BSS NEWSLETTER



Wednesday, September 28, 2022













WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Thursday:

SPIRITWEAR DAY

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Kindergarten - Walk to Ft. Mitchell Fire House!

2:15-3:15 - Junior High Quick Recall Practice 2:15-3:15 - Sixth Grade Quick Recall Practice

Friday:

CIVIL WAR DAY (8th grade)

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8:15 - Mass (grades K-4)

Monday:

2:15-3:15 - Math Counts

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Tuesday:

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Wednesday: PICTURE DAY!

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2:15-3:00 - Homework Buddies (students must be signed ur

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Friday:

NO BUS SERVICE

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8:15 - All-School Mass

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

French Toast, Egg Omelet, Salsa, Veggie Boat, Baked Apples, Fresh Fruit, Milk

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

Mini Corn Dogs, Mac & Cheese, Corn, Broccoli w/Dip, Peach Cup, Frozen Sidekicks, Milk

Hamburger or Cheeseburger, Potato Wedges, Baked Beans, Pear Cup, Fresh Fruit, Milk

Salisbury Steak w/ Dinner Roll OR
Chicken Patty on Bun, Mashed Potatoes,
Green Beans, Pineapple Tidbits,
Fresh Fruit, Milk

3- or 4-Way Chili Spaghetti, Kidney Beans, Diced Onions, Shredded Cheese, Oyster Crackers Veggie Boat, Glazed Carrots, Mandarin Oranges, Fresh Fruit, Milk

Cheese Bites with Marinara Sauce, Steamed Broccoli, Garden Salad, Applesauce, Fresh Fruit, Milk

2022-2023 SCHOOL THEME



Throughout the school year, we are encouraging our students to be "all in" with school, church, extra-curriculars, and everything that they are involved in. Our school and parish are committed to being examples of this message every day.

We expect our students to always give the best of themselves and be fully present and involved in whatever they do here at Blessed Sacrament!

Thank you for your support!

A Note From Your Administration

Dear Families and Friends,

Thank you to all who provided feedback regarding Curriculum Night and Preschool! We appreciate you taking the time to share your insights and concerns. A similar survey was sent to our faculty and staff. Mrs. Wood and I will look these over together to plan for next year.

We were recently contacted by Kenton County Transportation regarding a change in their policy. They let us know that students can only ride the bus to which they are assigned. Therefore, students cannot go home with a friend on their bus. If they are assigned to that particular bus, they can get off at a friend's stop with written documentation. They take their responsibility seriously and are sufficiently challenged in ensuring the safety of the students assigned to their particular bus.

Our next All-School Mass is Friday, October 7th, and there will be no bus service that day.

Cheerfully in Christ,

Mrs. Aideen Briggs Principal, Blessed Sacrament School

"The deepest level of communication is not communication, but communion. It is wordless. It is beyond words. It is beyond speech. It is beyond concept. Not that we discover a new unity, but we discover an old unity. My dear brothers and sisters, we are already one. But we imagine we are not. And what we have to recover is our original unity."

– Thomas Merton

Did You Know...

BSS Cross Country Teams are AMAZING! The girls swept the Williamstown Invitation on Saturday by winning all three team divisions: 7-8th grade, 4-6th grade, and k-3rd grade. At last night's Regionals, Middle School Girls came in 1st place, 5-6th grade boys came in 3rd place, and 5th-6th grade girls came in 2nd place!



Thumbs Up!



Shout out to Ms. Martin for coming to one of the 3rd grade girls volleyball games last Friday night!

Thank you for being ALL IN for your students!

WAIT UNTIL 8TH



A parent-led initiative supported by Blessed Sacrament Administration

CHILDHOOD IS TOO SHORT TO WASTE ON A SMARTPHONE.

HOURS PER DAY

On average, 8- to 12-year-olds use five hours worth of entertainment screen media per day, and teens use an average of seven and a half worth not including time spent using screens for school or homework



INCREASES MENTAL DISTRESS



Evidence from a variety of studies implicate smartphone and social media use increases mental distress, self-injurious behavior and suicidality among youth

SOCIAL

COMPARISONS

Social media self-view adolescents' relationships interpersonal through social comparison and negative interactions, including cyberbullying



EMPOWERS PARENTS





The Wait Until 8th pledge empowers parents to rally together to delay giving children a smartphone until at least 8th grade. By banding together, this will decrease the pressure felt by kids and parents over the kids having a smartphone.

LET KIDS BE KIDS A LITTLE LONGER

Take the pledge today. Get support from other BSS families. Simply go to www.waituntil8th.org to join us. Questions? Contact Erin Barnes at ebarnes@thepointarc.org.

www.WaitUntil8th.org



Does your 6th, 7th, or 8th grader love math? **Encourage them to join Math Counts!**

Math Counts begins Monday October 3. Meetings will be held every Monday in Mrs. Klensch's room from 2:15-3:15 pm.

