

BSS NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, December 9, 2020



**NEW VIRTUS
BULLETIN
THIS WEEK!**

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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Thursday: School Office Hours: 8:00 - 3:00
10 NTI hours: 8:30 - 3:00 (variable by grade)
Ornament drop-off: 8:00 - 3:00 (school office)

Friday: School Office Hours: 8:00 - 3:00
11 NTI hours: 8:30 - 3:00 (variable by grade)
Ornament drop-off: 8:00 - 3:00 (school office)
DEADLINE for Christmas gift card orders

Monday: School Office Hours: 8:00 - 3:00
14 NTI hours: 8:30 - 3:00 (variable by grade)
Diocesan Schools Advent Mass: 10:00
(please [CLICK HERE](#) for the online mass link)

Tuesday: School Office Hours: 8:00 - 3:00
15 NTI hours: 8:30 - 3:00 (variable by grade)

Wednesday: School Office Hours: 8:00 - 3:00
16 NTI hours: 8:30 - 3:00 (variable by grade)

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17 NTI hours: 8:30 - 3:00 (variable by grade)

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18 NTI hours: 8:30 - 3:00 (variable by grade)

NTI Information & Links



*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 [CLICK HERE](#) 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

Dear Parents,

Thanks for continuing to work with and support us during this NTI period. While we know this isn't the ideal teaching or learning environment for anyone, we recognize and appreciate the efforts that all of our teachers, students, and families are putting in to help make [this](#) time productive and successful.

Here are a few updates for everyone:

1. **Cookbooks** - The first ever Blessed Sacrament School cookbook has arrived and is available for pickup in the school office! If you ordered a copy/copies, you may pick them up in the school office during office hours (8:00 – 3:00) any week day up through next Friday 12/18. If you did not order a cookbook but would like to purchase a copy, we have several extra copies for this purpose. [Please visit this link to purchase a copy.](#)
2. **Mass with the Bishop** – On Monday, December 14th at 10:00 AM, Bishop Foys is going to celebrate Mass for all Diocesan schools, students, families, and staff members. This mass will be livestreamed for students, staff, and families. The link to view the mass can be found at <https://covcathedral.com/>. NTI schedules are being adjusted to give students in 2-8 the opportunity to view Mass. Teachers will communicate those changes to families.
3. **Ornament Collection** - Students are encouraged to create a homemade ornament for the Diocesan Christmas Tree. This tree is located across the street from the cathedral in Covington, in the courtyard of the Curia building. Ornaments should include a ribbon or hook for hanging and be placed in a sandwich-sized Ziploc bag. These can be dropped off at school during office hours (8:00-3:00) this Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday.
4. **Circle Song** – With the holidays approaching and knowing that we could all use a little extra joy during this challenging time, we are happy to announce that we will soon be publishing a video of the Circle Song that was taken during the first trimester of this school year. We are happy to be able to continue this cherished tradition, even if it looks a little different than in year's past. We count each and every one of you as a part of our circle, and we look forward to a time when we can all be back together again singing this joyous song together in person! A link will be sent to all families when the video is available.

As we approach the third Sunday of Advent, our thoughts and reflections shift from “the Lord is coming” to the “the Lord is near.” Lighting the pink candle is a symbol of joy that started with the joy the word felt when welcoming Jesus for the first time. Let us focus on the joys in our lives, especially during these challenging times. We are joyful to have the opportunity to continue to serve this community and to interact with our students on a daily basis.

