

BSS NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, December 1, 2021



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Thursday:  **SPIRITWEAR DAY - PURPLE SHIRTS**

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7:45-10:00 - 4th Grade Ellis Island Day

1:00-1:30 - Advent Prayer Service

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

Friday: **8:15** - Mass (*grades K-4*)

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12:30-2:00 - Confession (*grade 6*)

Monday: **SANTA SHOP!**

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2:15-3:15 - MathCounts practice

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

Tuesday: **SANTA SHOP!**

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12:30-2:00 - Confession (*grade 5*)

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

Wednesday: **NO SCHOOL - HOLY DAY**
(*Feast of the Immaculate Conception*)

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Thursday: **2:15-3:15** - Quick Recall Practice (*grades 6-8*)

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6:00-7:00 - First Reconciliation (2C and PSR)

7:15-8:15 - First Reconciliation (2A and 2B)

Friday: **8:15** - All-School Mass (*masks required*)

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WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

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

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French Toast, Egg Omelet, Salsa, Veggie Boat,
Baked Apples, Fresh Fruit, Milk

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

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

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

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Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup,
Oyster Crackers, Garden Salad, Applesauce,
Fresh Fruit Milk

WEEKEND MASSES

**WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE
YOUR FAMILY
AT MASS THIS WEEKEND!**

Saturday: 4:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am
11:00am

A Note From Your Administration

Happy Wednesday, parents!

We hope the long holiday weekend was enjoyable for your family. It is an exciting time in our church as Advent has officially begun. Advent is a time of preparation and exciting anticipation where we ready ourselves for Christ's birth and remember the true meaning of Christmas. As we celebrate the first Advent candle being lit, we focus on the theme of hope. The first candle is in remembrance of the prophets who foretold the birth of Jesus. It represents the hopeful expectation we feel during Advent looking forward to Christ's coming. Please keep our students in your prayers as they continue to prepare for Christmas! Pray especially for our 2nd graders who are preparing to receive their First Reconciliation.

December is a very busy month at BSS! Please read on for updates and reminders.

A Wired Family

Mr. Smith graciously extended the expiration of the link to his virtual "A Wired Family" presentation. It is unlikely we meet our viewership goal, but, if you are interested in viewing and have not done so yet, the link will be active through 12/7.

- ☐ Link: <https://awiredfamily.vids.io/videos/449dd8b41d19efc4cd/blessed-sacrament-school-parent>
- ☐ Password: awfBS2021# (It is case sensitive)

Santa Shop

Santa Shop will be open on Monday and Tuesday of next week for students thanks to the generosity and hard work of our Parents Club! All items are in the \$1 - \$5 range. Gifts will be available for all family members and pets!

Students may bring cash or a check made out to 'Blessed Sacrament Parents Club' to purchase items. Happy shopping!

Christmas Concert

Join us on the morning of December 16th at 8 AM to sit prayerfully in the church enjoying the sounds of Christmas as we "Light the World with Christ." The concert will feature all Kindergarten through 6th grade students as well as Mrs. Weber's Morning Music Group and Mr. Spencer's Children's Choir. The program should last approximately 1 hour. We are excited to be able to sing again! Please do not park in the parking lots until 7:30 at the earliest, after the car line concludes and school has begun.

Covid Reporting

As of today, five students are quarantined because of positive test results in homerooms 1A, 1C, 2C, 3A, and 4A.

