

# BSS NEWSLETTER



Wednesday, September 29, 2021

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

**Thursday:** NO SCHOOL - BISHOP IFFERT'S INSTALLATION

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**Friday:** Civil War Day (8th Grade)

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8:15 - Mass (grades K-4)

**Monday:** 2:30-3:30 - Children's Choir rehearsal (grades 5-8)

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**Tuesday:**

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**Wednesday:** PICTURE DAY!

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8:15 - All-School Mass

2:30-3:30 - Children's Choir rehearsal (grade 4)

**Thursday:**  SPIRITWEAR DAY

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8:30-10:30 - First Grade Firehouse Visit

2:15-3:15 - Quick Recall Practice (grades 6-8)

**Friday:**

**8**

MAP TESTING

## WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

**Th** NO SCHOOL - BISHOP IFFERT'S INSTALLATION

**F** Pizza Crunchers, Marinara Sauce, Green Beans, Garden Salad, Applesauce, Fresh Fruit, Milk

**M** Chicken Tenders, Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans, Diced Peaches, Frozen Sidekick, Fresh Fruit, Milk

**T** Beef Taco with Queso, Salsa, Sour Cream, Corn, Black Beans, Diced Pears, Fresh Fruit, Milk

**W** Chicken Drumstick, Dinner Roll, Mashed Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Pineapple Tidbits, Fresh Fruit, Milk

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

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

## 2021-2022 SCHOOL THEME

### Rooted in Christ: Bear Great Fruit

When the branches on a vine bloom,  
fruit results.

God fulfills His purposes,  
producing much fruit through our S.H.A.P.E.  
when we stay connected to Jesus.

The fruit that He produces through us  
blesses others and brings glory to God.

# A Note From Your Administration

Happy Wednesday, Parents,

As a reminder, Diocesan Schools are closed tomorrow to honor Bishop Iffert's installation. Please take time tomorrow to offer a prayer for our new Bishop. Please read on for updates and reminders:

## COVID Updates:

- As of today, one student is quarantined due to a positive case in KA. No other KA students were close contacts due to parent diligence, masking, and spacing.
- Four students are quarantined due to being close contacts of cases outside of school.

## Blue Ribbon:

- Mr. Steffen will travel to Washington D.C. in early November to attend a ceremony at which Blessed Sacrament School will be recognized as a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence for the fourth time. Mrs. Algie, KA's kindergarten teacher that has been a part of all four blue ribbon awards, will also attend. Our official Blue Ribbon plaque will be brought back to school following this ceremony.
- We are working to finalize our Blue Ribbon t-shirt design as well as additional celebrations throughout the year.
- Again, congratulations on such an amazing accomplishment. Our community should be so proud!

## Help!:

- Please ensure that your student comes to school with a mask from home. Our disposable masks are for backup purposes, but many students are taking one each day, causing our supply to run very low.
- Please ensure students have extra masks in their backpack.
- Thank you for helping us with this issue.

## Mark Your Calendar:

- Our faculty hosted Stephen Smith of 'A Wired Family' at a staff meeting yesterday after school. He communicated new online risks that threaten our students, as well as information about how to minimize said risks.
- Please mark your calendars for the parent presentation on **October 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the church undercroft.**
  - If you have a child that has access to technology, this presentation is a must-see. It's imperative that we, as a community, are aware of how to protect our children from the dangers of social media and the digital world. Mr. Smith will discuss the latest applications, monitoring software, best practices, mental health, recent data, and alarming trends of which every parent should be knowledgeable. You can learn more about Mr. Smith's mission [here](#).
  - Mr. Smith will have already presented a child-friendly version of his presentation to students in grades 4 – 8 earlier in the week, making his parent presentation even more powerful.

