awesome works of art. The newsletter will be used to communicate items that the art room can use your help in collecting. These should be clean items, possibly used, that are destined for the trash at home or work. At the moment, we are collecting:

- Tiles, stone or ceramic, any color (between 3" and 8")
- Receive packages at home or at work? Brown Kraft paper (or other paper used for packing material) is needed
- Perhaps your company is disposing of unused paper or fabric because of changes they are making
- <u>Clean</u> Styrofoam veggie trays (please do not send meat trays, for obvious reasons)
- Toilet paper / paper towel cores

Other items will be added to the list as the year progresses.

Men's Open Gym

Interested in hooping it up this fall/winter?

Strap on your rec specs, ankle braces & high tops each week on Wednesdays from 9-11 PM in the gym.

BSS parishioners only - signed waivers required.

Contact Chris Pfeiffer at christo.pfeiffer@gmail.com for more details.

Yearbook Photos

Please send any pictures that you take throughout the school year to the following email address: **bsskypictures@gmail.com**

Please label the subject line with the grade level of the pictures. Thanks in advance!

Cafeteria Help Wanted

Holy Cross school cafeteria in Latonia, serving students in grades K-12, has an opening for a part-time worker. Duties include food preparation, serving line, and cleanup for four hours per day, Monday through Friday. Interested individuals may contact Jacking Kaiser by email at ikaiser@covdio.org, or call 859/392-1500.

Research Opportunity

Are you and your child interested in participating in a research study and making \$30? The **Parenting and Youth Well-Being Study** at Miami University is recruiting parents and students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade to participate in an important research study about relationships and youth's well-being. Participation takes approximately 60 minutes and families are paid a <u>total of \$30</u> for their time. The study can be completed either at Miami University, the family's home, or a public library.

If you are interested in participating in the study or learning more, please:

Call us: 513 – 818 – 2804

Email us: framlab@miamioh.edu

* The Parenting and Youth Well-Being study has been approved by the Miami University Institutional Review Board (approval # 01767r).



Blessed Sacrament School is selling special PINK RIBBON spiritwear shirts to support Breast Cancer Awareness.

Proceeds will benefit breast cancer research.

Shirts will be delivered by the beginning of October, and may be worn on gym and spiritwear days throughout the school year.

ORDER DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 19!



Student Name: _____ Homeroom: _____

	Youth XS	Youth Small	Youth Large		Adult Large	Adult 2XL	Total Qty	Price \$15 per shirt
T-Shirt								



Make checks payable to: Blessed Sacrament School **Order Deadline: Thursday, September 19**

Turn order forms and money in to your homeroom teacher.

^{**} If you are sending in one payment for multiple children, please staple the order forms together and send in with the payment.



BSS Tennis Grades 1-3, 4-8 – Fall Session

- Clinic runs from Oct 18- Dec 13(8 weeks) at Five Seasons. Off Thanksgiving Friday.
- Grades 1-3: Fridays 4-5PM
- Grades 4-8: Fridays 5-6PM
- 60 min of instruction by 5 Seasons pros
- All levels welcome geared more to beginner and intermediate players
- Cost \$75
- Super bargain for 8 weeks of tennis!!!!

Please sign up ASAP! We usually fill completely, so don't wait! Signups close October 1.

www.BSSboosters.com

Sip & Shop For



THE PRETTY PONY

Boutique

September 26, 2019 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

*Come shop for a cause! 25% of all sales during the event will be donated back to Blessed Sacrament School!

*Snacks & beverages will be provided, so make it a girls' night out and do a little fall shopping!!

Located at

The Crestview Hills Town Center



November 8, 2019 Blessed Sacrament School's

Ladies Fall Event

Held in the Blessed Sacrament Church Undercroft 6:30 - 7:30 PM Special Cocktail Hour 7:30 - 11:30 PM Raffle Baskets, Games, Drinks & Food.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE PARENT CLUB'S LARGEST FUNDRAISER.

For corporate or family sponsorships or to volunteer to help with the event, please contact Holly Stanley: hollyschro@hotmail.com



WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 18TH 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM



JOIN US FOR FOOD AND FUN! BSS WILL RECEIVE 15% OF SPIRIT NIGHT SALES! YOU MUST MENTION SPIRIT NIGHT OR BSS WHEN PLACING YOUR ORDER FOR US TO RECEIVE CREDIT FOR THE SALE.

MAY BE USED IN STORE OR DRIVE THRU.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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Walking with Purpose

transforms the hearts and lives of women by providing Bible studies that enable women to know Christ through Scripture and the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.

Are you stretched and would like a way to refuel and be refreshed while making authentic connections with others?

Would you like to have a better understanding of your faith and learn more about God?

Coming to Blessed Sacrament this fall!

Thursdays, Sept 19th – Mar 19th

Mornings 10:40am – 12:10pm

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Evenings 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Discovering our Dignity

Discovering our Dignity gives us **modern-day advice** from women of the Bible. We learn that women of the Old and New Testament were sometimes as flawed and broken as we can be. Yet, the power of God worked in their lives. Through their stories recorded in Scripture, they reach out to **touch our "present"** in a tender, honest and loving way—**woman to woman.**

Registration: https://catholiceventsnky.blogspot.com

Contacts: Email: wwp.bssky@gmail.com

Morning: Ellen Chadwick (859) 630-9894 or Julie Fortner (859) 468-4301 Evenings: Connie Combs (859) 380-2466 or Jeanne VanDusen (859) 609-0936



HAUNT YOUR -- LIBRARY --

17th Annual Writing Contest for Children and Teens

Do you have an original spooky poem or scary story to share?

SEPTEMBER 16TH - OCTOBER 19TH

This contest is open to grades 1-12.
For other guidelines and entry instructions,
visit the Children's Department,
go to www.kentonlibrary.org,
or call 859-962-4077.

Covington Branch
502 Scott Boulevard
www.kentonlibrary.org

Teen

Children



Educator of the Week



Hillary Lubbers

Fifth Grade Reading & Language Arts

Book Nerd

Crafty mom of one

Is over the movie Cars

Centennial Fun Fact

Former BSS pastor Father Ruschman celebrated his Sapphire Jubilee (which is 65 years in the priesthood) in 2018.

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 have photos of BSS events, sports, after-school activities, classroom parties, etc., please send them to Dawna Thompson at bsskypictures@gmail.com

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.

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