Our team will participate in competitions with other schools, and will end the season with a regional competition at NKU. Valuable prizes, including full-tuition college scholarships, will be awarded at regionals!

Students can pick up a permission slip from Mrs. Klensch



BLESSED SACRAMENT BOOSTERS 4th Annual Golf Outing

Friday October 14, 2022 Twin Oaks Golf Club

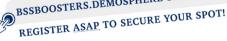
11:00 AM: Lunch & Registration 12:00 PM: Shotgun Start

*Registration: \$100/Golfer and includes:

- 18 Hole Scramble with Cart
- Tee Gifts & Awards
- Coney Bar Lunch, Beer & Soda

*Hole Sponsorships: \$150 Each Please E-mail bdyas@sterlingcutglass.com to submit signage artwork

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to see you on the course!

Mark your calendars for the Boosters Golf Outing!

Click the flyer for more information, or simply **CLICK HERE** to register.

We hope to see you there!



BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL

Respect Life Baby Item Drive

Items collected will be distributed to the Rose Garden Mission

Donation Items (please deliver to the front lobby at school):

- ☐ Diapers (size newborn/preemie and 5/6s)
- ☐ Baby Basket Supplies:
 - ~ wipes
 - ~ onesies (newborn-9 mos.)
 - ~ rattles
 - ~ baby washcloths/towels
- ~ blankets
- ~ pacifiers
- ~ teether toys
- ~ baby shampoo and lotion etc.

DONATIONS WILL BE COLLECTED OCTOBER 3-7



Volunteers Needed

Looking for a way to see your kids during the school day? Just want to help out?

Come volunteer to serve lunch! We're looking for volunteers to arrive at 9:50 am and help until lunch is over at 12:30 pm. You must be VIRTUS trained.

https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/20F0549A4A82EA5FB6-lunch

Courselor's Corner

September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.

While it is important to talk about suicide prevention year round, September is a dedicated time to come together to learn, discuss, and find support through a difficult topic. According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA), The causes of suicide are complex and determined by multiple combinations of factors, such as mental illness, substance abuse, painful losses, exposure to violence, and social isolation.

Warning signs that may mean someone is at risk may include:

- Talking about wanting to die or kill oneself
- Talking about being a burden to others
- Acting anxious or agitated; behaving recklessly
- Withdrawing or feeling isolated
- Displaying extreme mood swings

- Looking for a way to kill oneself
- Increasing the use of alcohol or drugs
- Sleeping too little or too much
- Showing rage or talking about seeking revenge



<u>Getting help:</u> The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline is a free, 3 digit dialing code, that connects individuals in crisis with trained counselors across the United States (SAMHSA). Calls are confidential and available 24/7. You don't have to be suicidal or in crisis to call the Lifeline. People call to talk about lots of things: substance abuse, economic worries, relationships, sexual identity, illness, getting over abuse, depression mental and physical illness, and loneliness.

Here's more about the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline:

- You are not alone in reaching out. In 2018, more than 2.2 million people called the Lifeline.
- The Lifeline is funded and managed by SAMHSA. The Lifeline is a network of over 150 crisis centers nationwide.
- Calls to the Lifeline are routed to the nearest crisis center for connections to local resources for help.
- Responders are trained counselors who have stopped over 90 percent of suicide attempts or ideation among callers.



Calling ALL musicians and music lovers!

Mark your calendars for October 20th, January 19th, and March 23rd (after school until 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! Students must have permission slip to attend.



BLESSED SACRAMENT

SKI **CLUB**

Join BSS Ski Club at 30% off if you sign up by Nov. 6th



Simply go to perfectnorth.com/clubs

Club Name: Blessed Sacrament

Username: bss Password: center

Use the 3 line menu in the upper left corner and select

your pass

If you are looking to add the BSS group lessons, they will be on Tuesdays this season. These lessons are optional add on that will be just BSS ski club members. There is always a top of the hour lesson available every hour as wall provided by Perfect North

The Blessed Sacrament is open to students, parents, families and friends.



Join our FB page: Blessed Sacrament Ski Club

Veteran's Day

Please mark your calendar for Friday, November 11 at 1:00 for our annual Veteran's Day Prayer Service in the church!



We would love to honor all of the veterans in our BSS family.

Please <u>CLICK HERE</u> to submit information for our Veteran's Day slideshow, and to RSVP to attend our Veteran's Day luncheon and prayer service.

