

BSS NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, November 4, 2020



**NEW VIRTUS
BULLETIN
THIS WEEK!**

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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Thursday:

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SPIRITWEAR DAY! 

Out of Uniform Day (with book donation)

2:20 - 3:30: 6th Grade Showcase Tryouts

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

Friday:

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END OF FIRST TRIMESTER!

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

DEADLINE FOR COOKBOOK ORDERS!

Monday:

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8:55 - 9:40: 6th Grade Showcase Tryouts (during SSR)

Tuesday:

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Wednesday: **8:15 - 9:15:** Mass - KA, 7, 8

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Thursday:

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SPIRITWEAR DAY 
(Camo and/or Red, White, and Blue)

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

6:00 - 7:00: Reconciliation Retreat (parent/child)

Friday:

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

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

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Confetti Pancakes, Sausage Links,
Smile Fries, Veggie Boat, Baked Apples,
Fresh Fruit, Milk

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Pizza Crunchers, Marinara Sauce,
Green Beans, Garden Salad,
Mandarin Oranges, 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 with Dinner Roll,
Mashed Potatoes, Glazed Carrots,
Pineapple Tidbits, Fresh Fruit, Milk

Th

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

F

French Toast Scrambled Eggs Salsa Veggie
Boat Baked Apples 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

Dear Parents,

We hope that you enjoyed your long weekend. We want to provide updates on a few topics. Please read closely, and let us know if you have any questions.

A. COVID Prevention

- a. With the county in the “red zone,” we need to be as diligent as ever when working to prevent the spread of COVID among our community.
 - i. At school, we will be enforcing additional masking, continuing to space, going outside and using windows to increase airflow when possible, encouraging hand washing/sanitizing, and enforcing cleaning protocols.
 - ii. On your end, please be conscientious of the activities that your family engages in, especially during this time. Also, please stay in communication about any travel.
 - iii. Please err on the side of caution by keeping students home if anyone in your family was or may have been exposed or is experiencing COVID symptoms until you gain clarity on the situation from a doctor. The most important thing we can do at this time is ensure the peripheral cases that our community experiences stay outside of the school building.
 - iv. At present, there has been no internal conversation about switching to NTI, and we are working as hard as we possibly can to avoid it. In-person instruction is irreplaceable, and we will continue to work to ensure that we can maintain our current course.

B. COVID Reporting

- a. With the uptick in the amount of peripheral cases that we are experiencing and will continue to experience, we would like to make an adjustment to our reporting protocols. Each week in our newsletter, so long as no other students in our building are affected or potentially exposed, we will include the grade-levels of those students/families that have students quarantined as a result of exposure outside of the building. If there was a chance for exposure in the school building or if a student tests positive, we will continue to report that information as we have been with a more specific e-mail. Because this situation presents little-to-no risk to students in our building and it will drastically cut down on the number of e-mails we are sending, we feel it is a fair balance between transparency and manageability.
- b. New quarantine situations as a result of potential or confirmed exposure outside of our school are in grades; 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, and K. Again, these are cases that were strictly outside of school and there is no risk of exposure from these cases inside of the school.

C. Out-of-Uniform (Book Drive)

- a. Thank you to anyone that donated to our book drive over the last week, helping the International Dyslexia Association supply books to children in need. As a thank you, anyone that donated may be out-of-uniform tomorrow, Wednesday, 11/5. Books are still being collected through tomorrow so feel free to bring a book to donate and come to school out of uniform! Thank you.

D. Car Line

- a. An e-mail reminder was sent this morning concerning the changes that were made to the morning car line, allowing the use of the church driveway at and after 7:05. Please see that e-mail and/or [this document](#) for details.

E. Parent Survey

- a. If you have not had an opportunity, [please complete this parent survey](#).

F. Shorts

- a. Our school handbook states that shorts are allowed through October, which would mean they are NOT currently allowed. We are going to extend that time frame up to the Thanksgiving break though. Students are permitted to wear shorts through Tuesday, November 24th. Between now and then, while shorts are allowed, use your judgement if it will be cold and send them in pants if necessary. Upon our return from Thanksgiving break, on Monday, November 30th, shorts will no longer be permitted and pants must be worn.

Thank you and have a great rest of the week!

Mr. Steffen & Mrs. Geiman



ANNUAL

Giving

CAMPAIGN

2020-2021

A : Security 5%

- ☒ Upgraded locks/hardware on church doors

B : School Assessments 10%

C : Building Enhancements 17%

- ☒ LED lighting in hallways, gym, and main office

D : Technology Upgrades 19%

- ☒ CleverTouch Boards in select K - 3 classrooms
- ☒ Laptop carts for third grade
- ☒ New/upgraded teacher devices

E : Cash Reserves 20%

F : Specialist Salaries 29%

2019 - 2020 DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

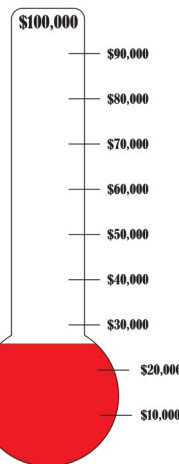
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if you would like to make a donation

Thank you to those who have already donated to this year's Annual Giving Campaign.

As of November 4, we have received
\$26,795.00 in donations!

