

BSS NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, December 6, 2023



NEW VIRTUS BULLETIN THIS WEEK!

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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Thursday: **12:00 - Kindergarten Prayer Service (Parish Center)**
1:00 - Advent Prayer Service (Church)
7 **2:45-3:45 - ISM Mozart Strings (Parish Center)**
2:15-3:15 - Jr. High Quick Recall Practice (8C)
7:00 - Discipleship Series Speaker #1 (Undercroft)

Friday: **NO SCHOOL - HOLY DAY**
8 **Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass Times:**
Thursday, December 7 - 6:00 pm
Friday, December 8 - 6:30 am, 10:00 am
6:00-9:00 - Challenge Babysitting Night [CLICK TO REGISTER](#)

Monday: **SANTA SHOP**  [CLICK TO VOLUNTEER](#)
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Tuesday: **2nd Grade Children's Theater Field Trip (Narnia)**
2:15-3:30 - Children's Choir Rehearsal (Church)
2:30-3:30 - ISM Guitar Lessons (Music Room)
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Wednesday: **8:15 - All School Mass (no preschool)**
2:15-3:00 - Homework Buddies (Parish Center)
2:15-3:15 - Elementary Quick Recall Practice (4B)
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Thursday: **2:45-3:45 - ISM Mozart Strings (Parish Center)**
2:15-3:15 - Jr. High Quick Recall Practice (8C)
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Friday: **8:00 - Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal (grades 6-8 attend)**
12:30 - Christmas Program (Parent Performance) (doors open at 12:00)
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WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

Th Hamburger OR Cheeseburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Pickles Curly Fries, Baked Beans, Pears, Fresh Fruit, Juice, Milk

F **NO SCHOOL - HOLY DAY**

M Mini Corn Dogs, Macaroni & Cheese, Steamed Broccoli, Corn, Peaches, Sidekicks, Juice, Milk

T Chicken Patty Sandwich OR Fish Sandwich, Curly Fries, Green Beans, Pineapple, Fresh Fruit, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Juice, Milk

W 3 or 4 Way Chili Spaghetti, Shredded Cheese, Diced Onion, Oyster Crackers, Kidney Beans, Glazed Carrots, Garden Salads, Mandarin Oranges, Fresh Fruit, Juice, Milk

Th Sausage Egg & Cheese Biscuit, Syrup Cup, Smile Fries, Veggie Boats & Dip, Pears, Fresh Fruit, Juice, Milk

F Grilled Cheese OR Bosco Stick, Tomato Soup, Marinara Sauce, Garden Salads, Pickle Spears, Oyster Crackers, Applesauce, Fresh Fruit, Juice, Milk

2023-2024 SCHOOL THEME

We Believe

We believe in God, the Father...

We believe in Jesus Christ...

We believe in the Holy Spirit...

We believe God is good, all the time!

A Note From Your Administration

Dear Families and Friends,

In this first week of Advent, I hope you are setting aside time to prepare for Jesus' birth. I know some of that takes the form of preparing your homes with wreaths, stockings, lights and setting up the tree. If you are looking for the Christmas spirit, I invite you to visit the school office! Mrs. Nielander and her elves transformed the office into a Christmas oasis. Right inside the front door are two animals from the Nativity set, and Mary and Jesus are on a windowsill away from them as they have not yet begun their journey to the manger. The classroom doors have just begun to be decorated for the Student Council door decorating contest. Classrooms have set up Advent wreaths and other reminders of this special season.

We hope these outward reminders will help us to focus on our interior relationship with God. Our second graders received their First Reconciliation last evening, and the rest of the school will have the opportunity to go to confession during Advent so that our hearts can be prepared for His coming. They have been learning Advent songs and prayers.

Don't forget that the Feast of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation. You can attend the vigil mass on Thursday at 6:00 p.m. and then listen to the talk given by Father Summe at 7:00 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church.

We have All School Mass again next Wednesday and then our Christmas Concert on Friday, December 15th at 12:30. We hope to see you there!

Cheerfully in Christ,

Mrs. Aideen Briggs
Principal, Blessed Sacrament School

"Everybody loves St. Nicholas because St. Nicholas loves everybody." – Fr. Andrew Phillips

Did You Know...

