BSS NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Thursday:	School Office Hours: 8:00 - 2:00
3	NTI hours: 8:30 - 3:00 (variable by grade)
Friday: 4	NO SCHOOL - CONFERENCES
Monday:	School Office Hours: 8:00 - 2:00
7	NTI hours: 8:30 - 3:00 (variable by grade)
Tuesday: 8	NO SCHOOL - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Wednesday:	School Office Hours: 8:00 - 2:00
9	NTI hours: 8:30 - 3:00 (variable by grade)
Thursday:	School Office Hours: 8:00 - 2:00
10	NTI hours: 8:30 - 3:00 (variable by grade)
Friday:	School Office Hours: 8:00 - 2:00
11	NTI hours: 8:30 - 3:00 (variable by grade)

NTI Information & Links

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NEW VIRTUS BULLETIN THIS WEEK!

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SERVICE

Although it is not what we planned, nor is it what we prefer, we have returned to NTI.

Our amazing faculty and staff are working diligently to ensure that all of our students continue to receive the best education possible while we are not at school, in-person.

Please <u>CLICK HERE</u> and then select the first document (reopening plans) for the most current information regarding NTI, including grade-level schedules, online classroom expectations, etc.

Thank you SO MUCH for your cooperation and understanding!

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!

We want to take this opportunity to humbly thank you for supporting us throughout the first true week of NTI. The shifting news about how instruction will be delivered to our students has truly been a roller coaster, but no matter what, we will continue to move forward together. We appreciate the feedback given to us in the spring, as it has helped fine-tune our virtual instruction for both students and teachers. We are continuing to tweak the format in minor ways as needed, even though we continue to pray that it is short-lived and that we return to in-person instruction soon.

Continue to update us on any health concerns with your family. With the ongoing situation surrounding the governor's executive order, we cannot predict when private institutions will be able to resume in-building instruction. It is important that we have documentation of symptoms, exposures, and pending/ positive test results so quarantine recommendations can still be given and followed if and when the time comes. This will allow us to keep our students and staff healthy and in-school when permitted.

We understand that virtual instruction presents different challenges for different families and we try to keep that in mind and keep it productive for the whole student body. Teachers and staff continue to remain flexible when it comes to fine-tuning virtual instruction. Please let us know if we can do anything to make this process easier or smoother for your family. NTI is not ideal, and we would all much rather be in the building, but we will work with you to make this as positive an experience as possible.

God bless! Please continue to pray that we can safely return to in-person instruction soon. Our community accomplished it for 15 weeks, and we know we can do it again!

Mr. Steffen and Mrs. Geiman



We walk before our God today and every day, thankful for God's presence in our lives, a presence that breathes gentleness, that heals our brokenness and loves us into wholeness that embraces us with goodness so pervasive that our lives can be but echoes of a continuing hymn of thanks and praise.

We are grateful for eyes that can see and ponder, for taste buds that know the pleasures of eating and drinking, for hands that hold and touch and feel, for ears that can delight in music and the voice of a friend, for a nose that can smell the aroma of newly mown grass or delicious food, and can also breathe the air that gives us life.

We are grateful for the treasure of our families and loved ones whose hearts of openness and trust have encouraged us to be who we are. We are grateful for their faithfulness, for standing by us when our weaknesses stood out glaringly, for being there when we were most in need and for delighting with us in our good days and our joyful seasons.

We are grateful for the eyes of faith, for believing in the presence of God, giving us hope in our darkest days, encouraging us to listen to our spirit's hunger and reminding us to trust in the blessings of God's presence in our most empty days.

We are grateful for the ongoing process of becoming who we are, for the great adventure of life that challenges and comforts us at one and the same time. We place our future into your hands, O God knowing that you have been, are, and will always be with us.

We are grateful for the messengers of God - people, events, written or spoken words - that came to us at just the right time and helped us to grow. We are grateful for God calling us to work with our gifts, grateful that we can be of service and use our talents in a responsible and just way.

Me are grateful that we have the basic necessities of life, that we have the means and the ability to hear the cries of the poor and to respond with our abundance.

We are grateful for the miracle of life, for the green of our earth, for the amazing grace of our history; we are grateful that we still have time to decide the fate of the world by our choices and our actions, grateful that we have it within our power to bring a divided world to peace.

