

BSS NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, October 13, 2021



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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Thursday:



SPIRITWEAR DAY

14

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

7:00 - 8:30 - Confirmation Candidate/Sponsor Night

Friday:

15

8:15 - Mass (grades 5-8)

Monday:

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7:45-10:00 - "A Wired Family" student presentation (grades 5-8)

2:15-3:15 - MathCounts practice

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

Tuesday:

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OUT OF UNIFORM DAY WITH \$2.00 DONATION!

Wednesday:

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8:15 - Mass (grades 5-8)

2:15-3:00 - Homework Buddies

2:15-3:00 - Lego Robotics Club meeting

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

Thursday:



SPIRITWEAR DAY

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"Kids on the Block" presentations (grades K-4)

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

2:15-3:15 - Student Council Meeting

6:30 - 8:00 - "A Wired Family" parent presentation

Friday:

22

8:15 - Mass (grades 5-8)

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

Th

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

F

Wild Mike's Cheese Bites, Marinara Sauce, Green Beans, Garden Salad, Applesauce, Fresh Fruit, Milk

M

Chicken OR Cheese Quesadilla, Salsa, Sour Cream, Refried Beans, Corn, Frozen Sidekick, Diced Peaches, Milk

T

Cheese Coney OR Hot Dog, Roasted Potatoes, Onions, Shredded Cheese, Carrots & Celery with Dip, Diced Pears, Fresh Fruit, Milk

W

Salisbury Steak, Dinner Roll, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Pineapple Tidbits, Fresh Fruit, Milk

Th

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

F

Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup, Oyster Crackers, Garden Salad, Applesauce, 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

Dear Parents,

We had a very exciting week welcoming special visitors to our amazing school! Yesterday, Lieutenant Governor Coleman recognized BSS for our 4th Blue Ribbon Award with an official state acclamation. Today, both Superintendent McGuire and Assistant Superintendent Ulrich attended Mass with our 5-8th graders and toured the school in order to congratulate each one of our students for their contributions to our success. To show their support for our community earning our most recent blue ribbon, Mrs. McGuire and Dr. Ulrich wrote their names on blue ribbons and tied them to our lower playground fence surrounding our new banner! Students and staff will add their ribbons to the fence this week, and we invite families and parishioners to also add their own ribbons! This achievement is truly a community effort. Without our stakeholders, we would not be able to continue the success BSS has achieved for years! We have plenty of ribbons in the office if your family would love to be included in this awesome visual. They can be picked up from the school office.

Below are additional reminders and updates:

Stephen Smith: A Wired Family

- ☐ On October 21st, please join us in the undercroft at 6:30 PM for a presentation from Stephen Smith, founder of 'A Wired Family.' This program is instrumental in helping all caregivers protect our children online and teach them the power phones hold.
- ☐ To incentivize attendance, we are offering the students an out-of-uniform day paired with a no homework night (that benefits the parents as well!) if 70% of families in grades 4-8 are represented. Parents of younger students are also welcome to attend, as it will be beneficial for all.
- ☐ You can read more about his mission and view additional resources [here](#). Thank you for your support with this!

Kids on the Block: Safe Environment Program

- ☐ On Thursday, October 21st, the Family Nurturing Center's Program, "Kids on the Block," will be virtually presenting to our Kindergarten through 4th grade students. The Kids on the Block Program provides school based prevention services which increase public awareness about the problem of child abuse and equips children with the skills to recognize, prevent and report such abuse. The program is approved by the Diocese of Covington as a Safe Environment Program. You can find more information about the program at their website, [found here](#).
- ☐ The Diocese of Covington allows parents to choose to withhold their child from this safe environment presentation if they so choose. If you wish to opt your child out of this program, please print and fill out the form found [here](#), and send it in to the school office by the end of the school day Wednesday, October 20th. If no form is received, the child(ren) will attend this program.

COVID Updates

- ☐ Three students are quarantined as close contacts of cases outside of school. There are no positive cases currently.

Volunteer Opportunities

Now that we are blessed to resume activities, we ask that you prayerfully consider volunteering your time and talent to events when possible.