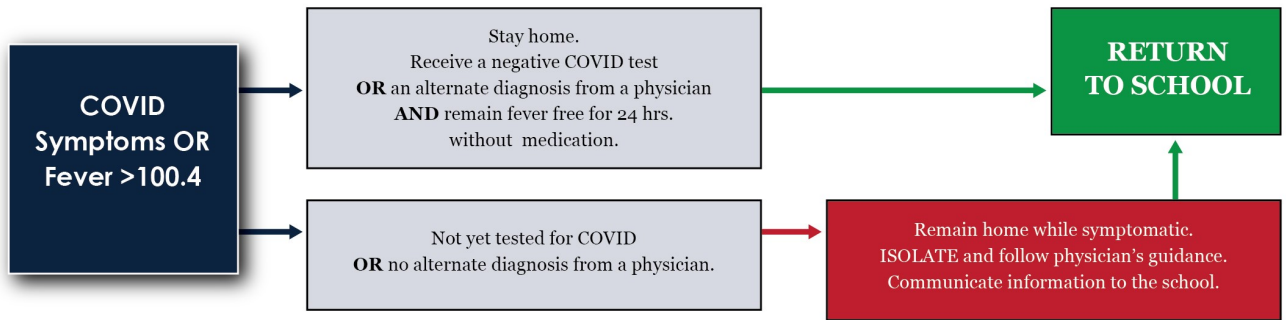
## Other Date Reminders:

- This Friday, October 1, is Civil War Day for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- Next Wednesday, October 6, is picture day.
- Next Wednesday, October 6, is also an All-School Mass.
- Next Thursday, our 1<sup>st</sup> Grade students visit the Ft. Mitchell fire house.
- Next Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, there is no school due to a teacher in-service.
- Parent/Teacher conferences will take place the week of October 25<sup>th</sup>. Schedules and sign-ups will be sent out in the coming weeks.

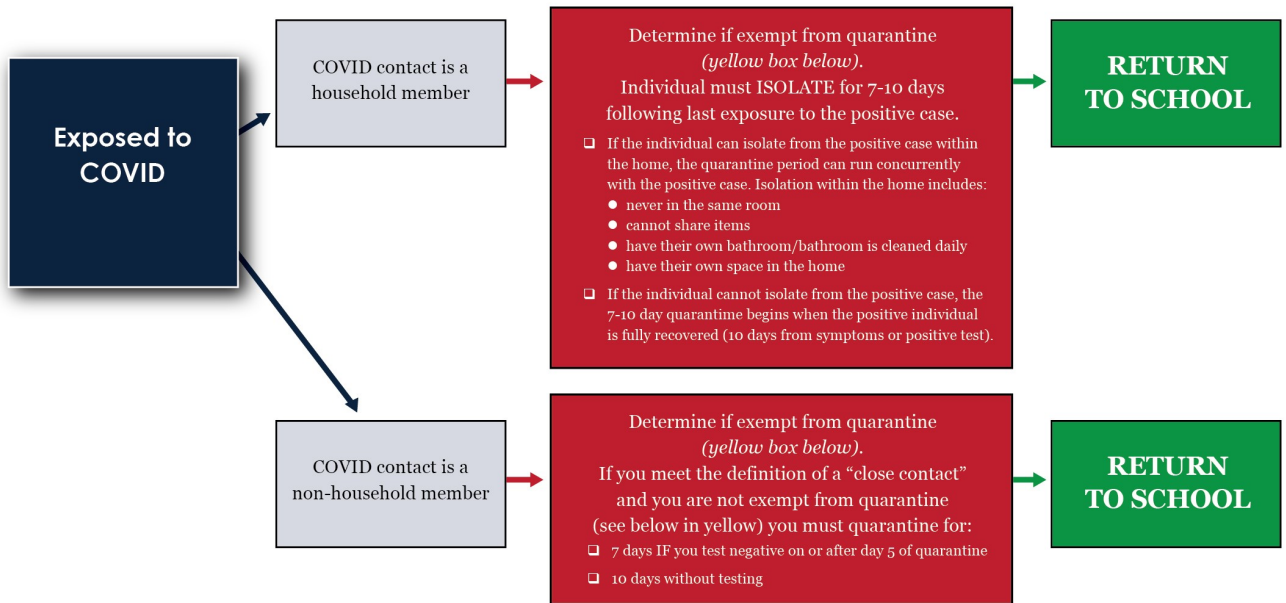
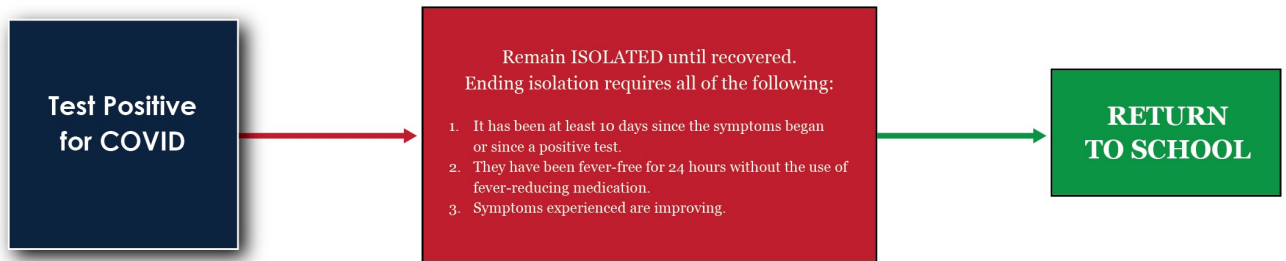
Thank you again for the never-ending support! We continue to achieve excellence because of YOU!

