

BSS NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, December 7, 2022



**NEW VIRTUS
BULLETIN
THIS WEEK!**

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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Thursday: **NO SCHOOL - HOLY DAY**
(Feast of the Immaculate Conception)
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Holy Day Mass Times: 6:30 am & 10:00 am

Friday: **8:15** - Mass (*grades k-4*)
3:30-5:00 - Challenge Club (*Undercroft*)
9
CHALLENGE BABYSITTING NIGHT!
(6:00-9:00 in the Parish Center)

Monday: **2:15-3:15** - Math Counts
2:15-3:30 - Children's Choir Rehearsal (*grades 5-8*)
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Tuesday: **4th Grade Northeast Region Day**
2nd Grade Field Trip - Taft Theater
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8:15-8:45 - Immanuel School of Music (*Guitar Presentation*)
2:15-3:30 - Children's Choir Rehearsal (*grade 4*)

Wednesday: **8:15** - Mass (*grades 5-8*)
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Thursday: **Kindergarten Advent Prayer Service**
(KA - 11:00, KB - 11:30)
15
2:15-3:30 - Junior High Quick Recall Practice
2:15-3:30 - Sixth Grade Quick Recall Practice

Friday: **8:15** - Mass (*grades k-4*)
2:15-3:15 - Dance Club (*Undercroft*)
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WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

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

F Grilled Cheese or Cheesy Flatbread,
Tomato Soup, Garden Salads,
Oyster Crackers, Applesauce,
Fresh Oranges, Milk

M Chicken Patty Sandwich or Fish Sandwich,
Potato Wedges, Baked Beans, Peach Cups,
Frozen Sidekicks, Milk

T Cheese Pizza or Pepperoni Pizza,
Steamed Broccoli, Carrots and Celery with
Dip, Pear Cups, Fresh Apples, Milk

W Roast Beef with Gravy and Dinner Roll
or Turkey/Ham and Cheese Sub,
Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Strawberry
or Mixed Berry Cups, Fresh Grapes, Milk

Th Beef Nachos or Turkey Soft Tacos,
Shredded Cheese, Sour Cream, Salsa Cups,
Black Beans, Corn, Mandarin Oranges,
Fresh Bananas, Milk

F Cheese Bites or Pizza Crunchers,
Marinara Sauce, Corn, Garden Salads,
Applesauce, Fresh Oranges, Milk

2022-2023 SCHOOL THEME



ALL IN
Blessed Sacrament School

Throughout the school year, we are encouraging our students to be "all in" with school, church, extra-curriculars, and everything that they are involved in. Our school and parish are committed to being examples of this message every day.

We expect our students to always give the best of themselves and be fully present and involved in whatever they do here at Blessed Sacrament!

Thank you for your support!

A Note From Your Administration

Dear Families and Friends,

A big congratulations to our junior high teacher, Mr. Richard Ingraham! He was selected as the 2023 Daughters of the American Revolution Outstanding Teacher of American History for the entire state of Kentucky. He now moves on to the national competition. While none of us was surprised, we are all excited for his recognition.

Please remember there is no school tomorrow. The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation, and masses are offered at Blessed Sacrament Church tonight at 7:00 p.m., 6:30 a.m. Thursday, and 10:00 a.m. Thursday.

Thank you to all the parents who helped to make Santa Shop such a great success! The students really enjoyed shopping for their friends and family. How wonderful it was to see their joy in giving!

You'll see more in the "Thumbs Up" section, but I have to brag a little here. Congratulations to our 6th grade team for coming in 2nd place overall in the Sixth Grade Showcase! They were one point off from coming in first for Quick Recall, and the teachers kept sending me texts in their excitement. We are all so proud of them!

In hopeful anticipation,

Mrs. Aideen Briggs
Principal, Blessed Sacrament School

"It is not enough just to wish well; we must also do well." – St. Ambrose

Did You Know...

Our students in grades K, 1 and 2 have PE twice a week? Our kindergarten students have STEM class twice a week. Our students in grades 5-8 have Spanish twice a week. Our students in grades 1-8 have art once a week, and our students in K-8 have music once a week. Thank you to our Annual Giving donors and our Development Committee for supporting the salaries of our specialists.



Thumbs Up!



CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. INGRAHAM!!!