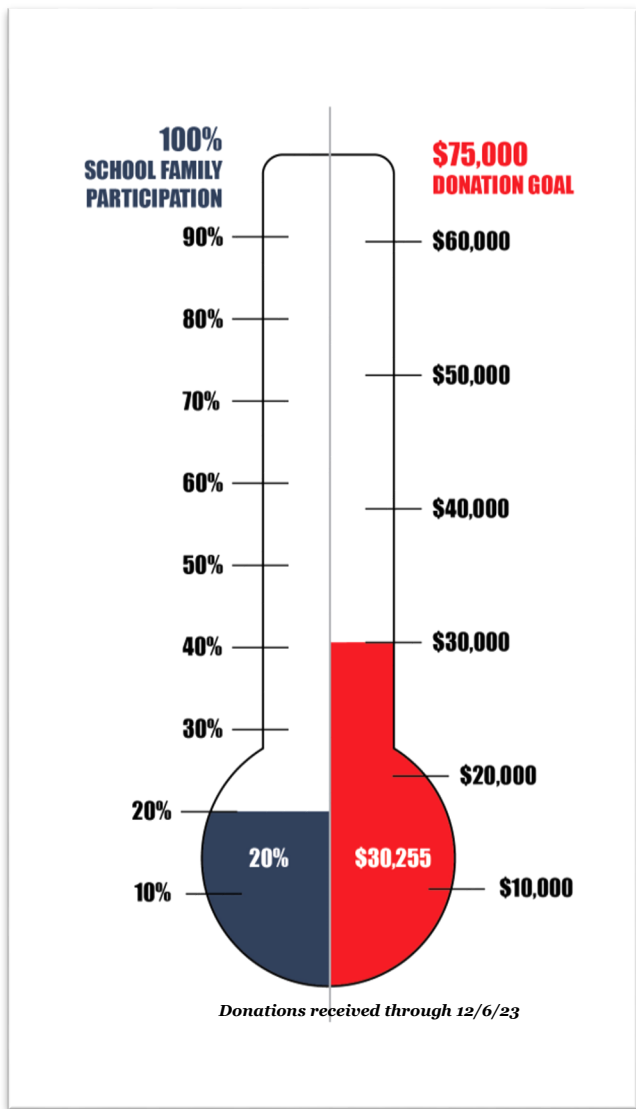
That Monday, December 11th, is Father Su's birthday? Father Su is the new priest at Blessed Sacrament Church and he comes all the way to us from India. Please wish him a happy birthday if you see him, and offer up a prayer for him on his special day.

Did you also know that we are adding a new member to the Blessed Sacrament Parish Finance Council and need your time and talent. The role of the Finance Council is to advise the pastor and Parish Council in matters of finance and the administration of parish goods. Additional details along with duties and responsibilities can be found at Finance Council - Diocese of Covington <https://www.covdio.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/Finance-Council.pdf>. Meetings are held once per month and while we are flexible regarding a start date we would love our new member to join us at our January 2024 meeting (Date TBD). If you are interested or have questions, please send an email with your name, phone number, and preferred email address to dweberlsp@gmail.com (513-600-2200). Thank you and God Bless, Blessed Sacrament Finance Council

DONATE TODAY TO THE ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

THANK YOU BSS PARENTS!!! You have stepped up in a BIG way and we are so grateful for all of your generous donations to our Annual Giving Campaign!

Contributions from the following school families have helped us reach \$30,000!



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| Mr. & Mrs. Warren | Mr. & Mrs. Conkin |
| Mr. & Mrs. Wendt | Mr. & Mrs. Grimes |
| Mr. & Mrs. Schott | Mr. & Mrs. Burkhart |
| Mr. & Mrs. Adair | Mr. & Mrs. Colvin |
| Mr. & Mrs. Baumgardner | Dr. & Mrs. Woods |
| Mr. & Mrs. Holtmeier | Mr. & Mrs. Farrell |
| Mr. & Mrs. Busener | Mr. & Mrs. Ritchie |
| Mr. & Mrs. Lamb | Mr. & Mrs. Schutzman |
| Mr. and Mrs. Steltenkamp | Mr. & Mrs. Britt |
| Mr. & Mrs. Scheuerle | Mr. & Mrs. Houston |
| Mr. & Mrs. Smiser | Mr. & Mrs. Haley |
| Mr. & Mrs. Kennedy | Mr. & Mrs. Marker |
| Dr. Rohmiller & Dr. Draud | Mr. & Mrs. White |
| Mr. & Mrs. Wall | Mr. & Mrs. Wuest |
| Ms. Julie Tapke | Mr. & Mrs. Reedy |
| Mr. Kenneth Eling | Mr. & Mrs. Brown |
| & Mrs. Jennifer Grace | Mr. & Mrs. Mclaurin |
| Mr. & Mrs. Eibel | Mr. & Mrs. Kallmeyer |
| Mr. & Mrs. Weckenbrock | Mr. & Mrs. Smith |
| Mr. & Mrs. Sturm | Mrs. Timmerding |
| Mr. Robert Cafera | Mr. & Mrs. Eilers |
| & Dr. Janice Struckhoff | Mr. & Mrs. Roth |
| Mr. & Mrs. Hudepohl | Mr. & Mrs. Crossen |
| Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence | Mr. & Mrs. Bement |
| Mr. & Mrs. Weis | Mr. & Mrs. Klopp |
| Mr. & Mrs. Bradley | Mr. & Mrs. Clark |
| Mr. & Mrs. Ries | Ms. Lynne Adams |
| Mr. & Mrs. Pfeiffer | Mr. & Mrs. Thoss |
| Mr. & Mrs. Kaufman | Mr. & Mrs. Haggerty |