Mr. Steffen and Mrs. Geiman





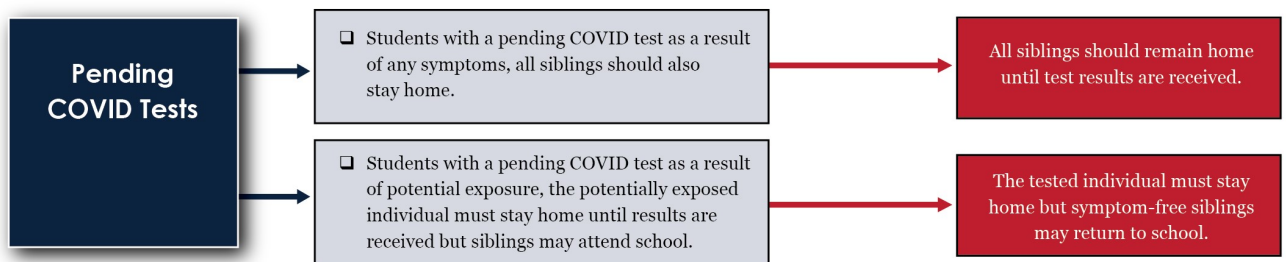
**COVID-19 symptoms include:** fever (above 100.4°F), chills, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle/body aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea and a new, uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing.



**"Close contact"** is defined as an individual within 3 feet of someone who has COVID for a total of 15 minutes (cumulative) over the previous 24 hours.

Individuals in the school setting are **exempt** from quarantine if ANY of the following criteria are met:

- they are masked and maintain at least 3 feet of space from the positive case
- they are masked and within 3 feet of the positive case for less than 15 minutes over the prior 24-hours
- they are fully vaccinated



# Thumbs Up!



Thank you to our  
fourth grade families!

Last year, they generously donated this painting of the Blessed Mother that is now hanging in the front hallway of our school. This gift was given in honor of the First Communicants that Fr. Hils was able to bestow the Eucharist on.



