

BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL Weekly Newsletter

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2024



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THIS WEEK AT BSS

Monday:  **SANTA SHOP!**

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8:15 - All School Mass (*no preschool*)
Holy Day - Feast of the Immaculate Conception
2:15-3:15 - Math Counts Practice (6A)

Tuesday:  **SANTA SHOP!**

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6:00-8:00 - 2nd Grade First Reconciliation (*Church*)

Wednesday:  **SANTA SHOP!**

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2:15-3:00 - Homework Buddies (*Parish Center*)
2:15-3:15 - 4th Grade Quick Recall Practice (4B)

Thursday:  **"Most Festive" Contest - holiday themed clothes and accessories (must follow out of uniform guidelines)**

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2:15-3:15 - STUCO Meeting (*STEM Lab*)
- Pizza will be served! Don't forget Secret Santa gifts!
2:15-3:15 - ISM Strings Program (*Music Room*)
2:15-3:15 - 6th Grade Quick Recall Practice (7A)
2:15-3:15 - Junior High Quick Recall Practice (8C)

Friday:

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WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

M

Hamburger OR Cheeseburger,
Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Onion,
Potato Wedges, Baked Beans,
Peaches, Sidekicks, Juice, Milk

T

Confetti Pancakes, Sausage Patties,
Tater Tots, Veggie Boats & Dip,
Pineapple, Strawberry Cups,
Juice, Milk

W

Penne Pasta with Meat Sauce,
Garlic Breadstick, Parmesan Cheese,
Glazed Carrots, Garden Salads,
Mandarin Oranges, Apples, Juice, Milk

Th

Chicken Tenders, Dinner Roll,
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy,
Green Beans, Pears, Grapes,
Juice, Milk

F

Pizza Crunchers, Marinara Sauce,
Seasoned Broccoli, Garden Salads,
Applesauce, Orange Slices, Juice, Milk



A NOTE FROM YOUR ADMINISTRATION

Dear Families and Friends,

I had the pleasure of taking a couple families on tours of Blessed Sacrament this past week. We went into the Atrium where our preschoolers were learning the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. This program is a hands-on catechism program where our students are guided by the Holy Spirit as they interact with the materials. Next year, we will be expanding this program for kindergarten as well. We were the first school in Kentucky, to our knowledge, to offer this program to our students! I know for sure we were the first in the Covington Diocese. If you are interested in learning more, please find additional information about this program farther down in the newsletter.

In walking into one of the kindergarten classrooms, they were talking about Advent, and sharing what they prayed for at home the night before. One student said they prayed for the poor. Another said they prayed for their mom because she was sick. A third said she prayed for the homeless because it was extra cold last night. We are so blessed to be able to share our faith openly here at school!

In second grade, they were diligently working in their centers. This enables them to work in small groups and rotate in the room to work. The parents on the tour were impressed with how focused and hard working our students were already in 2nd grade. Of course that's what happens when parents and educators partner for many years and our good God leads us. Thank you for all you do to reinforce learning, praying and respectful behavior at home. It shows!

I met with the Fort Mitchell Fire Chief last week. He let me know that the church is heated by radiators, so there is only warm water coming from the sides of the church. He said if there were going to be any carbon dioxide emissions, they would most likely be in the undercroft, and he still thought that was extremely unlikely. We are putting in a carbon monoxide detector in the undercroft and the church in an abundance of caution. They have done air quality testing several times now and determined the air quality is fine. We had a lovely, uneventful all school mass today.

Cheerfully in Christ,

Mrs. Aideen Briggs
Principal, Blessed Sacrament School

Advent Family Prayer

God of Love, Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us. He is a sign of your love. Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent, As we wait and prepare for his coming. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior.

[UPDATED PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL INFO](#)

[LEARNING GROVE SCHEDULE](#)

[TEXT MESSAGE NOTIFICATION OPT-IN](#)

[CATECHISM OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD](#)

Reminders:

- Dec. 9 – 8:15 a.m., Immaculate Conception, All School Mass
- Dec. 12 – Most Festive Contest
- Dec. 19 – 12:30, Christmas Music Program (Blessed Sacrament Church)
- Dec. 20 – All School Mass, Early Dismissal (11:00 a.m.)



BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL

A FOUR-TIME National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence



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All About *Preschool*

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 *curriculum* includes:

- ❑ 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.

Our preschool *students* :

- ❑ Must be three years old by January 1, 2025
- ❑ Must be potty-trained
- ❑ Make up two classes of up to 16 students
- ❑ Are taught by a state-certified lead teacher and full time aides
- ❑ Practice Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

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 with extended care option from 11:00-2:00 on Fridays
- ❑ 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 8, 2024 | 12:00-1:30pm



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

GET TO KNOW OUR STAFF

Kindergarten



APRIL HARTUNG

“I think it’s what everybody says about BSS, “It’s the entire community.” I was worried about moving from my ‘safe’ space in Cincinnati.”

- ❑ In her third year teaching kindergarten at BSS.
- ❑ Very proud that Debbie Algie, the countess of BSS kindergarten, has been so encouraging and trusting of April to lead the kindergarten.
- ❑ Came to BSS because she and her husband visited and researched Catholic schools in Northern Kentucky. None compared to BSS.
- ❑ Married to Adam for 2 ½ years; 5 children: Henry, a BSS 3rd grader, Landon - 5th grade, Lucas - 6th grade, Maddie - 8th grade, and Lexi - sophomore
- ❑ Worked at the Hamilton County Courthouse because she wanted to be an animal cop. After being involved in advocating for a child, April knew she had to become a teacher.
- ❑ April could lead a puppy parade through her classroom with the 5 dogs she has adopted after fostering.



BRANDY FRANXMAN

“Being back at BSS has lightened my homelife and made me a better person for my family.”

- ❑ Assisted in kindergarten for 3 years at BSS and has returned this year to teach kindergarten after teaching 5th grade at another Catholic school.
- ❑ Worked as a nurse assistant in the mom/baby hospital unit.
- ❑ Considers the relationships she is able to form with students as one of her greatest achievements at BSS.
- ❑ Could be elected as Queen of the Organizers!
- ❑ Married to her husband for 28 years and just moved into their new house over the Thanksgiving holiday.
- ❑ Enjoys spending time with her two sons (one of whom who has autism, now married, and has a successful career).
- ❑ “Embarrassment is comfy for me because I have zero grace. I will fall if there’s a chance.”
- ❑ Singing as a soloist and in select groups is a little known fact about Brandy.
- ❑ If Brandy were an animal, she would compare herself to a sloth because she loves the quiet stillness of being at home on the weekends.



AMANDA DANNEMAN

“I’ve felt at home at BSS from the first minute on day one as an assistant . . . I’m so comfortable here.”

- ❑ Started at BSS during COVID as an assistant. First year as a kindergarten teacher at BSS.
- ❑ Amanda’s special needs background was inspired by her high school best friend who has special needs.
- ❑ Amanda and her husband, Matt, dated throughout high school and have been married for 22 years. They have 3 children... Tory - sophomore at Xavier, Will - sophomore at Cov Cath, and Leo - 6th grader at St. Pius.
- ❑ Showed her athletic prowess at recess one day while playing kickball with a student - instead of kicking the ball, she tripped over it and landed on the ground.
- ❑ Fun fact: Like Mr. Popper, Amanda is fond of penguins!
- ❑ A little known fact is that she was in nursing school for a couple of years, trying to avoid the family teaching tradition. It didn’t work!

Parent Club Board

Rebecca Heringhaus & Brigid Brown
Co-Presidents

Abi Haggerty
Vice President

Brittany Lawrence & Sara Meagher
Co-Treasurers

Connie Polly
Teacher Appreciation Coordinator

Lauren Graden
Student Appreciation Coordinator

Ashley Witzgall
Parent Appreciation Coordinator

Jenna Burger & Megan Kapcar
Spirit Nights

Upcoming Parent Club Events

December 9-10: during school
BSS Santa Shop

**December 19: LaRosa's Spirit
Night for the Bengals game**
Crescent Springs location ONLY
(dine-in, carry-out, or delivery)

December 20: during school
Classroom Christmas Parties

April 2: Spring Save the Date!
Bunches of Bows Spirit Day

If you have any ideas for organizations that would like to partner with BSS for a fundraiser night, please share with our Spirit Night Coordinators – Megan Kapcar and Jenna Burger

SANTA SHOP!

