BSS NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, December 16, 2020

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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Thursday:	 School Office Hours: 8:00 - 3:00 NTI hours: 8:30 - 3:00 (variable by grade) 6:30: Mrs. Weber's Virtual Christmas Music Share (zoom link/password can be found on page 8 of this newsletter) 	
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Thursday: 24	CHRISTMAS EVE	
Friday: 25	MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!	



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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.

Blessed Sacrament Community,

We are so proud of our students, staff, and families for their response to this latest transition to NTI. In teaching and visiting Zoom classes over the past few weeks, we have been extremely impressed with how dedicated everyone has been to fostering high levels of student learning through this less-than-ideal format. It speaks volumes about our students, staff, and families to see such a positive and team-oriented approach to ensuring this time was and is productive and successful. We are so thankful for your flexibility and support.

At the time of writing this letter, we are still under the impression that we will return to school in January following Christmas break. If we receive any updated guidance on that timeline, we will communicate that to you ASAP. We are thrilled at the prospect of returning to in-person learning, as we know the benefits that it has for our students.

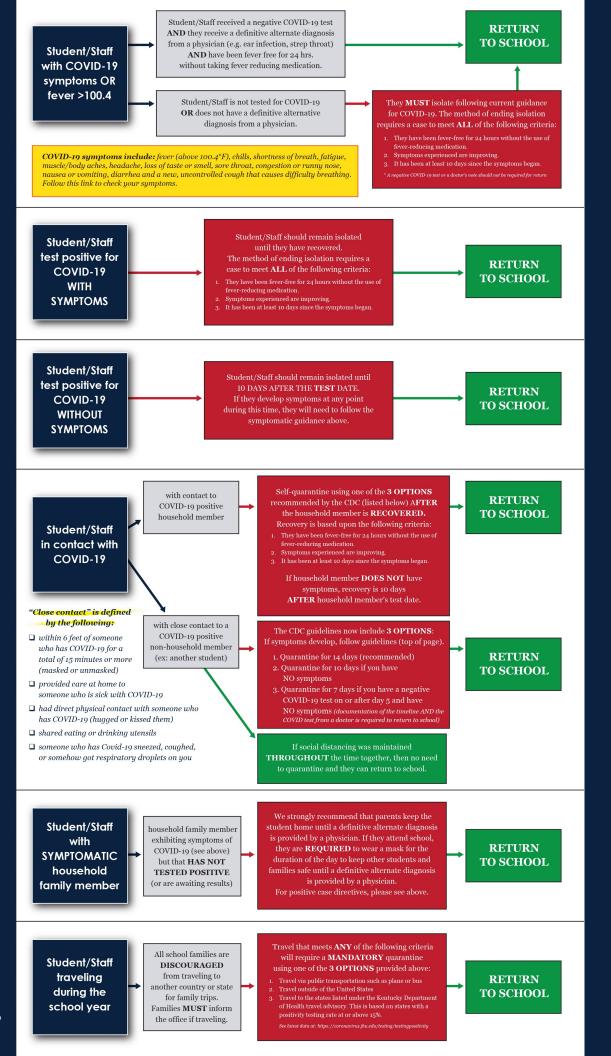
With that, <u>it is important that you report positive COVID cases and exposures to us via e-mail over the break</u>. As we work towards that in-person return date, we still need to strictly adhere to the guidance and quarantine protocols to keep the community safe when we do re-open. Please e-mail us (<u>dsteffen@bssky.org</u> and <u>jgeiman@bssky.org</u>) at any time over break to report a case or exposure, and we will provide guidance as soon as possible. Please also reference the updated response chart (below in this newsletter) and the <u>updated</u> <u>Diocesan re-opening plans found here</u> for additional and revised information.

Lastly, we sincerely hope that every member of our community has a blessed (NTI free!) Christmas. While it likely will not look exactly like it has in year's past, it is such a great opportunity to focus on the many blessings that we all have in our lives. We hope you can all find ways to safely connect with loved ones and make the most of the holiday season.

We are blessed and thankful to have the opportunity to continue to serve this school and community, and we hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

God Bless,

Mr. Steffen & 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.





"The Schuh family will be forever grateful for the contributions of the specialist teachers at Blessed Sacrament. We appreciate the time and talents that these teachers have devoted to ensure that our children have received a well- rounded and first class education. A particular success for us was the Spanish program at Blessed Sacrament. All of our children that graduated from Blessed Sacrament to move onto Notre Dame or Covington Catholic were well prepared for the next level Spanish curriculum. It has not been uncommon for the Spanish teachers to recognize the Blessed Sacrament students as more advanced than their peers. In fact, two of our children did so well in high school that they pursued a Spanish minor at their universities. This would not have been possible without the strong foundational education that Blessed Sacrament provided."

Jacqueline Schuh

Blessed Sacrament School, Class of 2010 Notre Dame Academy, Class of 2014 Indiana University, Class of 2018

Katie Schuh

Blessed Sacrament School, Class of 2015 Notre Dame Academy, Class of 2019 University of Tennessee, Class of 2023

Abby Schuh

Blessed Sacrament School, Class of 2012 Notre Dame Academy, Class of 2016 University of Dayton, Class of 2020

Natalie Schuh

Blessed Sacrament School, Class of 2017 Notre Dame Academy, Class of 2021

Sam Schuh (not pictured)

Blessed Sacrament School, Class of 2014 Notre Dame Academy, Class of 2018 Indiana University, Class of 2022

Jane Schuh Blessed Sacrament School, Class of 2022

TODAY'S DONATIONS ARE HELPING SHAPE TOMORROW'S LEADERS



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)

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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CALLING ALL BSS MUSICIANS

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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



PLEASE SAVE THE DATE FOR BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL'S 28th ANNUAL reasure vening to 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.



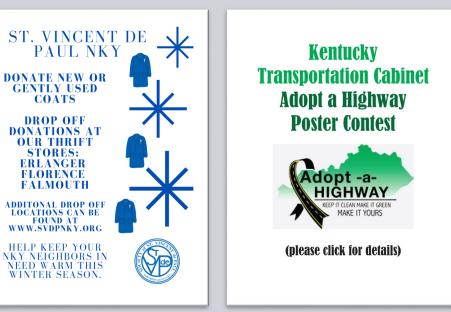
December is an open month for Virtus suspensions! If you fell behind on reading your bulletins, now is the time to get caught up!

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.







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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