St. Ursula student and BSS alum

**BRYN CONNELLY**

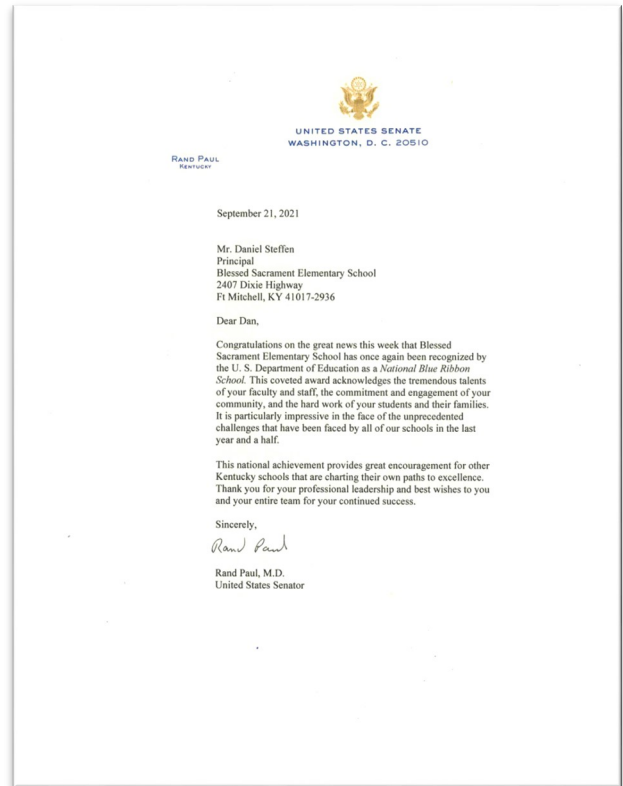
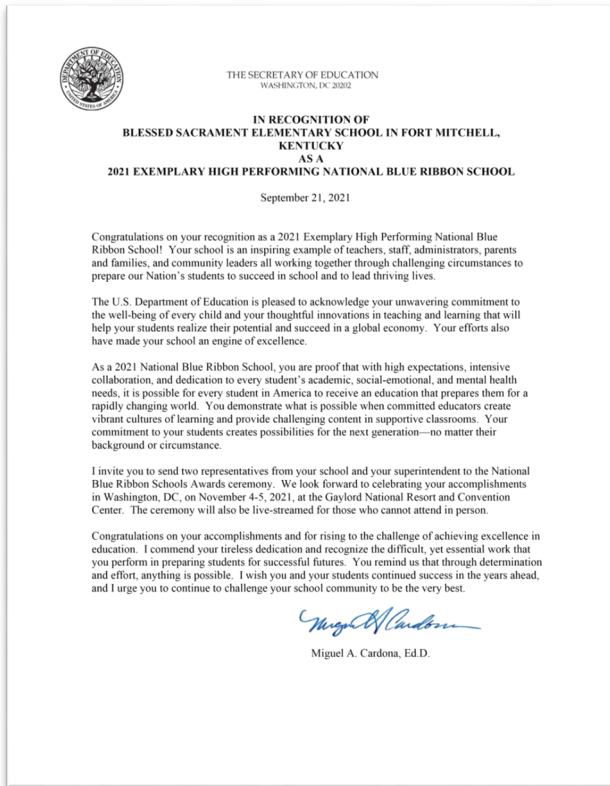
has been named a 2021 National Merit Semi-Finalist!

Congratulations Bryn!

We are SO proud of you!



# Thumbs Up!



*Letter of Recognition for our  
4th Blue Ribbon Award  
from United States Secretary of Education,  
Miguel Cardona*

*Letter of congratulations for our  
4th Blue Ribbon Award  
from United States Senator,  
Rand Paul*





# Math Counts

**Does your child enjoy math?**

**Are they interested in academic competitions?**

Please encourage your 6th-8th grader(s) to chat with Mrs. Klensch or Ms. Slagle about joining the Blessed Sacrament School Math Counts team!

After-school meetings will begin October 11 (Mondays from 2:15—3:15) and will conclude with an individual and possible team competition at NKU. Opportunities to earn cash prizes and/or college scholarships are available at the end of season regional competition!

Information will be sent home this week!

Please email Mrs. Klensch at [SKlensch@bssky.org](mailto:SKlensch@bssky.org) if your child plans to join the Math Counts team.



# Volunteers Needed

**Blessed Sacrament School is looking for two adult volunteers to coach 4th/5<sup>th</sup> grade Future Problem Solving for the '21-'22 Governor's Cup year. Certification is required.**

Future Problem Solving (FPS) is an internationally recognized, award winning program that encourages critical thinking. FPS fosters investigation, ingenuity, creativity and cooperative learning.

If interested, please contact Mrs. Geiman at [jgeiman@bssky.org](mailto:jgeiman@bssky.org) for details about training schedules as well as coaching obligations.

A banner image showing the interior of a church with a stained glass window on the left and arched doorways with hanging lights on the right. The text "Children's Choir" is overlaid in large white letters.

# Children's Choir

Dear Parents,

Our children's choirs are growing each week, and that is very exciting. Currently the 5-8 grade choir has 15 students, and the 4<sup>th</sup> grade choir has 7 students. These numbers are great! I would love to see more students sign up but with the current health concerns, I may need to cap the number soon due to spacing in the choir loft. If more students are considering joining (especially in the 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade choir) I would like to know sooner rather than later. I may need to split the group into two smaller groups in order to maintain the distancing in the Loft, which I am happy to do! **I intend to close registration for the Fall semester on October 1.** Should spots open up throughout the semester, I will reopen registrations after Christmas Break. Thanks for understanding.

Peace in Christ and all good things,  
Matt Spencer – *Music Director*

[REGISTRATION FORM](#)

[SCHEDULE](#)

A banner image showing school supplies like a red pencil holder, a white glue stick, and a blue pencil tray with pencils.