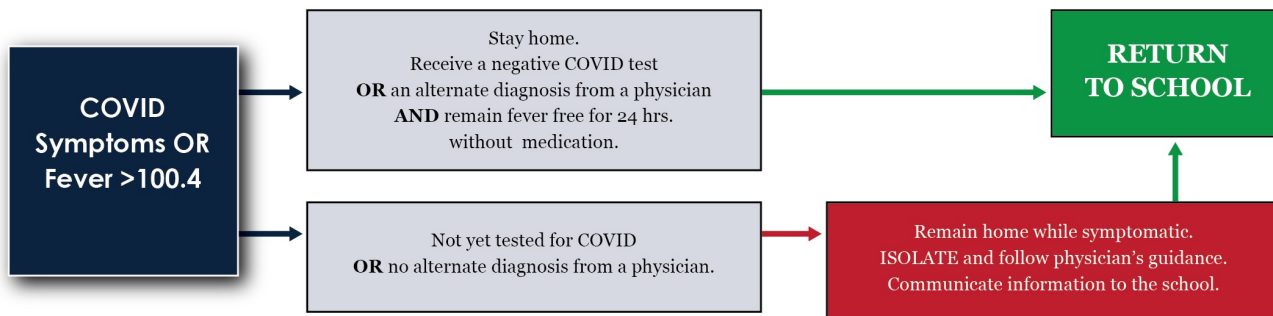
Five other students are quarantined as close contacts to positive cases in their household. Please continue to be diligent about monitoring students for symptoms and reporting symptoms or exposures to the office.

Dates to Remember:

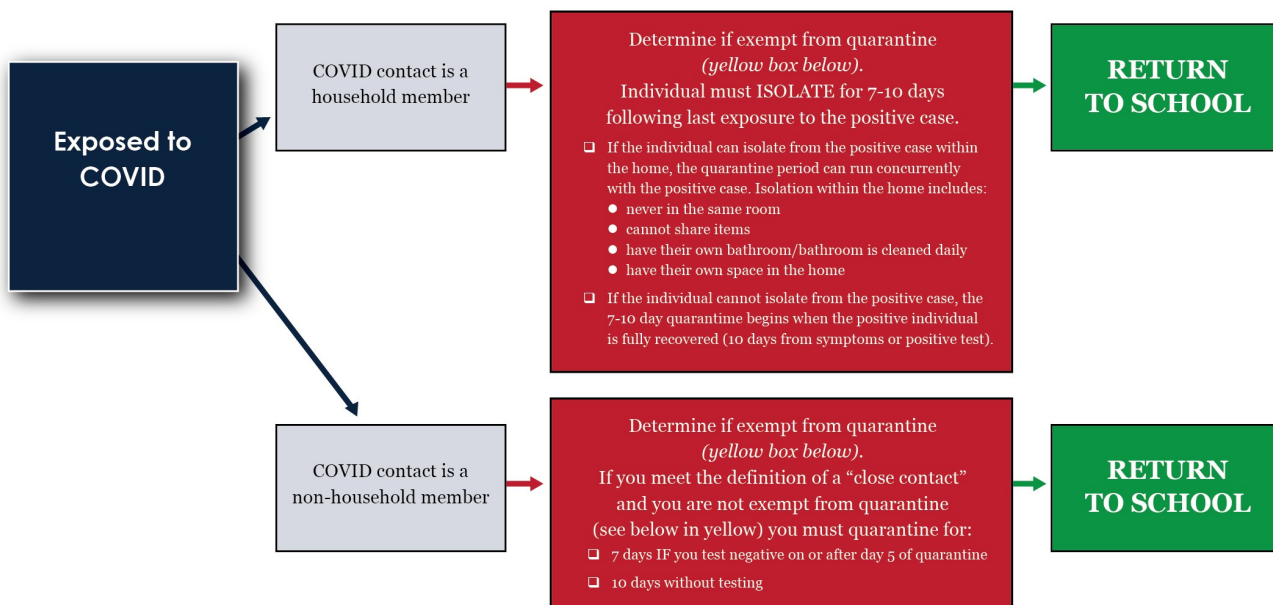
- ☐ 12/2: Fourth Grade Ellis Island Day
- ☐ 12/2: Wear Purple with your uniform bottoms
- ☐ 12/3: K-4 Mass @ 8:15
- ☐ 12/6 and 12/7: Santa Shop
- ☐ 12/8: NO SCHOOL to honor the Immaculate Conception
- ☐ 12/9: 6:00 PSR and 2C First Reconciliation; 7:15 2A and 2B First Reconciliation
- ☐ 12/10: All-School Mass @ 8:15
- ☐ 12/15: 5-8 Mass @ 8:15
- ☐ 12/16: K-6 Christmas Concert in the Church @ 8:00
- ☐ 12/17: K-4 Mass @ 8:15
- ☐ 12/18 - 1/2: Christmas Break

As always, we value each of you and your contributions to the Blessed Sacrament community. Thank you.