He was selected as the
2023 Daughters of the American Revolution
Outstanding Teacher of American History
for the entire state of Kentucky!

In addition to this incredible honor,
he is moving on to the national competition!

We are SO proud of Mr. Ingraham
and our students are truly blessed
to be taught by him.

THUMBS UP FOR 6th GRADE SHOWCASE!!!

Congratulations to all of our participants! Blessed Sacrament earned 2nd place overall!

Quick Recall Team (2nd place): Megan Cafera, Brady Cox, Iris Deters, Henry Holtmeier,
Samantha Lawrence, Ben Rice, Zack Steltenkamp

Alternates: Maya Abdrabbo, Jack Colvin, Roman Donaho

Subject Tests:

ELA: Megan Cafera (2nd place),
Maggie Lamb (4th place)

Math: Brady Cox (2nd place),
Samantha Lawrence (3rd place)

Social Studies: Beckam Browning (3rd
place),
Iris Deters (4th place)

Composition: Maggie Lamb (3rd place),
Samantha Lawrence (6th place)



Thank you to our Annual Giving Campaign donors for being **ALL IN**

**THE FOLLOWING BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL FAMILIES
HAVE GENEROUSLY CONTRIBUTED TO THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN!
WE TRULY APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!**

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<i>Mr. & Mrs. Mark Arnzen</i>	<i>Ms. Madison Gronneck</i>	<i>Mr. & Mrs. Sean Ritchie</i>
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<i>Ms. Lisa Gregory</i>	<i>Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Rider</i>	

**donations collected through 12/5/22*

**IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONATED, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION.
YOUR SUPPORT GREATLY IMPACTS THE LIVES OF OUR STUDENTS AND EVERY DONATION MATTERS!**

[CLICK HERE TO MAKE A DONATION - BE ALL IN!](#)

Parents' Club News

Parents' Club Mission Statement

The purpose of the BSS Parents' Club is to enhance the students' spiritual, emotional, and academic experience through parental support. This is achieved by parents assisting the faculty and staff with classroom activities and school wide events. In addition, Parents' Club will further enhance learning by offering financial support, with money obtained through fundraisers, for enrichment programs that benefit the students of our parish school.

Board Members 2021-2022

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



SIMPLE CHRISTMAS GIVING

EACH YEAR, PARENT CLUB COLLECTS MONEY TO PROVIDE ALL TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATORS, SPECIALISTS, AND STAFF WITH A GIFT. IF YOU PAID THIS YEAR'S PARENT CLUB DUES, YOU HAVE ALREADY CONTRIBUTED TO THIS, AND YOU CAN CHECK THIS OFF YOUR CHRISTMAS LIST! WE THANK YOU!!!!

THIS GIFT IS SEPARATE FROM AND CLASSROOM REQUESTS YOU MAY RECEIVE FROM YOUR HOMEROOM PARENTS OR GRADE LEVEL.

Upcoming SPIRIT NIGHTS

Dewey's Pizza
(Crestview Hills)
December 6th

SPIRIT NIGHTS 2022-2023

City Bird \$173

Coldstone \$85.29

Erlanger Skyline
\$120

Erlanger Putt Putt
\$231

Chipotle \$447.86

Chick-fil A \$170

Total: \$1227.15

Did you know that BSS can benefit from your Holiday Shopping?

- See the Community Rewards Tab at the bottom of the newsletter to link your Kroger, Remke and Amazon accounts for BSS to receive \$\$ when you shop!
- You can purchase Gift Cards through BSS and school receives a % of sales! Link for Gift Card Order Form below!



[COMMUNITY REWARDS](#)

[GIFT CARD ORDER FORM](#)



Giving Tree

**OUR GIVING TREES, BOTH IN CHURCH AND ONLINE,
OFFER AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP THOSE IN NEED.**

**HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHAT YOU WOULD BRING
IF YOU COULD VISIT THE STABLE WHEN JESUS WAS BORN?**

WHAT YOU DO FOR HIS BROTHERS AND SISTERS, YOU DO FOR HIM.

Online Giving Tree: [HERE](#)

**Leave your gifts, unwrapped with tags attached, in the bins inside the church
entrances by December 11. You can also take advantage of our church parking lot
drop off: 12/11/22 from 10:30 am-12:30 p.m.**

Gifts will be delivered to those in need through Be Concerned, Catholic Charities, and CareNet.

