

# BSS NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, October 21, 2020



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## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

**Thursday:**

**22**

**SPIRITWEAR DAY!**



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

**Friday:**

**23**

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

**Monday:**

**26**

**Tuesday:**

**27**

**REMINDER!!** Wear red today, and bring a \$1 donation to wear jeans!

**2:30 - 3:30:** Student Council Meeting

Spirit Night at Mackenzie River Grill

**Wednesday:**

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**29**

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DEADLINE FOR COOKBOOK SUBMISSIONS

**Friday:**

**30**

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

LAST DAY FOR BOOK DONATIONS

↑ **RED RIBBON WEEK!!** ↓

## 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**

Cheese Bites with 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**

Hot Dog OR Cheese Coney, Roasted Potatoes, Onions, Shredded Cheese Carrots and Celery w/ Dip, Diced Pears, Fresh Fruit, Milk

**W**

Sliced Turkey with Gravy, Dinner Roll, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Pineapple Tidbits, Fresh Fruit, Milk

**Th**

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

**F**

Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup, Oyster Crackers, 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

Good afternoon, BSS families,

As reported earlier this morning, we are seeing an increase in COVID-19 cases in NKY which subsequently impacts our school community. Most cases this school year have been a household member or close contact (not the student or staff member him/herself) testing positive.

Here are a few reminders and clarifications:

- ❑ Please avoid non-essential gatherings, particularly if they are indoors, lack proper distancing or face coverings, or involve a large number of people. It only takes one or two incidents to have a big impact on our school. This is incredibly important to practice as we approach Halloween weekend. In particular, sleepovers put many students at risk of exposure and thus, quarantine. We ask that you please practice extra caution during this time because of cases spiking. The choices that each family makes directly affects our school community.
- ❑ Typical timelines for return are: A) person testing positive - 10 days after recovery, B) household members/close contacts testing positive - 24 days after onset of symptoms (10 days of recovery, plus 14-day quarantine), & C) other potential exposure - 14 days after contact.
- ❑ Please take your child to the doctor any time that he or she exhibits one of the following: A) fever, B) severe, prolonged, combined, or unusual symptoms. If a household member is showing symptoms or awaiting a test result, keep students home until a negative test result or alternate diagnosis is received.
- ❑ If you need to report a potential COVID exposure and/or test, or if you have questions about how to handle a situation, please contact the administration as quickly as possible.

Our primary goal is to keep everyone safe, healthy, and learning in person. We cannot continue to successfully learn in-person without your help. As cases spike in Kentucky and across the country, it's so important that we work together to make safe choices for all members of our school community. We appreciate your support with this!

Mr. Steffen and Mrs. Geiman







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# Giving

CAMPAIGN

2020-2021

**CLICK HERE**

*if you would like to make a donation*

“Learning Spanish from 1st to 8th grade helped me inherit a broader world view and become interested in a foreign culture. After a successful eight years of learning the Spanish language, I decided to shift my language focus to German once I enrolled at St. X. Boredom for Spanish was not the reason for my switch, on the contrary it inspired me to continue to expand my knowledge on foreign languages. Now entering my senior year, with my language credit fulfilled, I have opted to take on one more language, French. I believe if it was not for the Blessed Sacrament foreign language department, I would not have felt comfortable continuing my knowledge of world languages. Thank you, BSS!”

Owen Timmerding

*Blessed Sacrament School, Class of 2017*

*St. Xavier High School, Class of 2021*

Please visit <https://bssky.ejoinme.org/AGC> if you would like to contribute to this year's campaign and help students like Owen continue to receive a top-tier education at Blessed Sacrament School.

TODAY'S DONATIONS ARE HELPING SHAPE TOMORROW'S LEADERS

# Thumbs Up!

Thumbs up for MUSIC!!!

Mrs. Weber's 5th grade music class enjoyed an amazing virtual concert by the Kentucky Symphony Orchestra.

We are so grateful for the technology that is available to us during this ever-changing school year!



Thumbs up for 7th grade!!

Thank you to these students for volunteering their recess time to make posters for Red Ribbon Week!

Look for their Harry Potter themed designs in the halls next week!



# RED RIBBON WEEK - 2020

A Week To Promote Drug Prevention and Education

**October 26 - 30**



## **Monday – Motivational Monday & Song of the Day**

- ☐ Homerooms are encouraged to put up a display promoting Red Ribbon Week. Our judges will come around on Thursday to select winners.
- ☐ 8th graders will visit classes at the end of the day at 1:15 to encourage students to stay healthy and drug free! 8th graders will be educated about the dangers of Vaping.

