

BSS NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, October 14, 2020



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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Thursday:

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SPIRITWEAR DAY!



2:30 - 3:15: Quick Recall Practice (grades 4-8)

Friday:

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8:15 - 9:15: Mass - 1, 2

Monday:

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2:15 - 3: Student Council Officers Meeting

Tuesday:

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8:15 - 9:15: Mass - KB, 3, 4

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

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

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French Toast, Scrambled Eggs, Salsa,
Veggie Boat, Baked Apples, Fresh Fruit, Milk

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Mini Corn Dogs, Mac & Cheese, Corn,
Broccoli with Dip, Frozen Sidekick,
Diced Peaches, Milk

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Cheeseburger/Hamburger, Potato Wedges,
Baked Beans, Diced Pears, Fresh Fruit, Milk

W

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

Th

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

F

Cheese Bites with Marinara Sauce,
Green Beans, Garden Salad, Applesauce,
Fresh Fruit, Milk

2020-2021 SCHOOL THEME

Rooted in Christ, Bloom Where You are Planted

We have focused on identity (SHAPE) and vocation. This year we will focus on living out that unique vocation, or purpose that God has given each of us - our mission.

We will explore how God reveals both himself and our life's mission through experience.

A Note From Your Administration

Hello, parents!

Thank you for continuing to help BSS bloom! Here are the updates for the week.

Cold Weather Precautions

As we move deeper into fall and into winter, it's important that we continue to appropriately ventilate our classrooms. The CDC has now recognized potential airborne transmission of the virus. While we have been doing this all along, it's important that we continue to ventilate throughout the year. You can read more about that as well as their recommendations [here](#). We plan to continue with the measures we have taken to prevent potential transmission throughout the colder months. Because of this, we need your help making sure the students are layered and warm. Windows will remain cracked as long as possible to ensure proper ventilation. We have made preparations to turn on the steam heat system (secondary heat source) earlier than usual to counter the open windows. We will need our students to wear layers if they are cold in the classroom. We also plan on taking them outside as much as possible for recess even in colder temperatures, so please make sure they have hats, gloves, season-appropriate coats, leggings (girls), sweatshirts, etc. It is important to continue fresh air ventilation in order to promote the safest classroom environment for our students and staff.

Covid-19

As of October 14, Blessed Sacrament School has been informed of one student, one staff member, and two parents testing positive for Covid-19. The staff member is currently in quarantine and will return when able and permitted. All information that we have points to all cases originating outside of BSS. We do not see any evidence of spread within BSS.

Please continue to contact us when you need to report exposure, have questions, are planning to travel (especially since the holidays are approaching), or need guidance about how to proceed to protect both your family as well as the entire BSS community. Please also remain diligent with the activities you choose for your children and family outside of school, as those choices can directly affect our in-person instruction. Thank you.

Car Line

Please note that announcements begin at 7:20. Students are marked tardy starting at 7:25. Please be aware that students begin switching classes (in older grades) as soon as announcements conclude. While they technically are not late until 7:25, it is a very hectic start to the day for students that arrive at and after announcements. Please make every effort to get students here before announcements begin (with a few minute buffer to reach their classroom and get settled).

The car line is still nearly empty from 6:45 – 7:00 every day. When it does back up (from 7:05 – 7:20) it is because of the high volume of cars trying to drop off in that time frame. Thanks for your help in making this process efficient for everyone!

Parent/Teacher Conferences

The end of the first trimester is quickly approaching, which means Parent/Teacher conference signups will be sent out in November. They are scheduled for the first week of December and will be held virtually. More information will be available soon as details are finalized.

As always, we are incredibly grateful for the role you have played during our transition back to in-building instruction. You continue to help our school year be successful!