Mr. Steffen & Mrs. Geiman



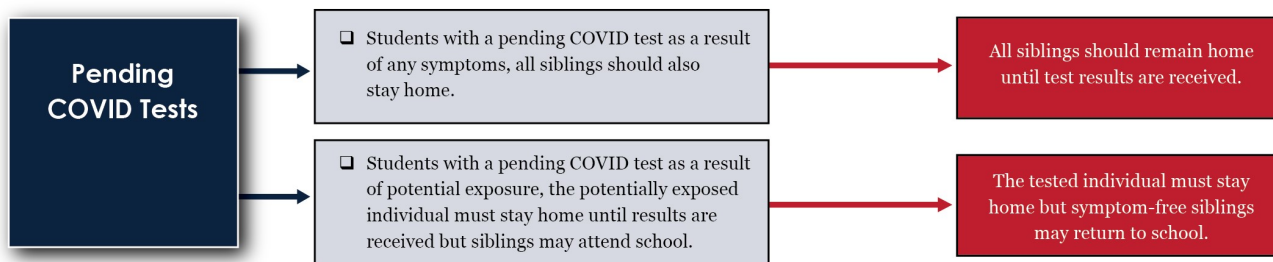
COVID-19 symptoms include: fever (above 100.4°F), chills, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle/body aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea and a new, uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing.



"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





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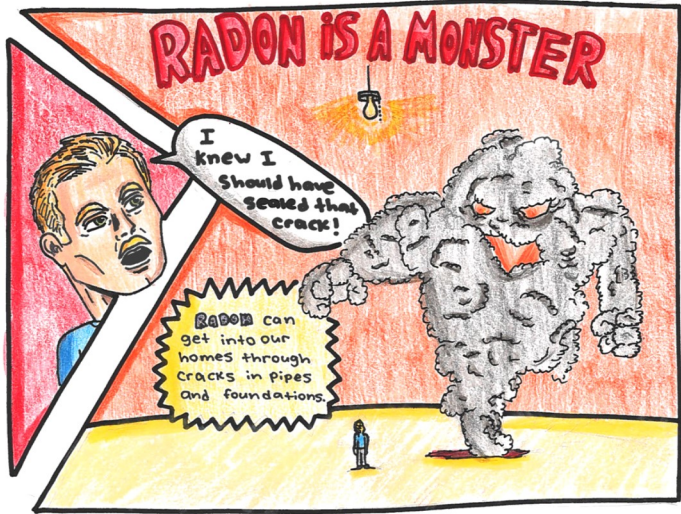
BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL
ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN
2021 - 2022

*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 School is committed to the safety of our students, and enhancing the security of our campus is consistently a top priority. During the past couple of years, funds from the Blessed Sacrament School Annual Giving Campaign have helped to finalize the interior and exterior camera systems around the facility, and add push-bars to the main church doors to simplify locking during school Mass. Your generosity makes it possible for Blessed Sacrament School to continually update and improve our students' overall educational experience!

CLICK HERE TO DONATE

Thumbs Up!



Congratulations to 8th grader Anthony Epplen

for his artwork winning statewide honors for the second year in a row!

This year, his poster won the \$100 third place award in the Radon Poster Contest sponsored by the Kentucky Department of Health.



Thumbs up for the BSS 8th grade girls' basketball team for winning the Cincinnati IHM Crusaders Tournament!

Congratulations to Ella, Olivia, Elliott, Molly, Cara, Ellie, Joelle, and Audrey.

We are very proud of you!



Thumbs Up for Alumni!



CONGRATULATIONS

to the following Covington Catholic students,
and BSS alumni, who earned first quarter honors!

We are SO proud of you!