Have a blessed and Merry Christmas!



Basketball

**INTERESTED IN SOME FRIENDLY COMPETITION
AND EXERCISE ON THE HARDCOURT?**

All parishioners and BSS parents are invited to play basketball
on Wednesday nights in the BSS basketball gym.

No commitments required - time of play is dependent on gym usage
& weekly participation. A waiver is required for participation.

Contact Chris Pfeiffer for more details at 513-374-6494
or shoot him an email at cpfeiffer@comey.com.

BSS STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

November 2022

A Word From Our President & Vice President:



"As the President of the Student Council, I have learned that it is more than an afterschool activity. It is an organization that can positively impact the school! It means a lot to me that I was elected, as it allows me to help the students turn their ideas into reality, which is something very special." -Caleb Wiest

"I am honored to be Vice President of the Student Council. I love how I have the opportunity to grow as both a student and a leader. I enjoy collaborating with my peers and working together to solve problems. I am looking forward to a successful school year both spiritually and academically." -Liam Crossen

November Recap

- Student Council members wrapped the trees in blue lights, created posters for the donation collection, finalized spirit wear days, distributed coloring contest pictures, and worked on a fundraising proposal. We also contacted a few businesses that serve the community to find out how we can help! We're also planning our next \$1 out-of-uniform day!

Upcoming Events

- Collection for St. Charles running until December 1st.
- December 15th is a spirit wear day. Students can wear festive tops/accessories with uniform bottoms!
- CSW Jan. 30th- Feb. 3rd
 - In need of StuCo volunteers to read at the weekend masses!
 - In need of StuCo volunteers for open house on Jan. 22nd.

Reminders

Next meeting: December 15th

- Secret Santa reveal, remember to bring your \$15 gift.
- Pizza party!



Future Meeting Dates:

Jan 19th - Feb 16th - Mar 23rd
April 20th - May 18th

Advisors

Mrs. Woodring & Mrs. Baker



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cbaker@bssky.org

"The world of the future is in our making. Tomorrow is now." -Eleanor Roosevelt

LETTERS TO SANTA, LETTERS FROM SANTA



NOVEMBER 14TH - DECEMBER 12TH

Mail a letter to Santa and receive a response from him by Christmas!

SANTA EXPRESS MAILBOX LOCATIONS

KENTON COUNTY LIBRARIES

- | | |
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| Covington | 502 Scott Blvd.
Covington, KY 41011 |
| Erlanger | 401 Kenton Lands
Erlanger, KY 41018 |
| Independence | 1992 Walton-Nicholson
Independence, KY 41051 |

KENTON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER

1840 Simon Kenton Way,
Covington, Kentucky 41011

KENTON COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES

1020 Mary Laidley Dr,
Covington, Kentucky 41017

HISTORIC KENTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

5272 Madison Pike,
Independence, KY 41051

ONLINE

bit.ly/kcletterstosanta

**REMEMBER TO BRING A NONPERISHABLE
FOOD OR PERSONAL CARE ITEM
DONATION FOR BE CONCERNED.**

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:



JUDE'S CUSTOM EXHAUST, AUTO REPAIR
& TOWING

Save the Date for our 2022 Christmas Concert

“All is Calm, All is Bright”

Please mark your calendars to join us as kindergarten through fifth grade students perform some of our favorite Christmas songs!

**Wednesday, December 21, 2022 at 1:00 pm
in Blessed Sacrament Church**

All are welcome to attend!



Counselor's Corner



As the second trimester is off to a great start, I wanted to re-introduce myself and let you know what it is a school counselor does!

My name is Jamie Gastright and this is my 2nd year at BSS and my 7th year as a school counselor. I work with students in grades K-8 to help support them socially, emotionally and academically. I provide classroom lessons and short term individual counseling.

If you feel your child may need some additional support, please feel free to reach out. I am in the office on Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays. You can reach me at 859-331-3062 or by email at jgastright@bssky.org Thanks!

Supplies Needed

IT'S TIME AGAIN FOR THE EIGHTH GRADE SCRAPBOOK!

This is a wonderful tradition that our students participate in every year. Our eighth graders are working on their scrapbook pages throughout the month of December and are in need of scrapbooking supplies! If you, or someone you know, has any extra supplies, please send them in to the school office!