We would love to see 100% participation from school families this year! The money generated through this campaign helps to fund our specialists' salaries, which directly impacts your children!

We're trying to reach \$35,000 in donations by December 31, so please [CLICK HERE](#) to make your tax-deductible Annual Giving Campaign contribution today!

Thumbs Up!



Congratulations to the following students who placed in this year's 6th Grade Showcase Governor's Cup competition!

Social Studies: Evan Smiser (5th place)

Math: Mason Brown and Austin Ingram (tied for 6th place)

Science: Cash Wiehe (5th place), Della Crossen (6th place)

Arts & Humanities: Lily Moening (1st place), LoLo Warman (3rd place)

Composition: Nollie Kirkwood (4th place)



Thumbs Up for Mrs. Baker's 7th grade EXPLORE students Zack Steltenkamp, Connor Wiest, & Jack Colvin for creating "Eagle Eye News" to keep us informed here at BSS!

[CLICK HERE](#) to watch the second episode!



BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL ROCK AND ROLL AN EVENING TO TREASURE

Evening to Treasure - ROCK AND ROLL

Come dressed as your favorite rockstar!

Saturday March 2nd, 2024; 6pm-12pm
Newport Syndicate

What is Evening to Treasure?

Evening to Treasure is the Blessed Sacrament Development Committee's annual fundraiser. This amazing event raises thousands of dollars every year, and ALL of your generous donations go directly to Blessed Sacrament School.

The money raised at Evening to Treasure has helped in countless ways from enhancing building security to helping fund specialist salaries.

Fund the Need: Specialists

We are in need of volunteers.
Please reach out if you are interested!

Important Dates

\$2 Out of Uniform:

January 11th

February 16th

E2T Meetings

(7pm @ Weckenbrock's)

December 13th

January 10th

February 7th

Important Links

[Corporate Sponsor](#) [Facebook](#)

[Spirit Wear](#) [Instagram](#)

[Silent Auction](#) [bssky.org](#)

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Parents' Club News



CLASSROOM CHRISTMAS CHEER

If you would like to contribute [CLICK HERE](#)
Contributions DUE DECEMBER 15th!

We are in need of a small group to be Chairs for Ladies' Fall Event next year! Please reach out if you are interested or would like to learn more!



Save The Date!
Mother/Daughter
February 11th 5:30 PM-7:30 PM
Northern Kentucky Ice Center



MEAL TRAIN FOR HANCOCK FAMILY

Mike's Car Wash Coupon sale ENDS FRIDAY!

Upcoming SPIRIT NIGHTS

Penn Station Buttermilk
Jan 17th ALL DAY

MONEY RAISED:

Skyline \$103.75

Putt-Putt \$200

Chipotle \$355.10

Cici's \$45

Defy \$350

TOTAL: \$1053.85

Larosa's Buddy Cards
BOGO Large Cheese
Pizzas \$10

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Upcoming Parent Club Sponsored Events:

- December 11-13th: Santa Shop in Parish Center
- December 20th -Christmas Class Parties (PK 8-8:30 AM, K-4 10:15-11AM, 5-8 10:30-11AM)
- January 9th - Cross Committee Information Session 7-9 PM Undercroft
- February 11th - Mother/Daughter 5:30-7:30 PM NKY Ice Center
- March 15th/22nd - Lenten Food Truck Fridays



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Welcome to Preschool

AT BLESSED SACRAMENT

We are eager to serve more families and students through a Catholic-based preschool program in which students will be developed spiritually, academically, and personally using the Gospel teachings of Jesus Christ

Our preschool *students*:

- Must be three years old by January 1, 2024
- Must be potty-trained
- Two classes of up to 16 students
- State-certified lead teachers and full time aide

Our *curriculum* will include:

- Direct instruction in religion, reading, writing, mathematics, science, music, art, Spanish, PE, Unplugged STEM, and social-emotional learning. Children will have opportunities for hands-on learning, sensory and dramatic play, play time, and peer interaction.