- ☐ Ladies Fall Event is approaching on November 12, and the success of the night depends greatly on parent volunteers. If you are able to contribute in making this night as fruitful as it has been in years past, please reach out to our Parents' Club Vice Preside and LFE chair, Cassie Kathman, at cassie13kathman@gmail.com. Thank you for your support!

Parent/Teacher Conferences

- ☐ Parent/Teacher Conference schedules are finalized and signups will be sent out in the very near future. Please be on the lookout for the email!

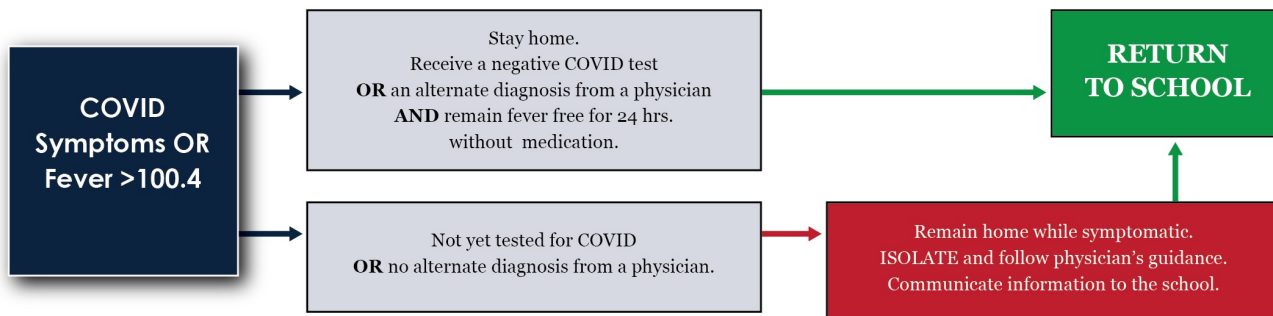
Upcoming Dates

10/14 Confirmation Candidate/Sponsor Night @ 7:00
10/19 Bring in \$2 to donate to LFE, and come to school out-of-uniform!
10/21 A Wired Family Parent Presentation @ 6:30 in undercroft
10/25-10/28 Parent/Teacher Conference Week
10/27 All-School Mass
10/28 Halloween parties and dismissal at 11:30
10/29 No School
11/1 No School, All Saints Day
11/2 No Bus Service

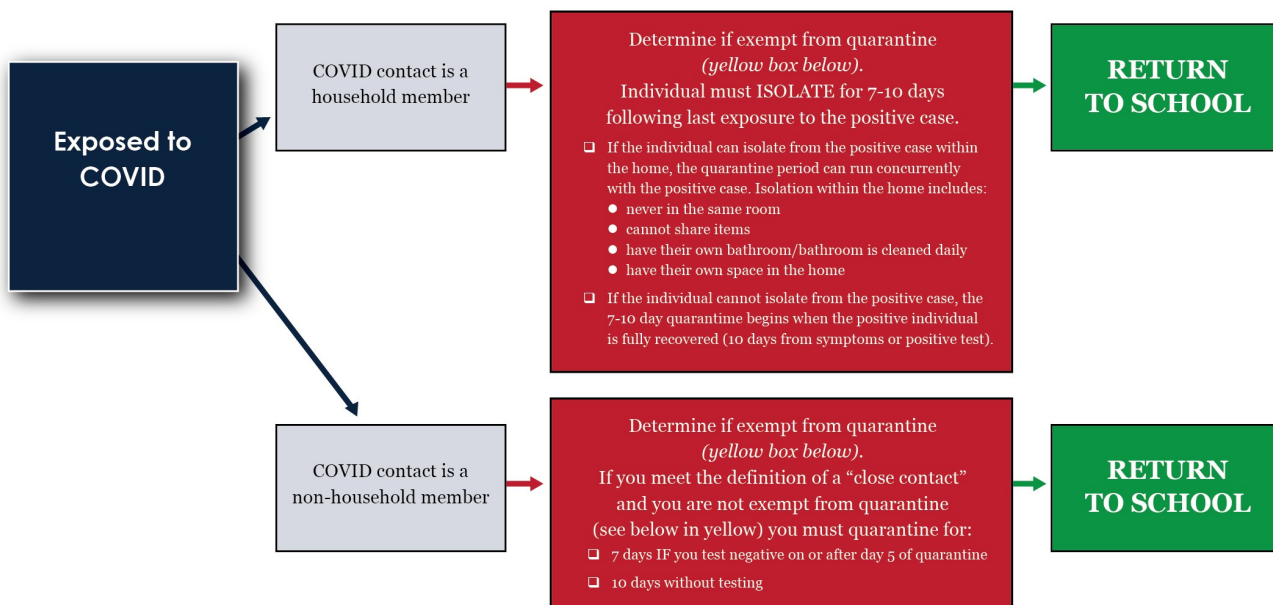
Thank you for reading this lengthy update. Please reach out to us with any questions.