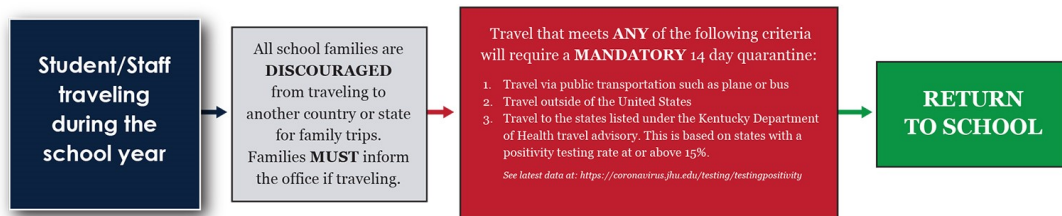
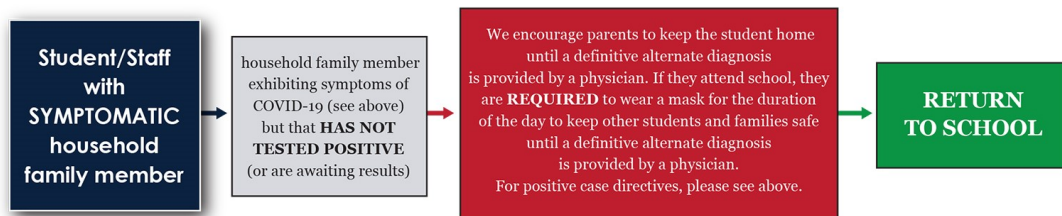
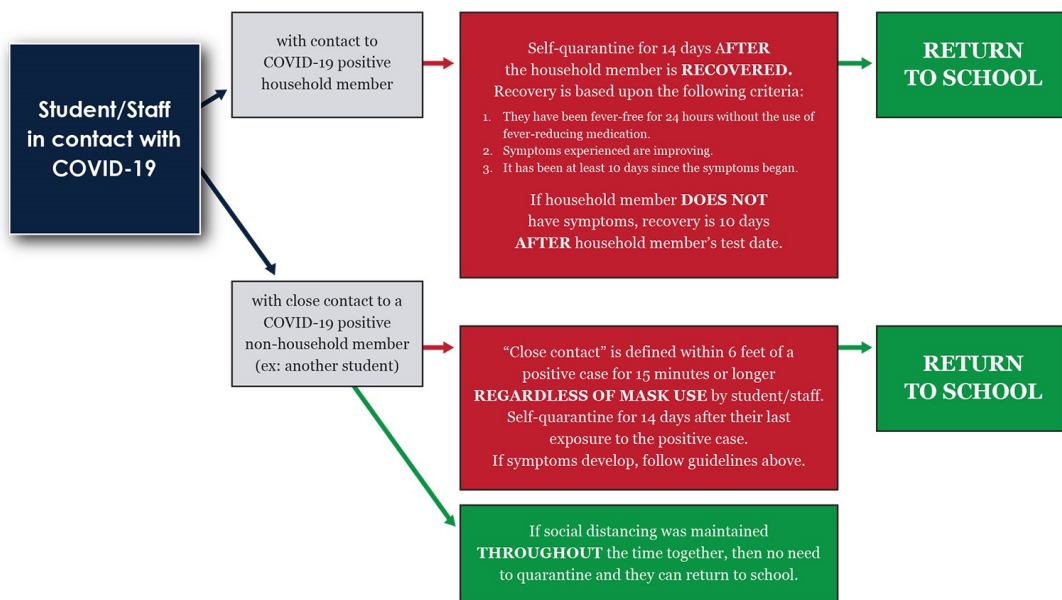
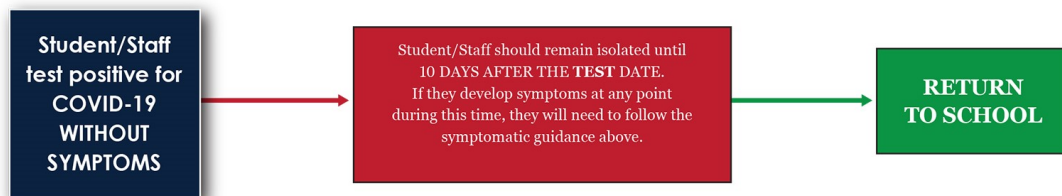
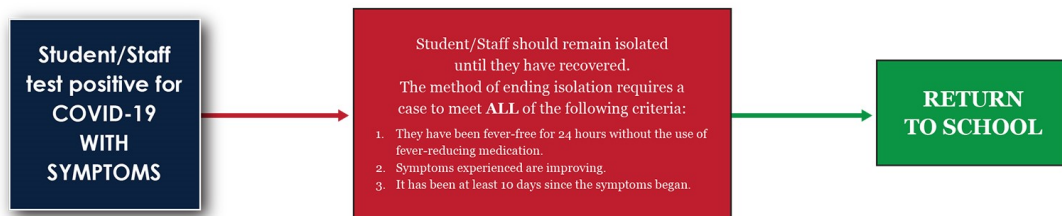
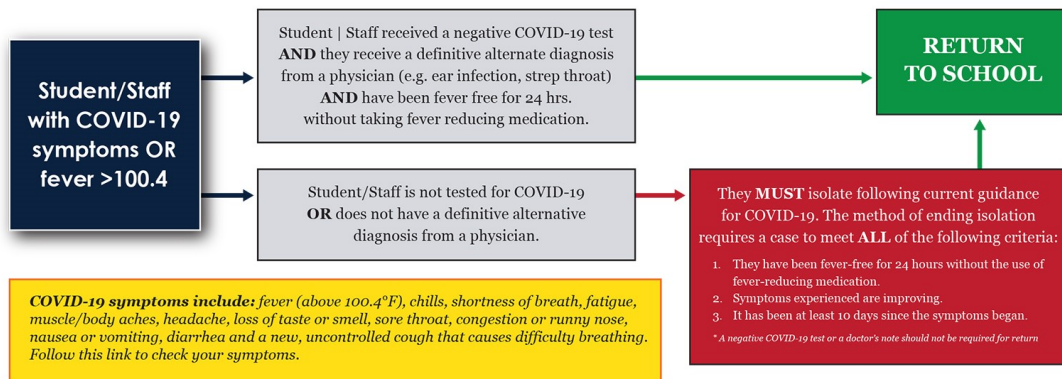
Mr. Steffen and Mrs. Geiman





BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL Covid-19 Response Chart for Students/Staff (updated 9/2/2020)

information subject to change.





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Giving

CAMPAIGN

2020-2021

[CLICK HERE](#)

if you would like to make a donation

Blessed Sacrament School students are offered many advantages throughout their education thanks to the generous donations made every year to our Annual Giving Campaign. Your kindness helps to ensure that Blessed Sacrament School remains a top-tier elementary school in Northern Kentucky and the Diocese of Covington.

32% of the Blessed Sacrament School Class of 2021
qualified to enroll in Algebra 1 at Covington Catholic High School and Notre Dame Academy.

29% of Blessed Sacrament School class of 2020 graduates *earned academic scholarships to various high schools throughout Northern Kentucky and the Greater Cincinnati area.*

22% of Blessed Sacrament School class of 2020 graduates *tested out of Spanish 1 and qualified to enroll in Spanish 2 as freshmen at the high school of their choice.*

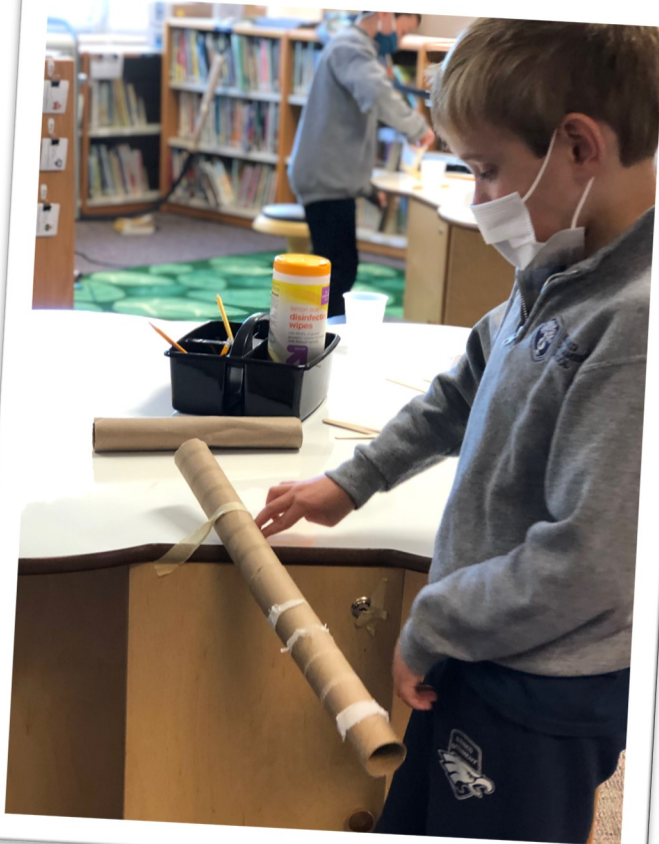
TODAY'S DONATIONS ARE HELPING SHAPE TOMORROW'S LEADERS

Thumbs Up!



Thumbs Up for Mr. Ingraham!!
Once again, he put together
an immersive, interactive, and
super fun Civil War Day for our
Blessed Sacrament 8th graders.

We are so fortunate to have such a
dedicated Junior High Social
Studies teacher here at BSS!



Thumbs Up for STREAM!

Our STREAM Team helped third grade
students create “acorn chutes”
out of cardboard tubes!

What a fun way to learn about science!



Congratulations again to our
Class of 2020 Confirmandi!
May God bless you always.