Blessed Sacrament Preschool *schedule*:

- Preference given to full-time students
- Full Day, 7:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 7:00-11:00 a.m. Friday
- Half-day, 7:00-10:30 a.m. Monday-Friday
- Mirrors the K-8 BSS calendar.

Please *contact us* for more information:

- Principal: Aideen Briggs (abriggs@bssky.org)

Meet our preschool teachers
and tour Blessed Sacrament School at our

Preschool Open House

December 10, 2023
12:00-1:30pm



2407 Dixie Highway, Fort Mitchell, Kentucky 41017 | 859.331.3062 | bssky.org

Santa Claus is Coming to BSS!

SANTA SHOP IS NEXT WEEK - DECEMBER 11TH - 13TH!

Gift list envelopes will come home with your student today or tomorrow. Send the envelopes back to school with your student on December 11th. Cash or Check (made payable to BSS Parent Club). All items are priced \$1-\$5. Students can shop for parents, siblings, grandparents, teachers, friends, other family members and even pets!

We need volunteers to set up the day before, help the kids check items off their list and keep the shop running smoothly.

More spots have been added! Must be up to date with Virtus to volunteer.



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Santa Shop

Info from CCH



COVINGTON CATHOLIC CO-ED WINTER YOUTH TRACK & FIELD CAMP Dec 28 + 29th, 3:30pm - 6:00pm

Shake off winter-break cabin-fever in CovCath's state-of-the-art fieldhouse, with activities in sprints, throws, jumps and more. No prior experience in track & field needed!

Learn the sport from some of the top athletes in Northern Kentucky, including former Colonels who competed at the collegiate level.

A single-day option is available for busy end-of-year schedules -- early bird registration (discounted price + raffle entry for premium swag) offered through December 12.

MORE INFO

https://covcathtrackandfieldteam.teamapp.com/clubs/274293/events/22349913-colonel-winter-youth-track-field-clinic?detail=v1&expires_at=1704067199

REGISTRATION

<https://www.covcath.org/fs/form-manager/view/d1812b58-5f4e-4978-83fo-bodf53741fb4>

Info from NDA



SIGN UP TODAY for the HSPT at NDA!

All incoming freshman students interested in attending Notre Dame Academy must take the High School Placement Test. There is a testing fee of \$20.00 that must be paid at the time of test registration.

PRIORITY FOR ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE GIVEN TO STUDENTS WHO TAKE THE HSPT AT NOTRE DAME ACADEMY.

SIGN UP TO TAKE THE HSPT at NDA [HERE](#).

2023 Blessed Sacrament School Christmas Concert

Jesus is the Reason for the Season

Featuring: Preschool through 5th Grade Students,
Immanuel Strings/Guitar Afterschool Program,
and The Blessed Sacrament Children's Choir

Friday, December 15, 2023 at 12:30 pm
in Blessed Sacrament Church (doors open at 12:00 pm)

All are welcome to attend!



Preschool Attire - Christmas "Comfortable"

Grades K-5 Attire - Christmas "Nice" (no sweats/leggings/shorts)/something they would wear to a Christmas Mass

From Our Parish

Advent Fair

Sunday, December 3

Following 9:00 and 11:00 Masses

In the undercroft

Advent wreaths and candles for sale

Treats and activities for all ages



Advent begins with the light of one candle and ends in a crescendo of glory on Christmas.

OTHER UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS ~

- **SANTA SACKS:** Available the weekend of November 18/19. Due back the weekend of December 2/3
- **GIVING TREES:** Available November 25/26. Gifts due the weekend of December 9/10.
- **NO PROMISES VOCAL BAND:** Fun Christmas concert for all ages, December 6, 7:30 p.m.
- **Fr. Matthew Summe:** Speaking on discipleship December 7, 7-8 p.m.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for the results of the Disciple Maker Index Survey, completed in our parish March, 2023

Blessed Sacrament Church

BECOMING STEWARDS IN COMMUNITY

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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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