

BSS NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, November 11, 2020



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Thursday: **SPIRITWEAR DAY!** 
(red, white, & blue and/or camo)
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Friday: **8:15 - 9:15: Mass - 1, 2**
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Monday:
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Tuesday: **PICTURE RE-TAKE DAY!**
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Wednesday: **REPORT CARDS PUBLISHED!**
8:15 - 9:15: Mass - 5, 6
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Thursday: **SPIRITWEAR DAY** 
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Friday: **8:15 - 9:15: Mass - KB, 3, 4**
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WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

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

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

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

W Sliced Turkey with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Stuffing, Applesauce, Pumpkin Pie, Dinner Roll, 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 Wild Mike's 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

Happy Wednesday, parents,

As we enter into our 14th week of in-person instruction, we feel very blessed and thankful that we have not yet had to quarantine a class or grade level due to both the protocols put into place inside the building and also the diligence of our community outside of our building. That being said, there has been a concerning uptick in cases in the tristate area forcing several schools, some of which are in our Diocese, to quarantine classes, grade levels, or shut down fully for virtual instruction. There has been no evidence of spread in any Diocesan school and many of the recent cases have been linked to Halloween parties and social gatherings over that long weekend. We implore you, as we move into the holidays, to please use caution when choosing activities for your family members. These choices directly affect whether or not in-person learning can continue at BSS. To be frank, we have dodged several quarantine situations to-date and many of our closest calls were only avoided because of proactive decisions by our families. We need to continue to make good decisions outside of school and keep acting proactively if and when students experience symptoms. The combination of these two items have the most direct and drastic effect on us staying in-person.

A. Updated COVID Reporting

- a. Here are the updated numbers on our current COVID-related cases and quarantines. Remember, if there was a chance of exposure inside of the building, that information will be communicated separately via a more specific e-mail. Currently, 15 students are quarantined because of exposure to positive cases or travel, 2 students are quarantined due to receiving positive test results (after being proactively quarantined), and 2 staff members are quarantined (one because of a positive test and one because of a positive household member). The only grade NOT affected by one of these situations is 5th grade. Again, we want to reiterate that these cases are all communicated to the Diocese and the details are analyzed to determine next steps, if any. None of these cases were found to have led to exposure in our building.

B. Practice Virtual (NTI) Day

- a. A practice virtual day is necessary due to the recent quarantine situations and closures of schools within our Diocese. Because of the spike in quarantine cases after the Halloween weekend, we have chosen to schedule our virtual learning day for Monday, 11/30. On this day, staff will be in school, but students will be at home learning virtually. This will allow students to have an extra day to quarantine before resuming instruction in the building following the Thanksgiving Holiday. We are asking that your immediate family self-quarantine after Thursday, 11/26 so that the remainder of the break (11/27, 11/28, 11/29, & 11/30 (NTI day)) can serve as a mini-quarantine period. We are asking that you limit interactions with anyone outside your immediate household to limit the amount that COVID affects our community. Please monitor yourselves and your children closely during these days and if anything unusual is detected, proactively keep them home for a few additional days.
 - i. We will be following the Monday schedule detailed on [pages 8 – 10 of our re-opening document](#).
 - In grades K – 3, students will meet with their homeroom teacher.
 - In grades 4 & 5, students are divided into sub groups by last name (Group A: A-K, Group B: L-Z).
 - In grades 6, 7, & 8, students are divided into groups by their leveled classes.
 - ii. All classes will be live. Teachers will communicate with students/you in advance about how to access classes.
 - iii. Student devices will be sent home on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving break if requested. If you did not request one (via parent survey) and you need one, please e-mail [Mr. Thomas](#).
 - iv. Attendance will be taken & student work will count.

C. Other Reminders

- a. Parent/teacher conferences begin the week of 11/30. Signups will be sent out near the end of this week.
- b. Picture re-take day is on Tuesday, 11/17.
- c. Report cards will be published online near the end of the week of the 16th.
- d. If you are traveling outside of the tri-state area for Thanksgiving Break, please notify the office as soon as possible. As a reminder, traveling to any states near or above a 15% positivity rate as well as traveling by plane require a mandatory 14 day quarantine upon return.
 - i. If you have out-of-town guests coming to Thanksgiving, please note the positivity rate of the area from which they are traveling. If the county or state has high rates of Covid, please consider keeping your students home for a few additional days after the break.