Parent Club News

We would like to introduce the Parent Club Board & Grade Level Coordinators for the 2020-2021 school year!

Parent Club Board

Lindsey White - *President*
Tracie Edwards - *Vice President*
Maydie Conkin - *Secretary*
Meredith Schierberg - *Treasurer*
Cassie Kathman - *Book Keeper*

Grade Level Coordinators

Kerri Eilers - <i>Kindergarten</i>	Brandi Ingram - <i>Fifth Grade</i>
Maydie Conkin - <i>First Grade</i>	Meredith Schierberg - <i>Sixth Grade</i>
Mary Ellen Farrell - <i>Second Grade</i>	Valerie Dyas - <i>Seventh Grade</i>
Jackie Robke - <i>Third Grade</i>	Mary Ruth Kessans - <i>Eighth Grade</i>
Erin Woods - <i>Fourth Grade</i>	Christa Yeager - <i>Eighth Grade</i>

As we all know, this school year looks completely different. Unfortunately, parent volunteers are currently not able to assist with school activities. We have a Grade Level Coordinator (GLC) for each grade, but no room parents. It's a huge bummer, but Parent Club has been meeting to find ways to make sure our students can still enjoy classroom parties. With Halloween coming up, Parent Club is preparing a snack and age appropriate craft for each grade. Parent Club will be dropping off all supplies. The teachers will distribute and decide exactly what they would like to do during their party time. With many discussions on how to do parties safely, this seemed to be the best solution.

Please be on the lookout for the VOLUNTEER SHEET which will be sent home with your student this week. We will still need parent volunteers for school activities. We will have to get creative to do a few of the programs virtually, but are confident we can make it happen!

Parent Club is revamping our Gift Certificate Program. We are selling all inventory on a "first come first serve" basis. For every \$50 spent, you will receive a \$5 skyline gift card (specific NKY locations). The flyer will be coming home with your student this week, too!

Our Parent Club's biggest fundraiser, LADIES FALL EVENT (last year we raised over \$18K), has been postponed. However, we will be having the GRAND RAFFLE, which is great news! The Grand Raffle will be held virtually on Friday, November 20th at 12PM. Students will be receiving approx. 10-15 tickets (Date sent home: TBD)

Parent Club will be participating in the LaRosa's Buddy Card Program! More details to follow this month on when you will be able to purchase.

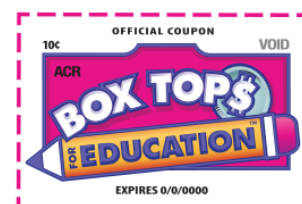
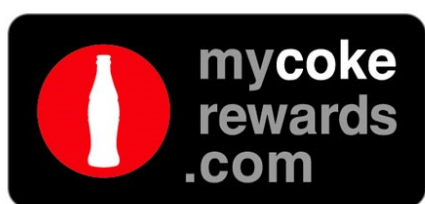
Parent Club is very excited about another fundraising opportunity for our school! BSS parents, teachers, staff, and students will have the opportunity to be part of our very first BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL COOKBOOK. Every family will be able to share a favorite family/recipe(s). Each family will submit a recipe (on-line link will be provided through email), along with a photo (optional). There will be opportunities for sponsors as well. More details to follow very soon! Start thinking about yummy treats and meals you can share with our BSS community!

If you have any questions, please feel free to email Parent Club at parentsclub@bssky.org

On behalf of Parent Club, we appreciate your support! Thank you so much!

Parent Club News

Did you know that you can raise money for BSS when shopping for groceries or on Amazon?



Simply click on the Community Rewards tab on the BSS website and learn how to sign up for Amazon Smile, Remke and Kroger community rewards, as well as information on Box Tops and Coke Rewards!

DON'T FORGET TO USE AMAZON SMILE WHEN MAKING PURCHASES ON AMAZON PRIME DAY - OCTOBER 13 AND OCTOBER 14!

Our Gift Card program is also a great way to give back to the school! Please [CLICK HERE](#) to print the gift certificate order form. It can also be found on the web site under School Forms> Misc Forms> Gift Card Order Form. Just complete the form and send into school with your payment, and gift cards can be sent home with your student! Thanks so much for your support!!

Spirit Night!



Mackenzie River and Blessed Sacrament School invite you to dine with us at our Crestview Hills location on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2020.

Order your favorite items from our fresh, tasty menu and Blessed Sacrament will receive a donation of 20% of your meal dollars from Mackenzie River!

[CLICK HERE](#) to print a voucher, and be sure to present it when settling your bill to ensure Blessed Sacrament receives your contribution!