Thanks for helping us keep BSS a Blue Ribbon School!

Mr. Steffen and Mrs. Geiman



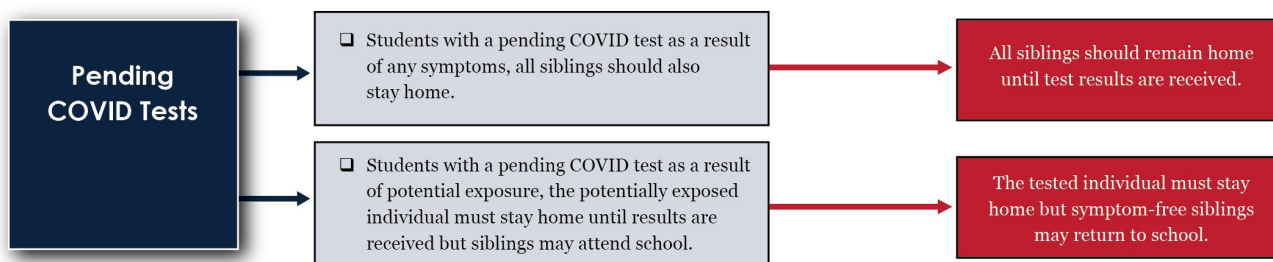
COVID-19 symptoms include: fever (above 100.4°F), chills, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle/body aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea and a new, uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing.



"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





Be the **WHY**



BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL
ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN
2021 - 2022

*You are part of the **WHY** that allows each of us at Blessed Sacrament School to strive for excellence every day. Your support motivates us to continue to aspire towards greatness.*

Blessed Sacrament students consistently exceed national standards on MAP tests, placing Blessed Sacrament School in the top fifteen percent of the nation in reading and math. These scores have qualified us for the U.S. Department of Education's Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Award FOUR times; in 1994, 2007, 2015, and, most recently, in September of 2021! Our Blue Ribbon standard of excellence is evidenced by student achievement, the number of high school scholarships our students receive, acceptance into higher-level high school math and foreign language classes, and the success of our graduates.

Your support, as part of our Blue Ribbon Community, provides the tools that our students need to make the most of their education here at Blessed Sacrament School. If you have not already donated to this year's Annual Giving Campaign, please prayerfully consider making a contribution. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and any amount makes a positive impact on our students, our school, and our parish.

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Thumbs Up!



Thumbs Up for our Blue Ribbon School!

We received an acclamation from the State of Kentucky in honor of our 4th National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Award!

Fourth grade students, along with Student Council members, attended a reception with the Lieutenant Governor of Kentucky.





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!

Please email Mrs. Klensch at 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/5th 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 for details about training schedules as well as coaching obligations.

Help Wanted

Our intervention team needs help with putting some materials together. We have been blessed with an excellent set of PDF books for our students, but need help with making the copies and assembling the books.

If you think you can help, please reach out to Sarah Wischer at swischer@bssky.org or Vonnie Zerhusen at vzerhusen@bssky.org.