Faithful God, you have lavished us with love. Keep us ever mindful that you keep your promises. On our difficult days help us to remember that you are a refuge for those who need shelter, a comfort for those who feel empty and poor in spirit. On our joyful days fill us with a deep sense of thanksgiving as we experience your everlasting love. Help us to share your graciousness with all those who need a touch of generous love. Amen.





PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS WITH 2020-2021 DONATIONS

- Emergency funds for additional COVID prevention measures (more touchless faucets, air purification, etc.).
- School safety measures (i.e. visitor management system, keyless entry system on additional building doors for staff).
- □ Continue to update and upgrade student devices.
- □ Install CleverTouch screens in remaining K 3 classrooms to enhance education.
- □ Continue to update teacher devices on an annual basis to ensure all teacher technologyis up to date.
- Purchase additional tablets and wireless adapters for teachers in grades 4 - 8 to allow for wireless connection to projector to enhance instruction.

ANNUAL



CLICK HERE 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 December 2, we have received \$39,817.00 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!



This past weekend many students helped with neighborhood toy drives for Be Concerned.

Be Concerned is primarily a free choice food pantry but each Christmas they work hard to provide their customers who are raising children the ability to pick out 3 items for each child. This requires a lot of donations as Be Concerned serves over 1500 households and it is so important because especially in years like this, these toys may be the only thing they are able to receive. Not only do the kids receive a gift but the parents/grandparents/guardians are given the gift of being able to give something freely to their children.

Special thanks to the Franxmans (Braden, Sawyer, Elsie, Elin), the Browns (Mandy, Haley, and Louie), the Rinaldis (Mia and Giuliana), the Kurtzners (Drew, Adelaide, and Nickey), Thomas Brock and Kyle Olson.

If you you would like to participate in helping families have Christmas gifts you can drop off presents at the undercroft Saturday, December 5th from 3:30-5:30 or Sunday, December 6th from 9:30-11:00am and 2:30-4:00pm



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 <u>CLICK HERE</u> for the Buddy Card order form (pay by cash or check made out to BSS Parent Club) Please <u>CLICK HERE</u> 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)



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 you 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
 - 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
 - \circ $\;$ 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 now have Larosa's Buddy cards available for purchase!
- 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.

Questions can be directed to Maydie Conkin 859-279-6335 or maydiemack@hotmail.com

CALLING ALL BSS MUSICIANS

FOR A

Music Zoom to share Christmas Tunes

WHO: Students who have 1-2 Holiday songs prepared on their instrument or voiceWHAT: We will have a Zoom Concert to share our "Songs of the Season"WHEN: Thursday, December 17th 6:30 PM

RSVP: mweber@bssky.org by MONDAY, DECEMBER 14th (Please include student name(s), instrument or voice, name of 1-2 pieces, and an email address you would like to use for Zoom)

ADDITIONAL INFO: * Wear your favorite Christmas Shirt or Sweater. * Please keep your microphone muted unless it is your time to perform.

MUSIC ZOOM LINK INVITATION: https://zoom.us/j/8784135870?pwd=bXpWOUFzVXZOODhwT2dIeXdyZolrZz09 Meeting ID: 878 413 5870 Passcode: BSSMusic



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/20f0e4bafad28a20blessed

Please drop off gifts by December 6th Leave your gifts near the church doors when you <u>come to mass, or take</u> <u>advantage of our</u> <u>one weekend drop-off</u>:

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 DONATIONS!

The STREAM Lab is in need of donations of old iPhone 5's or newer for students to use when coding robots. If you are willing to donate, please factory reset the iPhone

Email Mrs. Woodring (swoodring@bssky.org) or Mrs. Bradley (ebradley@bssky.org) if you have any questions!



December is an open month for Virtus suspensions! If you fell behind on reading your bulletins, now is the time to get caught up!

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.





In-house retakes at the Lifetouch Studio will be held Friday December 11th from 3:00 to 6:00PM.

If you would like to schedule a retake, you <u>MUST</u> make an appointment. Please call **Ivonne Job-Rivera** 859-578-0110 ext 80104 for scheduling.







A FEW REMINDERS...

- D 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 <u>HERE</u>
- Our current arrival and dismissal procedures can be found <u>HERE</u> in the handbook (see page 28)
- Please make sure that snacks and lunches are peanut-free. A list of safe options can be found <u>HERE</u>, 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 <u>parentsclub@bssky.org</u>.

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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