## **Tuesday – Trivia Tuesday & Song of the Day**

- ☐ Wear lots of Red today and Wear JEANS for \$1 donation to promote drug prevention. The donation will go to Transitions Inc. in order to assist those struggling with alcohol and other drug addiction.

## **Wednesday – Worship Wednesday & Song of the Day**

- ☐ Prayers will be offered today for those individuals and families affected by alcohol or other drug use.
- ☐ 8th graders will plant RED TULIP BULBS in the school yard to PLANT A PROMISE TO MAKE GOOD HEALTHY CHOICES. The tulips will bloom in April during Alcohol Awareness Month!

## **Thursday – Thoughtful Thursday & Song of the Day**

- ☐ Our Ft. Mitchell Police have been thoughtful to share ideas about drug prevention with our students through a video created by our 8th graders. Classes can access the video during their homeroom.

## **Friday – Fun Fact Friday & Song of the Day**

- ☐ Facts about Drug Prevention will be shared
- ☐ Contest winners will be announced for the best homeroom displays!



**During this week parents and students can work together to say and encourage the PLANTING THE PROMISE PLEDGE --**

*I WILL BLOOM WHERE I AM PLANTED ---*

*I pledge to work at school and learn the things that I need to know.*

*I pledge to make the world a better place for kids like me to grow.*

*I pledge to keep my dreams alive and be all that I can be.*

*I pledge to help others and to keep myself drug free.*

# Parent Club News

Please check your email for an invitation  
to contribute to our first

## BSS Cookbook!



**The deadline for recipe submission  
is Thursday, October 29.**

Cookbook order forms will be sent home October 30th and the books will be delivered to classrooms prior to Christmas break.

We are also looking for some amazing sponsors! If you would like a half or full page ad in the cookbook, please click the link below for additional information. Thank you in advance for your support!

<https://checkout.square.site/buy/JWNLNE7SEGSZI2FVV7MZSD4>

If you have any questions,  
please contact Tracie Edwards  
859-609-0393

# 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!



***\$150 Value - Just \$10!***  
**Activate your Buddy Card**  
**at [mybuddycard.com](http://mybuddycard.com)**

14 offers on each Buddy Card  
"Buy any Large Pizza, get a Large Cheese Pizza FREE"

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for the Buddy Card order form *(pay by cash or check made out to BSS Parent Club)*

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to order Buddy Cards online

**All proceeds benefit BSS Parent Club**

*(offers valid for Dine In or Carry Out only and expire one year from activation)*

# 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 that 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](mailto: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](mailto:jkaiser@covdio.org), or call (859) 392-1500.

# Pass-It-On BOOK CAMPAIGN



## BSS SERVICE PROJECT

10/26-10/30

In recognition of Dyslexia Awareness month, the International Dyslexia Association-KY Branch is asking for your help. **Pass on the love of reading.**



- **Bring any book(s) that you no longer read**
- Drop it in the box by the door as you enter school.
- Enjoy being **OUT OF UNIFORM** on **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5!**

Books will be delivered to The Foundation for Appalachian KY following the recommended COVID rest period. They will distribute the books to local schools, organizations and KIDS who will read and enjoy all over again!!

THE KENTUCKY RADON PROGRAM INVITES YOUR STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE

# 2020-2021 RADON POSTER CONTEST

**YOUR CLASSROOM CAN HELP RAISE  
AWARENESS OF RADON IN KENTUCKY!**

## CONTEST DETAILS

Create a poster that educates the community on the dangers of radon gas and the importance of testing your home. Ages 9-14 are eligible to participate.

## DEADLINE

**November 2, 2020**

**[WWW.CHFS.KY.GOV/DPH](http://WWW.CHFS.KY.GOV/DPH)**

## CONGRATULATIONS 2019-2020 CONTEST WINNERS

First Place– Williamstown Independent School

Second Place– Breathitt County Middle School

Third Place– Spencer County Elementary

## PRIZES

First Place- \$500.00 Visa card

Second Place- \$200.00 Visa Card

Third Place- \$100.00 Visa Card

## POSTER SUBMISSION

Kentucky Radon Program

275 East Main St.

HS1C-D

Frankfort, KY 40621

502-564-4856

[Amber.ballinger@ky.gov](mailto:Amber.ballinger@ky.gov)



**Kentucky Public Health**  
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# 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  
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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](mailto: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](http://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](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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is to spiritually, academically, and personally develop active Catholics  
using the Gospel teachings of Jesus Christ.