Virtus

Although we are extremely limited in our ability to have parent volunteers in the classroom and/or school building this year, we encourage you to please continue to read your monthly Virtus bulletins and stay current with your certification.

Also, please make sure to complete your bulletins on a computer and NOT on a phone.

The answers typically do not record when submitted on a phone.

Thank you!



Gift Certificates

BSS Gift Certificate Inventory Sale **Thursday October 15th beginning at 7AM!**

BSS Parent Club is in the process of revamping our Gift Certificate Program and is offering a \$5 Skyline gift certificate (select locations and while supplies last) for every \$50 in gift certificates that you purchase that are currently in stock!

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for more detailed information, and to find the most recent inventory available at this time.

Email your order to Maydiemack@hotmail.com beginning at 7 AM on Thursday October 15th. Orders will be filled on a “first come, first serve” basis.

Once your order is filled, you will receive an email letting you know that it has been filled and your total amount due. Payment can be sent via check on Friday morning 10/16 to the school office made payable to BSS Parent Club, or via Credit Card using the Square App (invoice will be sent via email for you to input credit card information.) Gift cards will be sent home with your student on Friday 10/17 once payment has been received. Please do not pay until you receive an email with your total, as some gift cards may sell out.



Help Wanted

Various schools in the Diocese of Covington currently have openings for full-time, part-time, and substitute workers. Hours of work would be during the course of the school day. Duties may ordinarily include food preparation, serving, and general cleanup. Interested individuals should contact Jackie Kaiser by e-mail at jkaiser@covdio.org, or call (859) 392-1500.

Challenge Club

A FAITH-BASED CLUB FOR
GIRLS IN 5TH -8TH GRADE

Challenge Club is a chance for girls to have fun while living out their beliefs and participating in apostolic projects. Club meetings are led by high school girls and meetings are two Fridays a month in the afternoon.

*Check it out on Friday, October, 16th
3:30 - 5:00 BS Cundercraft*



RSVP REQUIRED challengeatblessedsacrament@gmail.com

or Lisa Laudenslayer 513-235-6872

All Parish Covid requirements apply. Please bring a mask.

Community Events

GRIFFIN ELITE X IGNITION APG
700 DOLWICK DR. ERLANGER, KY 41018
(859) 331-0979

MIDDLE SCHOOL BURST TRAINING

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
3:00pm-4:00pm

The Ignition Burst Training program specifically focuses on developing athletic foundations in the areas of speed, agility, quickness and power. It is centered on learning proper mechanics and increasing the athlete's capacity to meet the demands of their sport.

PRICING

Single Session: \$20
5 Sessions: \$100
10 Sessions: \$150



REGISTER THROUGH THE GRIFFIN ELITE APP!

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ATHLETIC DEVELOPMENT

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
4:00pm-5:00pm

Created for our youth athletes, the Athletic Development Training program teaches the foundations of performance training. Built for athletes grades 3-5, our ADT class serves as an introduction to strength and conditioning. By integrating constructive games and drills through body weight techniques we are able to teach proper mechanics in the developmental stages before bad habits are formed.

PRICING

Single Session: \$20
5 Sessions: \$100
10 Sessions: \$150



REGISTER THROUGH THE GRIFFIN ELITE APP!



FOR FIRST THROUGH 12TH GRADE
SEPTEMBER 14-OCTOBER 18, 2020

Enter an original poem or tale in the Kenton County Public Library's 18th annual spooky writing contest. Deadline for entries is October 18. Limit of 700 words. Winners will be announced and prizes awarded in late October. Submit entries to the Covington Children's Department or email a Word document to writingcontest@kentonlibrary.org. Entries must include child's name, age, address, phone, email address, school and grade level.

Questions? Call 859-962-4000.

Visit library locations in Covington, Erlanger and Independence and online at kentonlibrary.org



Art Contest

Northern Kentucky
Firefighters Association



Junior Fire Marshall
Poster Contest

A FEW REMINDERS...

- ☐ Please remember to keep extra masks in backpacks
- ☐ Please consider keeping a small hand sanitizer in backpacks and lunch boxes, and continue to encourage effective hand washing habits
- ☐ The most current school-related COVID-19 information can be found [HERE](#)
- ☐ Our current arrival and dismissal procedures can be found [HERE](#) in the handbook (see page 28)
- ☐ Please make sure that snacks and lunches 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.
- ☐ We know that you're all doing your best!
- ☐ 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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The mission of Blessed Sacrament school
is to spiritually, academically, and personally develop active Catholics
using the Gospel teachings of Jesus Christ.