Thank you,

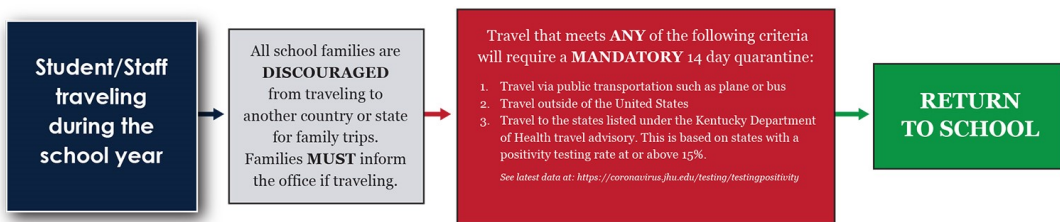
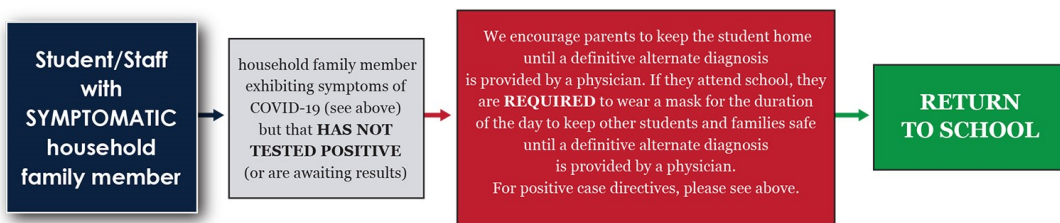
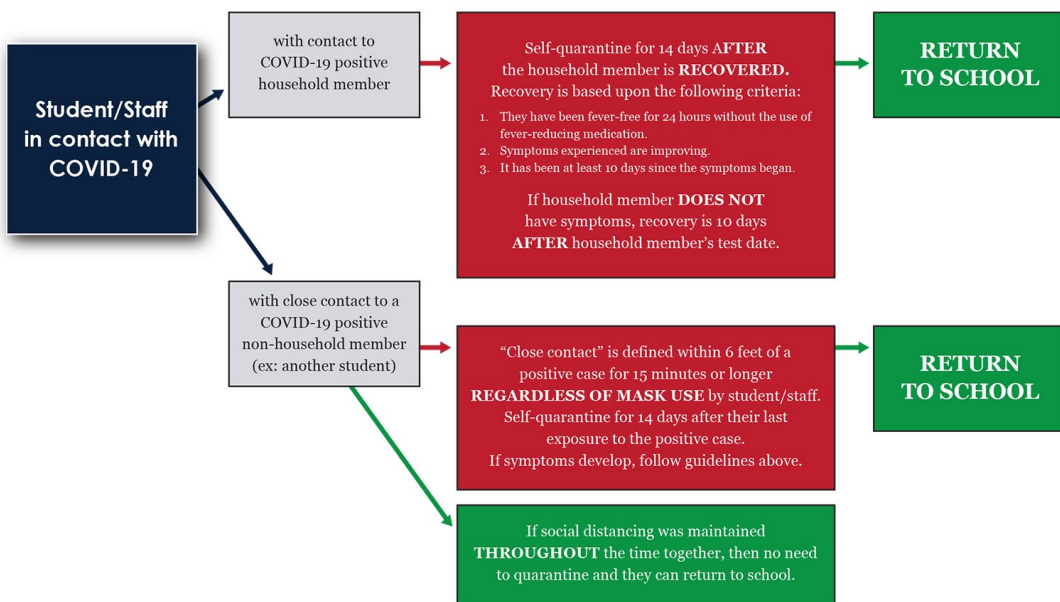
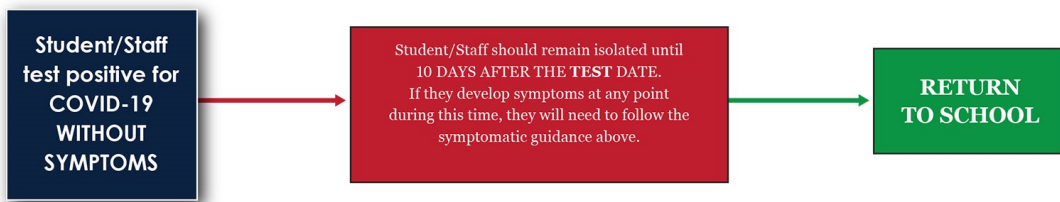
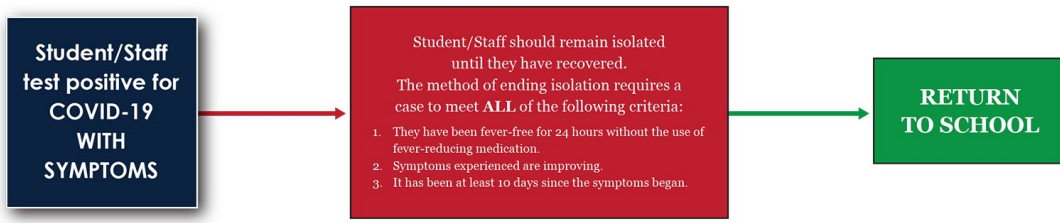
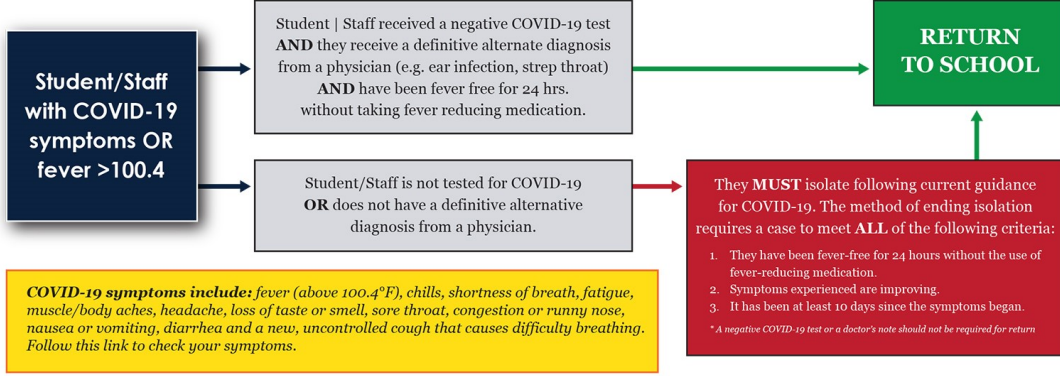
Mr. Steffen & Mrs. Geiman





BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL Covid-19 Response Chart for Students/Staff (updated 9/2/2020)

information subject to change.



Thumbs Up!



**Thumbs Up for our Sixth Grade Showcase team!
BSS received 3rd place overall!**



Congratulations to the following students
for their amazing performance in written assessments:

Math

1st Jack Dusing
2nd Nevaeh Lucarelli
5th Alex Wuest

Social Studies

2nd Ryan Cox

Arts and Humanities

4th Alexis Abdrabbo
5th Avery Pope

Language Arts

5th Kaylee Ryan
6th Nora VonBokern

We are so proud of all of you!

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.

We 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.





ANNUAL

Giving

CAMPAIGN
2020-2021

CLICK HERE

if you would like to make a donation



“Blessed Sacrament School’s specialists helped me make tremendous growth during my time at BSS. When in fifth grade, I had a very serious foot surgery that put me out of school for a long time, and without the help of the specialists, I would’ve never been able to catch up in my classes. Mrs. Wood especially helped me in learning and understanding math throughout that experience. Math has never been my strong suit, but she was a teacher I could count on to help me when problems weren’t making sense. My education at Blessed Sacrament and the support I received set me on a path of success for high school, college, and beyond!”

Julia Pfeiffer

Blessed Sacrament School, Class of 2019

Notre Dame Academy, Class of 2023

Please visit <https://bssky.ejoinme.org/AGC> if you would like to contribute to this year’s campaign and help students like Julia continue to receive a top-tier education at Blessed Sacrament School.

TODAY’S DONATIONS ARE HELPING SHAPE TOMORROW’S LEADERS

Parent Club News

Did you know that you can raise money for BSS when shopping for groceries or on Amazon?

amazonsmile
You shop. Amazon gives.



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 [CLICK HERE](#) for the Buddy Card order form *(pay by cash or check made out to BSS Parent Club)*

Please [CLICK HERE](#) 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.*

**Orders are due
Thursday 12/10 by 2 pm
to ensure arrival
before Christmas break**

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 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

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to access our BSS gift card order form!

SIMPLE CHRISTMAS GIVING



This is a simple way to say, “**Merry Christmas!**” and to express our gratitude for the wonderful staff at BSS. There is a long list of amazing people who teach, support, inspire, nurture, feed, and clean up after our children while they are at school. It includes Mr. Steffen, Mrs. Geiman, office staff, nurses, counselor, aides, cafeteria staff, maintenance, recess monitors, homeroom teachers, and specialist teachers in Art, Computer, Library, Math, Music, Phys. Ed., Reading, Spanish, and Academic Support. That is a lot of people to remember during a busy time of year, and the Parent Club can help you!