Students will shop on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday of next week. Signups are available [HERE](#) for volunteers if you would like to see the magic of Christmas gift giving with little ones! Please [CLICK HERE](#) for detailed information! Envelopes went home for your kids list and money so don't forget to send it back.

MIKE'S CARWASH COUPONS!

Don't forget to send back your Mike's carwash coupon orders! Orders are accepted via email or send the paper copy to the office attention: parents club

VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

Did your family enjoy Grandparents' Day??? It is a fun and busy day and takes some planning from both teachers and parents. We are looking for someone to be the parent club chair for this event next school year! This person would work with the Grandparents' Day teacher committee and be the liaison to parent club to keep the day running smoothly. If you are interested, please reach out to Abi Haggerty or Brigid Brown for more information!

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

We have lots of ways to support our teachers and school! We're always looking for ideas and volunteers, so don't be afraid to reach out if you have ideas and/or time to share!

LaRosa's
FAMILY PIZZERIA

CLICK HERE TO ORDER
LAROSA'S BUDDY CARDS \$10

Parent Club INFORMATION

Blessed Sacrament

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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"MOST FESTIVE" CONTEST



When: Thursday December 12th

Details: We encourage all students and staff to wear their most festive clothes and accessories while adhering to our out-of-uniform guidelines (no leggings, no hoodies, no slippers, etc).



CHRISTMAS SPIRIT WEAR

When: Friday December 20th

Details: We encourage all students and staff to wear holiday themed tops and accessories with uniform bottoms. All hats and accessories must be removed for Mass.

Thank You



We are thrilled to report the success of our recent shoe drive! Thank you to everyone for your participation and generous contributions.

Together, we collected about 150 pairs of shoes and raised \$350 to donate. This achievement reflects the kindness and spirit of our school community!



DON'T FORGET

MEMBERS

OUR SECRET SANTA \$15 GIFT EXCHANGE IS DURING OUR NEXT MEETING ON THURSDAY, DEC. 12TH! MAKE SURE TO BRING YOUR GIFT WRAPPED. RESULTS FROM THE "FAVORITE THINGS" SURVEY ARE POSTED ON GOOGLE CLASSROOM!

Upcoming Meetings

DECEMBER 12
JANUARY 23
FEBRUARY 20
MARCH 20
APRIL 10
MAY 15



KINGS HAMMER SC PARTNERS WITH BLESSED SACRAMENT ATHLETICS BOOSTERS TO ENHANCE U6 SOCCER PROGRAM



**PLEASE CLICK HERE
FOR MORE INFORMATION!**

UPCOMING MEETINGS

INFO COMING SOON!

All meetings held in the BSS Cafeteria

KEEP IN TOUCH

Are you interested in joining the Boosters?
Please email us at bssboosters@gmail.com

Do you have any team photos or team accomplishments?
Please send to Ryan Heringhaus at rheringhaus@gmail.com
so we can publish them on our sites!



BOOSTERS INFORMATION



DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE PRESENTS



CLICK HERE TO REGISTER



\$100

PER TEAM
UP TO 4 PLAYERS

BSS MADNESS 3-ON-3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

MUST BE 18 OR OLDER TO PLAY
T-SHIRT INCLUDED
WINNER AND LOSERS BRACKET
1ST AND 2ND PLACE PRIZES

CCCC
SATURDAY
FEB 1ST
10:30 AM
BSS GYMNASIUM

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING A SPONSOR FOR BSS MADNESS,
EMAIL PARTNERSHIPS@BSSKY.ORG

BSS MADNESS 3-ON-3 TOURNAMENT

BOURBON RAFFLE

TICKETS*
\$20

LIVE DRAWING
SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 1ST
DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN

2 WINNERS

GRAND PRIZE
GEORGE T. STAGG
BOURBON 2017
VALUED AT \$1500

SECOND PLACE
WILLET POT STILL RESERVE &
1 MONTH FREE MEMBERSHIP
TO SILVERLAKE
VALUED AT \$350

CLICK TO
PURCHASE
TICKETS



*MUST BE 21 OR OLDER TO PARTICIPATE

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TRY LACROSSE

DECEMBER 14TH 1- 2:30

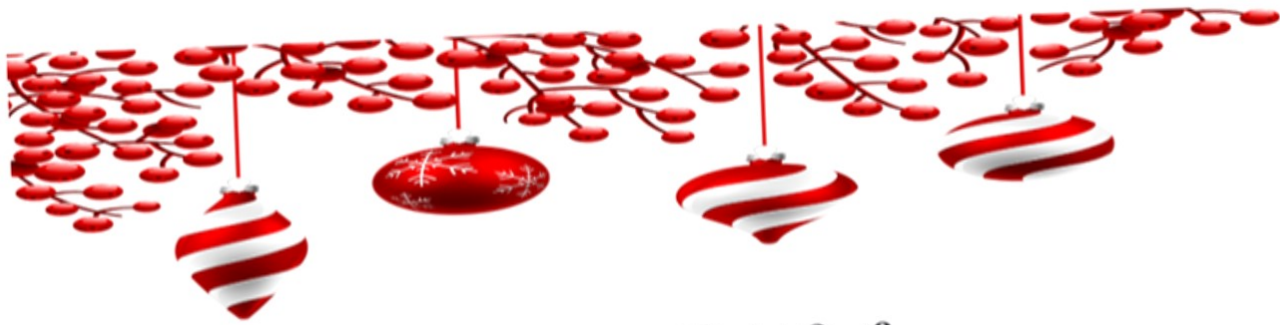
Covington Catholic is thrilled to launch Colonels Youth Lacrosse, a new middle school (7th and 8th grade) program starting this spring! To kick things off, we're hosting a "Try Lacrosse" clinic on December 14th.

The session for boys in grades 3-5 will take place from 1:00 - 2:30 PM at Covington Catholic (precise location to be announced on December 13)

The session for boys in grades 6-8 will take place from 2:30 - 4:00 PM at Covington Catholic

The cost is \$27 and the 90-minute session will introduce fundamental skills and game play, giving boys in grades 3-8 a chance to try the sport. Registration is open now! Register by December 13, 2024, to secure your spot!

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)



Looking for a Night Out?
**The Challenge Girls Club is hosting a
Babysitting fundraiser!**

Whether it's time for Christmas shopping or just a chance to take a well-deserved nap, we're here to help!

Enjoy some time away while your little ones enjoy our babysitting services.

We provide care for children aged 3 to 9 (must be potty trained). Your child will be engaged in a variety of activities, including light snacks:

Sports
Crafts
Interactive Play
Cookie Decorating
A Festive Movie

Let us take care of your kids while you enjoy your night out!
Please be sure to feed your child before the event.

December 13, 6-9 pm
Blessed Sacrament Parish Center (South end of the school building)
2409 Dixie Highway, Ft. Mitchell, KY 41017

**Donations accepted to help support the event and continue our mission of
faith, service, and friendship with Christ!**

Scan the QR code to register. This helps us to plan more effectively.



Questions? Please contact Becky Jehn, Challenge President
bskychallenge@gmail.com



PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING

the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday December 9, 6:30am,
8:15am , 10:00am and 6:00pm.



Advent Penance Service is this
Monday, December 9 at 7:00 pm.
Please consider spending some time
with Jesus seeking forgiveness
as you prepare your heart to receive Jesus
Christmas morning.



We had a fabulous turnout at our Advent fair
this past Sunday. We have a few remaining candles
for your wreath in the Church office.



Parish Office **INFORMATION**

QUICK LINKS

CONQUEST

VIRTUS TRAINING

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

THAT MAN IS YOU

GRANDPARENT MERCH

WALKING WITH PURPOSE

SKI CLUB REGISTRATION

CHALLENGE CLUB '24-'25

IVY PROGRAM

MUSIC SHARE INFO

BAMBINELLI BLESSING

THOMAS MORE M.A.T.

CHALLENGE BABYSITTING

CCH/NDA HSPT REGISTRATION

GIVING TREE

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 **THURSDAY** 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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