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



We are blessed with the generous support of our dedicated parents, grandparents, parishioners, and friends of Blessed Sacrament School. Because of your donations to the Annual Giving Campaign, we have been able to consistently increase the security of our church and school, partially fund the salaries of staff specialists, fund multiple building upgrades, put new technology into the hands of our students and teachers, and more.

*The dollars generated by this campaign do not disappear into the ether;
they go directly back into the school to improve it within the next year.*

TODAY'S DONATIONS ARE HELPING SHAPE TOMORROW'S LEADERS

Thumbs Up!



Thumbs Up for 2nd Grade!

Our annual Saint Parade was a huge success!

We are so grateful to our 2nd grade team for making this special tradition happen in 2020, despite Covid restrictions!





Governor's Cup Written Assessment Tryouts

6th Grade Showcase

Written assessments consist of 6 events:

Five Written Assessment Examinations: Mathematics,
Science, Social Studies, Language Arts, and Arts/Humanities
Composition: On-Demand Writing

Tryouts for Written Assessments and Composition

Thursday, Nov. 5 - 2:20-3:30 pm in 7B

Monday, Nov. 9 - 8:55-9:40 (in school during SSR)

Competition Dates:

Composition - Dec. 1, Written assessments - Dec. 5

Blessed Sacrament School, (Facilitator: Mrs. Wood)

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to print a permission form to attend tryouts

Veterans Day

Dear Parents,

As citizens, we have a responsibility to educate our youth on the contributions and sacrifices that America's veterans have made throughout the years. This year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Blessed Sacrament School will celebrate Veteran's Day virtually on Wednesday, November 11th. We will be honoring those who have served or are currently serving in the United States Military through a presentation that will be emailed to the BSS Community.

If your child knows a veteran or someone currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces or Reserves, Please EMAIL the following information to veteranpics@bssky.org by **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5th:**

- 1) a photo of the veteran/service member
- 2) their name
- 3) what branch of the military they serve(d) in

(Please note that we cannot ensure that submissions received after this date will make it into the presentation.)

Thank you for helping us to honor our veterans, who are so deserving of our thanks, and helping our students understand the many contributions that our country's brave veterans have made.

Sincerely,

The BSS Veteran's Day Committee

Parent Club News

Don't forget to order your **BSS Cookbook!**



**The deadline for
cookbook orders is
FRIDAY, November 6!**

We are also looking for some amazing sponsors! If you would like a half or full page ad in the cookbook, please [CLICK HERE](#) for additional information. Thank you in advance for your support!

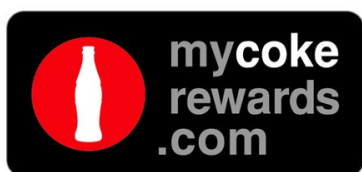
Please [CLICK HERE](#) for the Cookbook order form. These were sent home on Friday and the books will be delivered to classrooms prior to Christmas break.

**Orders MUST be placed by Friday,
November 6!**

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

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)



STREAM Lab News

**Thank you for all of your donations of recyclables
to the Stream Lab!**

At this time, we are no longer in need of gallon jugs,
egg cartons, 2-liter bottles or empty paper towel rolls.
However, we will still gladly accept donations of glass jars (any size).

Don't forget to follow us on Instagram
[@teaching_with_Stream](#) for exciting updates!



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!

Info from NDA



To kick off our 2020 Open House Experience, we will be holding a "Parking Lot Pep Rally" on Sunday, Nov. 8 from 1-2 pm!



Prospective Panda families are invited to drive through our campus any time between 1 and 2 p.m. and experience some PaNDA spirit! We have gifts for our future Pandas and all who participate will be in a drawing to win a Panda gift basket from our Bambootique! All grade levels are welcome!

This is a drive-through event only.

Everyone will be required to remain in their cars while on campus.

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.

Pass-It-On BOOK CAMPAIGN

International
DYSLEXIA
Association®
Kentucky

BSS SERVICE PROJECT

Out of Uniform Thursday Nov. 5

Thank you for the generous book donations last week. We collected thousands of books to pass on and be loved again!
If you forgot to bring in a book, the box will be in the hall until Thursday afternoon.



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!

St. Vincent de Paul NKY's
 13th Annual

TURKEYFOOT TROT 5K RUN/WALK

Is going VIRTUAL this year!
 Participate in the SCAVENGER HUNT
 challenge for opportunities to win PRIZES

Register : svdpnky.org



Choose where and when
to walk or run your 5K!

The virtual race and scavenger hunt starts
November 12th and ends November 22nd

Presented By:



Proceeds provide emergency assistance to our
Northern Kentucky neighbors in need.



**ST. VINCENT DE
 PAUL NKY**

**DONATE NEW OR
 GENTLY USED
 COATS**

**DROP OFF
 DONATIONS AT
 OUR THRIFT
 STORES:
 ERLANGER
 FLORENCE
 FALMOUTH**

**ADDITIONAL DROP OFF
 LOCATIONS CAN BE
 FOUND AT
 WWW.SVDPNKY.ORG**

**HELP KEEP YOUR
 NKY NEIGHBORS IN
 NEED WARM THIS
 WINTER SEASON.**



Cincinnati Enquirer Dress the Turkey Contest (please click for details)



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.