# STREAM Lab News

**STREAM LAB IS IN NEED OF DONATIONS!**

Please send empty paper towel rolls  
and empty toilet paper rolls to the STREAM Lab!

We need them for upcoming projects and will accept donations  
through THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7!

# Info from CCH



## COVINGTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL INVITES STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES TO LEARN ABOUT COVCATH:

### **9/29 Preview Night at CovCath TONIGHT!**

Parents of 7th & 8th grade boys are invited to attend an informational session at Covington Catholic High School on Wednesday, September 29th, 2021, from 6:00-8:00 pm. Please join us in the CCH Auditorium for a presentation by Principal Mr. Rowe, Q&A with current students, and mini-tours led by students and staff. Please pre-register [HERE](#).

### **11/7 Open House at CovCath (1:00-4:00 pm)**

Students of any grade level and parents/guardians are invited to attend an Open House at Covington Catholic High School. Student-led tours, faculty/staff conversations, and clubs & athletics displays are featured. Please register for an arrival time [HERE](#).

Get more information at [www.covcath.org/admissions-events](http://www.covcath.org/admissions-events).

# Info from NDA



## FUTURE PANDAS ARE WELCOME TO VISIT NOTRE DAME ACADEMY THIS FALL!

### **Panda Sneak Peek Information Sessions will be held in September and October**

Prospective Panda families will learn about NDA's academics, student life, and admissions policies. Families will have the option to take a tour at the end of each session.

### **NDA's Open House will occur on Sunday, Nov. 7 from 1 - 3 p.m.**

Prospective PaNDAs of all ages are welcome to attend to experience all of the opportunities that NDA has to offer!

Details about all of NDA's fall events can be found at the following link:

<https://www.ndapandas.org/admissions/admissions-process/important-dates>



# Help Wanted

## **ATTENTION BSS PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS!**

We have a floating aide position that needs to be filled.

Ideal candidates would be from our awesome BSS community!

Please contact Mr. Steffen at [dsteffen@bssky.org](mailto:dsteffen@bssky.org) for information on pay, hours, and how to apply, or pass on this information to any qualified candidates.

Thank you!

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## **THE SCHOOL FOOD SERVICES OFFICE OF THE DIOCESE OF COVINGTON DEPARTMENT OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS HAS AN IMMEDIATE NEED FOR CANDIDATES FOR SCHOOL CAFETERIA MANAGER POSITIONS AT BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL IN FT. MITCHELL AND ST. CECILIA SCHOOL IN INDEPENDENCE.**

Each position is full-time, thirty hours per week, during the school year.

Primary responsibilities involve overall supervision of the School's meals program, including: managing employees; ordering, receiving, and managing inventory; preparing and serving meals; operating the point-of-sale system; and interacting with school staff, students, and their parents.

Organizational and interpersonal skills are essential to this position.

Interested individuals may email or call Mrs. Jackie Kaiser, [jkaiser@covdio.org](mailto:jkaiser@covdio.org), 859-392-1536.



# From Our Parish

## The Word Became Flesh

### Fr. Augustine Aidoo's Blog

Monday through Friday, Fr. Augustine reflects upon the day's readings in his blog, "The Word Became Flesh." These reflections help us look at our modern world through the eyes of faith, with our Parochial Vicar as a spiritual guide. You can find the blog on our parish website (link below) and leave your own comments.

[The Word Became Flesh](#)



### Blessing of Pets

St. Francis showed his love for God in many ways, including his reverence for all creation. In memory of St. Francis, on **Monday, October 4th**, Fr. Augustine will bless pets on the front lawn at 6:00 p.m. Pets of all sizes and shapes are invited to bring their owners and celebrate God's creation and the special relationship people have with the animals in our lives.

*Blessed Sacrament Church*  
BECOMING STEWARDS IN COMMUNITY



# Other Information and Links

**ST. XAVIER  
HIGH SCHOOL  
HSPT PREP  
COURSE**

**NDA  
BOWLING TEAM**

# A FEW REMINDERS...

- ❑ Please remember to keep extra masks in backpacks
- ❑ Please consider keeping a small hand sanitizer in backpacks and lunch boxes
- ❑ Our current arrival and dismissal procedures can be found [HERE](#) in the handbook (see page 28)
- ❑ Please make sure that snacks and are peanut-free. A list of safe options can be found [HERE](#), 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](mailto: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](mailto: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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