Parent Club News

Did you know that you can email your receipts to BoxTops 4 Education through your linked Kroger app in just 5 simple steps?

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for detailed information from the Boxtops 4 Education website, or see below for instructions from the Kroger app.

Kroger App Instructions:

- ☐ Open app and click the three lines in the top right hand corner
- ☐ Click on "my purchases"
- ☐ Click on one of your qualifying purchases (if you don't know, you can send anyway and Box Tops for Education will let you know via email if it qualified or not)
- ☐ Click on Receipt in the top right hand corner
- ☐ Click on the three circle branches in the top right hand corner and email through your mail app on your phone to the email address receipts@boxtops4education.com (no need to put subject in the email)

Thank you for supporting our school!

Veterans Day

**Our annual Veteran's Day Prayer Service
will be held on Thursday, November 11!**

We would love to honor all of the veterans in our Blessed Sacrament community, so please [CLICK HERE](#) to include any veterans in your family! You are even able to upload a photo to be used in a slideshow during our prayer service!

All submissions must be received by October 29.



Prayer service at 9:00 in the church on Thursday, November 11th
with a reception to follow in the undercroft.

Lego Robotics Club

DO YOU LIKE MAKING CREATIONS OUT OF LEGOS?
DO YOU LIKE TO SOLVE PROBLEMS?
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN ROBOTS?

If you answered yes to any of these, Lego Robotics might be for you!!
(Open to students in grades 4-8)

Our first meeting will be **TODAY, Wednesday, October 13th** after school in Room 8A until 3:00.
This will be an informational meeting – if you are interested in joining or just want to find out more,
we would love to see you! Bring a friend!

Practices will be each week on Wednesdays. If you have questions, feel free to contact
either Mrs. Wetzel or Mrs. Moorman.

Basketball

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.

From Mrs. Weber

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS!

Blessed Sacrament School Christmas Concert

Thursday, December 16 at 8:00 am (in church)

featuring grades K-6 singing the Sounds of Christmas from around the world!

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

Music Share Days

November 17th, February 16th, May 4th

2:30-3:30 pm

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

Info from CCH



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

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](https://www.covcath.org/admissions-events).

Get more information at 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 for information on pay, hours, and how to apply, or pass on this information to any qualified candidates.

Thank you!

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.

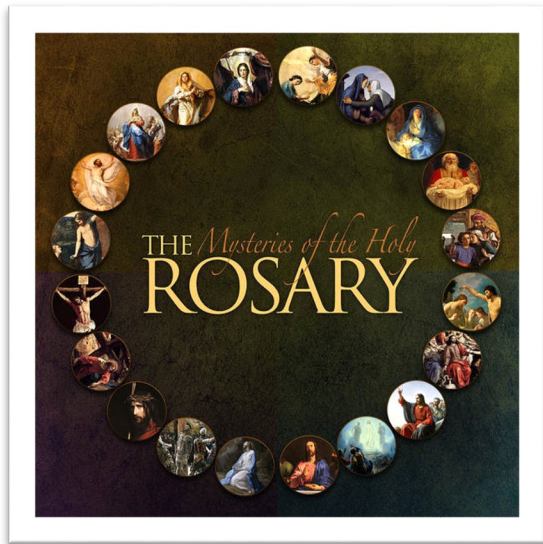
Organizational and interpersonal skills are essential to this position.

Interested individuals may email or call Mrs. Jackie Kaiser, jkaiser@covdio.org, 859-392-1536.



From Our Parish

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS



Rosary on the Lawn
Sundays through
Thursdays, 6 p.m.
Throughout October

All Souls Day Mass of
Remembrance
November 2, 7 p.m.



Blessed Sacrament Church
BECOMING STEWARDS IN COMMUNITY



Other Information and Links

**COV CATH
ELECTRONICS
RECYCLING
PROGRAM**

**TURKEYFOOT
TROT 5K
WALK/RUN**

**MOBILE
MAMMOGRAPHY
SCREENING**

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.

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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is to spiritually, academically, and personally develop active Catholics
using the Gospel teachings of Jesus Christ.