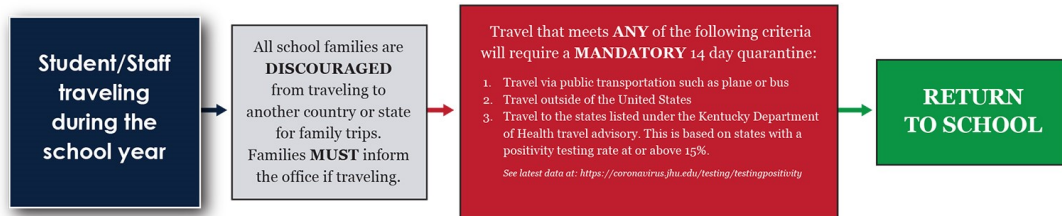
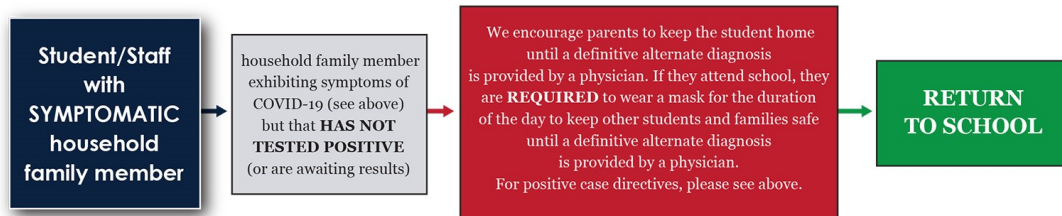
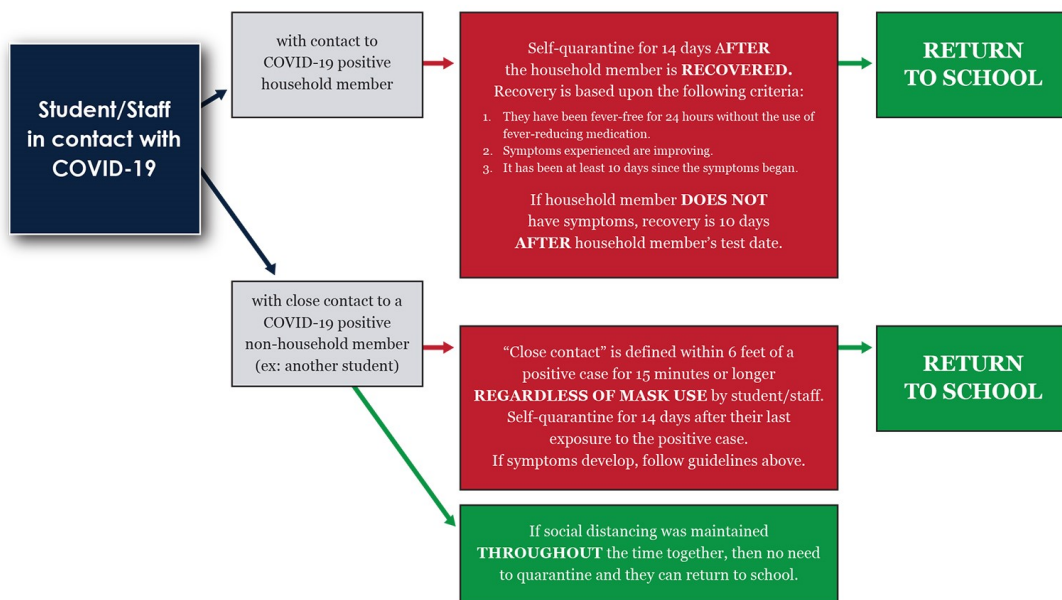
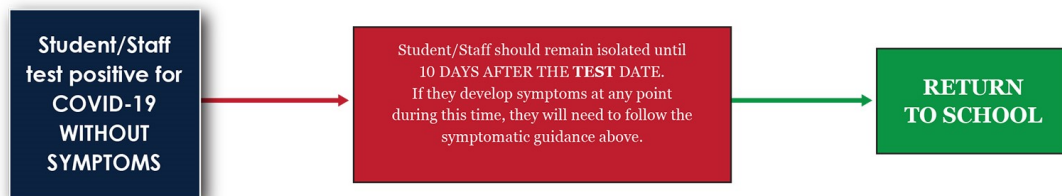
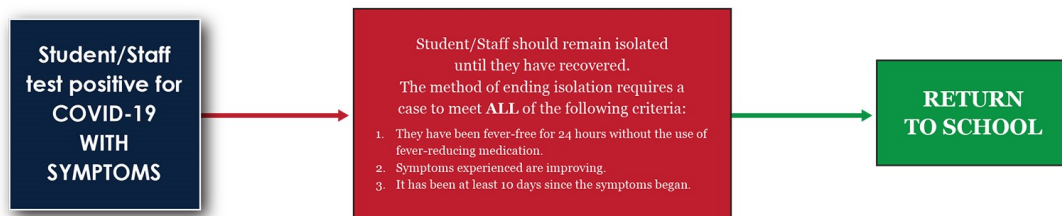
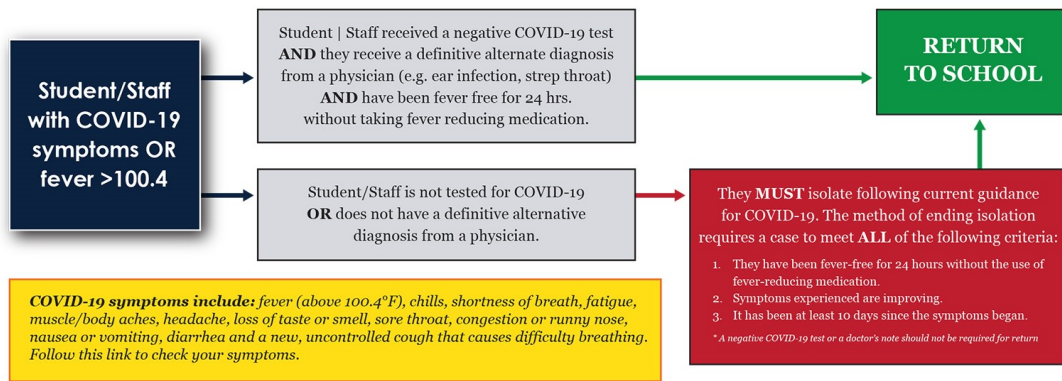
We have had many questions about if we plan to/think it is realistic to stay in-person. We plan to stay in-person for as long as possible. The only thing that could change that is an outbreak of cases inside of our building or a mandate from higher powers. So long as our families work with us to prevent that, we are hoping to be able to avoid it. Distance learning isn't the ideal format for any student or staff member and will only be used if absolutely necessary. Please help us prevent that necessity! As always, thanks for all that you do.