You can give to each staff member with a single donation. It will be added to a donation from the Parent Club, and all BSS staff will receive a note expressing our thankfulness along with a prepaid Gift Card from our Gift Card/Certificate Program.

Due to COVID-19, please consider donating via the square link below this year.

<https://checkout.square.site/buy/V4NTCBSD4X74ZHJ3NDJFLFAO>

If you still prefer to pay with a check, please mail your check made payable to BSS Parent Club and include the lower part of this letter by Wednesday, December 16th.

Meredith Schierberg
7229 Sherbrook Court
Florence KY 41042

Feel free to reach out Meredith Schierberg at 859 992 5379 if you need further information on this. May God’s many blessings surround you and your family during this holy season,

The BSS Parent Club Board



Suggested Family Donations: 1 child, \$10, 2 children, \$15, 3 or more children, \$25

Family Name: _____

Amount of Donation: \$ _____

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[**CLICK TO ORDER ONLINE**](#)



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 voice

WHAT: 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=bXpWOUFzVXZOODhwT2dIeXdyZolrZzo9>

Meeting ID: 878 413 5870

Passcode: BSSMusic





HELP DECORATE THE DIOCESAN CHRISTMAS TREE!

All students are encouraged to create a homemade ornament for the Diocesan Christmas Tree!
This tree is located across the street from the cathedral in Covington, in the courtyard of the Curia building.

Ornaments should include a ribbon or hook for hanging and be placed in a sandwich-sized Ziploc bag.
These can be dropped off at school during office hours (8:00-3:00) this Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday.
These ornaments will be delivered to the Diocese next Monday, 12/14, to be hung on the Christmas tree.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for more detailed information.



Virtus



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.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE FOR
BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL'S 28th ANNUAL

Evening to Treasure
RACE TO THE FINISH

VIRTUAL EVENT

FEBRUARY 27, 2021, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

EMCEE - BIG DAVE FROM B-105

Follow us at www.facebook.com/2021E2T.

Picture Re-Take

**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 MUST make an appointment.

Please call Ivonne Job-Rivera 859-578-0110 ext 80104 for scheduling.

Community Events


GRIFFIN ELITE X IGNITION APG
 700 DOLWICK DR. ERLANGER, KY 41018
 (859) 331-0979
 

MIDDLE SCHOOL BURST TRAINING
 Monday, Wednesday, Friday
 3:00pm-4:00pm



The Ignition Burst Training program specifically focuses on developing athletic foundations in the areas of speed, agility, quickness and power. It is centered on learning proper mechanics and increasing the athlete's capacity to meet the demands of their sport.

PRICING

Single Session: \$20
 5 Sessions: \$100
 10 Sessions: \$150



REGISTER THROUGH THE GRIFFIN ELITE APP!



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ATHLETIC DEVELOPMENT
 Monday, Wednesday, Friday
 4:00pm-5:00pm

Created for our youth athletes, the Athletic Development Training program teaches the foundations of performance training. Built for athletes grades 3-5, our ADT class serves as an introduction to strength and conditioning. By integrating constructive games and drills through body weight techniques we are able to teach proper mechanics in the developmental stages before bad habits are formed.

PRICING

Single Session: \$20
 5 Sessions: \$100
 10 Sessions: \$150



REGISTER THROUGH THE GRIFFIN ELITE APP!

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DONATE NEW OR GENTLY USED COATS


DROP OFF DONATIONS AT OUR THRIFT STORES:
 ERLANGER
 FLORENCE
 FALMOUTH

ADDITIONAL DROP OFF LOCATIONS CAN BE FOUND AT WWW.SVDPNKY.ORG





HELP KEEP YOUR NKY NEIGHBORS IN NEED WARM THIS WINTER SEASON.
 

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
Adopt a Highway Poster Contest



Adopt -a- HIGHWAY
 KEEP IT CLEAN MAKE IT GREEN
 MAKE IT YOURS

(please click for details)

A FEW REMINDERS...

- 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 [HERE](#)
- Our current arrival and dismissal procedures can be found [HERE](#) in the handbook (see page 28)
- Please make sure that snacks and lunches 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.
- 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 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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