Freshmen

First Honors

Nathan Arkenau
Andrew Bessler
Christopher Chun
Drew Fullenkamp
Trent Gieske
Logan Johns
Samuel Pfeiffer
Jack Robke

Second Honors

Andrew Finley
Ryan Hetzer
Samuel Klaene
Brendan Kleman
Nicholas Krallman

Sophomores

First Honors

Casey Bir
Joseph Deters
Charles Eiting
Andrew Farley
Owen Leen
Lucas Meagher
Alexander Moening
Joseph Weiler

Second Honors

Cambren Ayres
Jacob Brown
Joshua Flood
Joseph Kennedy
Luke Pieper
Elijah Wagner

Juniors

First Honors

Jack Harris
Henry Wendt

Second Honors

Brian Sumner

Seniors

First Honors

Jonah Ikeda
Nicholas Welch

Second Honors

Mitchell Atkins
Reagan Garvey
Colin Gastright
Theodore Helton
Aiden Hemmer
Joseph Hunt
Luke Knipper
Coleman Middendorf
Zachary Smith
Quinn Wischer



Gift Certificates

BSS Parent Club Scrips Gift Card Fundraising

Gift Card fundraising is one of the best ways to earn money for our school.
Buy gift cards from your favorite brands to earn on your daily purchases.

How it works:

Raise money by purchasing gift cards at face value

Shop 750+ top brands and immediately earn up to 20% on every gift card that you buy. You can easily raise \$1000 or more every year!

Use gift cards at full value for your daily purchases

Earnings come from brands, not from your pocket, so gift cards are worth every penny that you pay for them. Raise money simply by doing everyday things – like grabbing your morning coffee or ordering dinner for your family.

How to get started

Scripps offers a variety of ways to shop!

- Complete the order form to order from most popular gift cards and participating local retailers. (Form can be found on bssky.org>School Forms>Gift Certificate Order Form). Send the completed form and payment through school (see instructions on the form) OR
- Create an account on the **RaiseRight app** using our organization enrollment code: **D37392FF1734**
 - o Use the app to place orders and have them delivered to school or directly to your home (for a small fee) or simply browse the full list of gift cards available and then use the form to order
 - o Order e-gift cards online and receive them in your email immediately if paying online

Please note: several popular gift cards are kept on hand and can be sent home the same week as ordered – gift cards not kept in-stock are ordered on select dates and will be delivered to you once they are received. Order dates will be listed in the school newsletter and church bulletin.

Did you know...

- We have Larosa's Buddy cards available for purchase on our square account!
- Kohl's gift cards ordered through Scrips can be used to pay your Kohl's charge at and register and the school makes 5% just for paying your bill with a gift card!
- Amazon gift cards are easy to link to your amazon account (as well as Starbucks, Target, and Biggby)
- E-gift cards can be saved to your in app "wallet" for easy access
- Gift cards make great teacher and coach gifts!
- You can purchase Visa or brand gift cards to do your Christmas shopping!

Gift cards currently kept in stock include: Visa, Target, TJ Maxx, Kohl's, Lowe's, Amazon, Chipotle, Dunkin Donuts, Panera, and Starbucks. (All other cards can be ordered)

Local gift cards kept in stock (that cannot be purchased through app): Behle Street by Sheli, Biggby, Greyhound, Kremer's Market, and Walt's Hitching Post.

Please submit all gift card orders by **Wednesday December 8th** to ensure arrival before Christmas break!

**PLEASE CLICK
TO ORDER!**

**GIFT
CARDS**

**BUDDY
CARDS**

Children's Choir

I want to thank everyone for their support for our small but dedicated choirs! I have been cautious about opening up registration for choir with the previous rise in COVID cases, but with the Pfizer Vaccine becoming available to youth, I feel comfortable opening up registration again.

If your child would like to join our Children's Choir, please print and return a registration form.

REGISTRATION FORM

SCHEDULE

Finally, we are looking for extra singers to join the choir and help elevate the Christmas Holiday. We are asking for help at the 10PM Mass on Christmas Eve, and the 11AM Mass on Christmas Day.