Mr. Steffen & Mrs. Geiman



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

information subject to change.





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2020-2021

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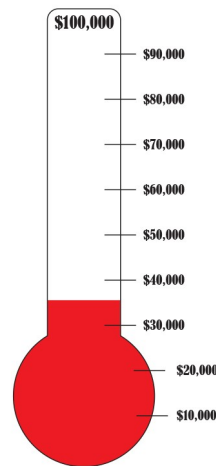
if you would like to make a donation

“As a grade-school student, I always enjoyed problem solving and reasoning; however, many times, I would sometimes feel over-whelmed and lost during math class. I knew Mrs. Wood would be there to help me though. She really “got me” and adapted her way of approaching my questions and understanding based on the fact that I learn best visually.

I am now a Sophomore at Covington Catholic High School and hope to pursue a Civil Engineering degree in college. Thanks to Mrs. Wood, I have a great math foundation that will help me move forward towards my goal.”

John Paul Vinicombe

*Blessed Sacrament School, Class of 2019
Covington Catholic High School, Class of 2023*



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

As of November 11, we have received
\$36,193.00 in donations!

If you have not contributed yet, please prayerfully consider making a donation. Any amount is greatly appreciated and will help students like John Paul continue to receive a top-tier education at Blessed Sacrament School!

TODAY'S DONATIONS ARE HELPING SHAPE TOMORROW'S LEADERS

Thumbs Up!



These eighth grade students were chosen to be responsible for Blessed Sacrament's American flag this year.

They will raise and lower the flag respectfully every school day.

We appreciate their willingness to help!

**Congratulations to
Jack, Nikolas, Michael,
Maria, and Blair!**



Veterans Day

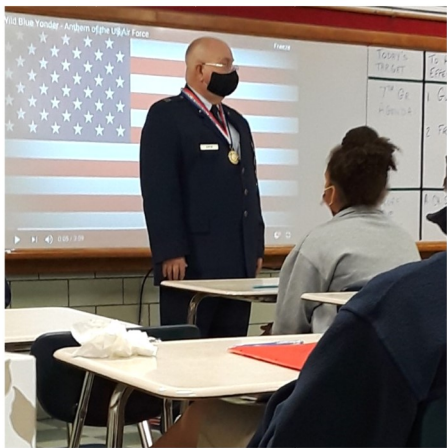
We celebrated Veteran's Day at BSS a bit differently this year, but we were still able to honor our veterans in many ways!



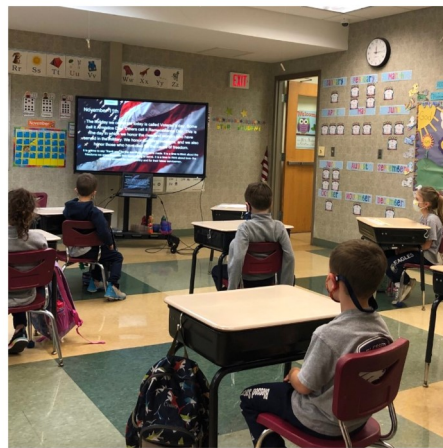
BSS received a new American flag from the City of Ft. Mitchell, and it was presented to us by Mayor Jude Hehman this morning. Mr. Taylor, an Army veteran, helped to raise our new flag for the first time this morning in honor of Veteran's Day.



We designed and sold a Veteran's Day spirit wear shirt this year. Proceeds from the sale of those shirts will be presented to the Disabled American Veterans. We are proud to have raised over \$1000 to donate to the DAV!



Deacon Bayne came to the 7th and 8th grade Social Studies classes to share his thoughts about service...service to one's nation, to God, and to one's community. He came in uniform today to share his experiences in service to his country.



In lieu of our annual Veteran's Day prayer service, all students watched a PowerPoint presentation in their homerooms. The slideshow featured prayers, explanations of the branches of our military, and photos of veterans in our BSS family.



Be Concerned Food Drive November 16-20

Student Council is once again sponsoring a
Be Concerned Food Drive
to help supply their food pantry.

The purpose of Be Concerned is to assist
low-income people of Northern Kentucky
in obtaining basic necessities.

Please bring in **cans or non-perishables** from
Monday, November 16 through Friday, November 20.
Donations will be collected in homerooms.



Thank you for making a difference for local families
as we approach this holiday season!

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)

Giving Trees

Beginning November 14/15, look for our Giving Trees on the wall boards near the church doors. Tags are easy to read, and you need only touch the ones you wish to take.

If you prefer to use our online Giving Tree this year, just follow this link:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/20f0e4bafad28a20-blessed>

Please drop off gifts by December 6th

Leave your gifts near the church doors when you come to mass, or take advantage of our one weekend drop-off:

December 5th, 3:30—5:30 p.m.

and

December 6th, 9:30—11:00 a.m.

& 2:30—4:00 p.m.

In the Undercroft





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!

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.

Picture Re-Take

PICTURE RETAKE DAY IS COMING

Tuesday, November 17, 2020
\ martes, 17 de noviembre, 2020
Blessed Sacrament School

You can still order on mylifetouch.com
with your Picture Day ID: **EVTNXHP6P**

Ya llega el día de la nueva toma fotográfica.
Aún puedes encargar en mylifetouch.com con tu ID del Día de la Foto.
EVTNXHP6P

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your picture?**

Simply return your
original package on
Picture Retake Day.

¿Deseas que volvamos a tomar tu foto?
Simplemente envía tu paquete original
el día de la nueva toma fotográfica.



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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
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.