Items needed: stickers, embellishments, letters, adhesives, double-sided tape
(We do not need any scrapbook paper.)

Any unused items will be stored and passed on to next year's eighth grade students.

Thank you for your help! Please contact Miranda Kleman with any questions (mgkbk06@yahoo.com).

BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL

An Evening to Treasure



What is Evening to Treasure?

Evening to Treasure is an annual event held to fundraise for our outstanding Blue Ribbon school. The combined fundraising from Annual Giving Campaign and Evening to Treasure raise approximately \$250,000 per year!

Specifically, these funds support:

- A significant portion of the salaries of our specialist teachers (math, reading, intervention, speech, counselor, etc.)
- Technology devices and infrastructure
- Technology safeguards and security measures
- Physical building enhancements
- Improvements to building and cyber security

All of these necessities play an integral part in our children's education, but most of the funds are allocated toward specialists. Having these specialized teachers on staff provides intensive intervention for students in need and acceleration and enrichment for others. Without your generosity, these unique opportunities would not be available to our student population, and the learning in our building would not be as high quality as it is. Evening to Treasure is truly important because we have witnessed its direct benefits; it makes Blessed Sacrament School a place people are proud to send their children. Without this event, fundraising would be up to the children, and the hard work they would invest would not produce even a quarter of the success that comes out of this one special evening.

Please **SAVE THE DATE** for our 30th annual Evening to Treasure! We will be ALL IN with the same goal: to raise the necessary funds to provide our children with the best educational resources to be successful and have lots of FUN while doing it! This year the event will be held at Newport Syndicate on Saturday, February 25th, 2023.

The theme is Casino Night. BE ALL IN and BET ON BSS!

Many more details to follow in the coming weeks! If you would like to be a corporate sponsor or add items to E2T silent auction, please see attached forms.

We look forward to a successful and fun evening,

Your Evening to Treasure Chairs,

Elizabeth Weckenbrock, Lauren Wulfeck, and Lindsey White

[Silent Auction Letter](#)

[Silent Auction Form](#)

[Sponsorship Form](#)

Challenge Babysitting Night

Have your kids enjoy some Reindeer Games, Crafts and Snacks while giving you much needed time in the busy holiday season!

- Date:** December 9, 2022
Where: Blessed Sacrament Parish Center
Time: 6:00-9:00 P.M.
Cost: \$10 per child/\$25 per family
(pay in person at event)
Ages: Children 3-9 yrs. old
(potty trained)

RSVP: challengeatblessedsacrament@gmail.com

Questions:

Melissa Stegman (859) 801-1410

Jenni VonLehman (859) 466-9036

Proceeds support BSC Challenge Club & their local service projects!



Thank You for your support!!

Immanuel
School of
Music



GROUP GUITAR LESSONS Jan-April 2023

offered at your school. Grades 6-8th. Use your own guitar or purchase a new guitar thru ISM.

Sign up to secure your spot! Private lessons also available at ISM Lakeside Campus if preferred.

Immanuel School of Music



Teacher: Jimmy Rinehart

Location: Your School

Cost: \$175 per group class

(January-April 2023)

Guitar: Extra Cost of \$199 to purchase a new guitar at ISM's special price; **Guitar Orders Due Wednesday, January 4th**; may use your own guitar if preferred

For more information or to sign up, visit:

<https://immanuelumc.org/ism/guitar-classes>

ISM 859.341.8555



From Our Parish

Advent at Blessed Sacrament

Immaculate Conception

Holy Day Mass Times:

Vigil (December 7): 7 p.m.

December 8: 6:30 & 10:00 a.m.



Advent Penance Service:

December 12: 7:00 p.m.

**(there will be 5 priests
available at the service)**

Blessed Sacrament Church

BECOMING STEWARDS IN COMMUNITY



Community Events

**CLICK HERE for
information about
VIRTUS
TRAINING**

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BSS CHILDREN'S
CHOIR
registration**

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FATIMA
PROGRAM
information**

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information about
BSS SKI
CLUB**

A FEW REMINDERS...

- ❑ Please consider keeping a small hand sanitizer in backpacks and lunch boxes
- ❑ Our current arrival and dismissal procedures can be found 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.