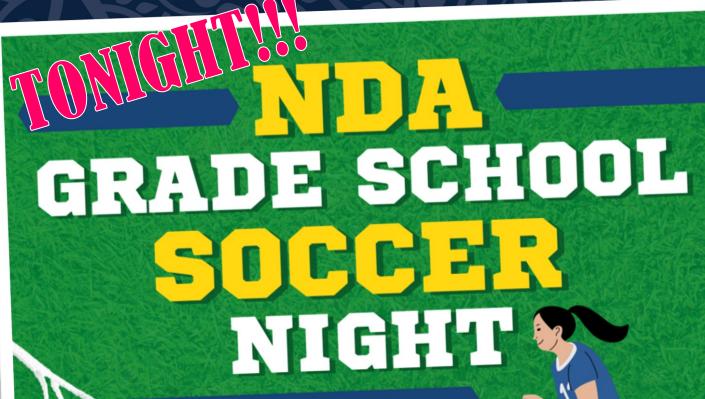
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INTERESTED IN SOME FRIENDLY COMPETITION AND EXERCISE ON THE HARDCOURT?

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 cpfeiffer@comey.com.



SEPT 28TH

JV 6:00p Varsity 7:30p

Free Admission, halftime contest, hot dogs & goodies for all future Pandas

Cheer On Blessed Sacrament

Alumnae:

Joelle Hentz Jane Schuh Kendal Hemsath Ava Summe Cameron Kirtley

BSS JV Alumnae:

Sophia Karim Ella Long Molly Daniels Chloe Fullenkamp Karla Pope Jane Schuh Joelle Hentz

BSS Freshman alumnae will greet future pandas

Peyton Quinn Olivia Hetzer Ella Petzelt Ellie Leen Sydney Sheely Ellie Heyob

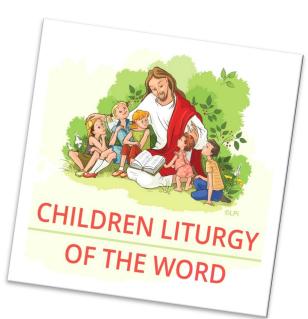


Got Young Kids?

WOULD YOU LIKE THEM TO HEAR GOD'S WORD IN LANGUAGE THEY UNDERSTAND?

THAT'S WHAT CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD IS. COME AND SEE!

We will do a 20-minute demonstration on Wednesday, September 28th, at 7 p.m. in the undercroft. Afterwards, we will do a 30-minute training session for anyone interested in helping with this ministry.

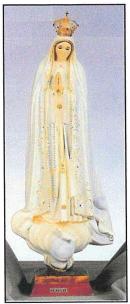


"Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language?"

- Acts 2:8

CALL ROSANNE IN THE PARISH OFFICE FOR DETAILS: 331-4302

Blessed Sacrament Church
BECOMING STEWARDS IN COMMUNITY



An Invitation to The Fatima Program

This program began in 1993 at Blessed Sacrament School. We hope that you will keep it going for many more years to come.

Our Fatima Program teaches families to pray together the beautiful and <u>powerful</u> prayer of the Rosary. Included in this package is a beautiful 21" statue of Our Lady of Fatima, a DVD of the story about Fatima, and Rosaries with a CD recording of praying the Rosary. The CD can be prayed in the car on the way to/from school, on the way to sports practices and in your home to pray for those people who need your prayers - the sick and deceased in your family, the soldiers and their families, family, friends, and especially your own intentions.

IMPORTANT: You can learn about the Fatima story through one of 2 DVDs, (1) The Day the Sun Danced, a cartoon video for all ages, and (2) The 13th Day, for grades 5-8. The cartoon video is a very wonderful video for all ages to watch and to learn about what our Blessed Mother is asking of us, even now. The 13th Day is a black and white video that has color when the Blessed Virgin appears. It also is very powerful in showing the three children's strength throughout this time.

A great website for explaining any part of the video is: www.americaneedsfatima.com. Click on "Our Lady of Fatima" to the right of "Home" on the bar. It explains each apparition, what was said, what Our Lady of Fatima asked of the children, what the children saw, heard, and a lot more. It is helpful and can be easily understood. All items in this package are marked whether to keep or to return with the package, as well as a note reminding you when to return it to school. Please, it is important to return the package on time for the next family's visit.

Also, this program is for <u>everyone</u> in your family. The package is delivered to the classroom and the child brings it home. It starts on Tuesday and is kept for a week, bringing it back on the next Tuesday. You may have numerous turns throughout the school year. You can assign anyone's name in your family-grandparents, older brothers and sisters, etc., but it comes to you through school. I will assign a date for you and send that date back to you through email for you to OK or change. If you would like a specific date, birthday, Easter or Christmas break, your own May crowing in May, or any 13th of the month in honor of Our Lady's apparitions on the 13th of May through October (Oct. 7th is the Feast of the Most Holy Rosary), just write the date anywhere on the form below.

I hope you welcome our Blessed Mother into your home and pray the simple but <u>powerful prayer</u> of the Rosary.

Community Events

CLICK HERE for information about VIRTUS TRAINING

click Here for information about "That Man Is You"

click here for information about "Walking with Purpose"

CLICK HERE for

BSS CHILDREN'S

CHOIR

registration

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 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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