Singers of all ages and abilities are welcome. The rehearsals for these masses will be on Wednesday December 15, and Wednesday December 22 at 7PM in the church. If you would like to participate in this short term commitment, please contact me at msspencer@bscky.org.

Peace in Christ and all good things,
Matt Spencer

From Mrs. Weber

**Please join us for the
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](#)

Help Wanted

**BSS IS IN NEED OF A PARENT VOLUNTEER
TO DESIGN THIS YEAR'S SCHOOL YEARBOOK.**

Responsibilities include designing the layout and interior of the book ONLY.

*Photos will be collected throughout the year
and Parents Club will handle yearbook sales and promotions.*

*If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Cassie Kathman at
ParentsClub@bssky.org*

Volunteers Needed

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.

Celebrate the Blue

BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL  AN EVENING TO TREASURE

Save the Date

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2022 • 6:00 PM - MIDNIGHT • MARRIOTT CINCINNATI AIRPORT
<https://www.facebook.com/2022E2T>

FORMAL INVITATIONS AND EVENT DETAILS ARE COMING SOON.

WATCH FOR EMAILS, INFORMATION IN THE NEWSLETTER,
AND SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS.

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS AMAZING EVENT!



BRING A GIFT
CARD FOR
EVENING TO
TREASURE AND
RECEIVE 20% OFF
YOUR PURCHASE!

SIP, SHOP, & SOCIALIZE!

At Leeta Ruth Boutique!
Thursday, December 16th,
6:30-9pm
325 Elm St, Ludlow, KY 41016



† St. Vincent de Paul

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FOOD AND FUND DRIVE

In Our Back Parking Lot

December 4, 12-2 p.m.

Our Pantry is Nearly Empty~Please Help!

Your donation of food or funds will help our BSC
food pantry meet the growing need.
Volunteers will help unload your car.
Most needed: monetary donations,



From Our Parish

What's Happening?

NOCTURNAL ADORATION—FIRST FRIDAY VIGIL

All are welcome to spend time with Jesus **this Thursday, December 2nd**, 8 p.m. until Friday, 6 a.m. Benediction is at 6:00 followed by Mass at 6:30 Friday morning (First Friday). Every hour during this time, two men from the parish will be keeping vigil in church. If you stop in, you will not be alone. If you have trouble sleeping, bring your concerns to Jesus. Undercroft entry and elevator will be unlocked.

SANTA SACKS ARE DUE BACK THIS WEEKEND

A few sacks are still available in church near the doors. Use suggestions inside to choose small gifts and return to church by **December 5th**.

Gifts will be shipped out on Monday to children in McKee, KY.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD AND FUND DRIVE

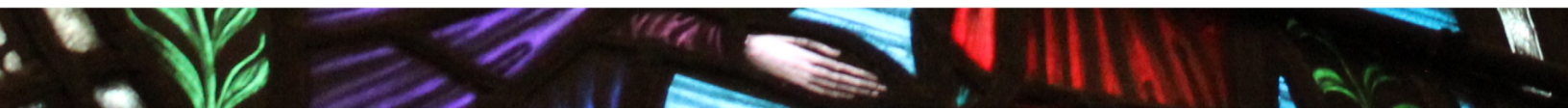
Our pantry is nearly empty and the need is great. Drop of food or funds in our back parking lot **THIS SATURDAY, Dec. 4th, noon to 2 p.m.**

WE HAVE A VIRTUAL GIVING TREE

There is still time to take a tag from the giving trees—we even have a virtual tree to make it easy: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E4BAFAD28A20-blessed2>

Please return your gifts, unwrapped, with tags attached, to the church by **December 12th** or drop them off in the Undercroft on December 12th, 10 a.m.—1 p.m. Gifts are distributed through several local agencies.

Blessed Sacrament Church
BECOMING STEWARDS IN COMMUNITY



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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The mission of Blessed Sacrament school
is to spiritually, academically, and personally develop active Catholics
using the Gospel teachings of Jesus Christ.