



# The Blessed Sacrament School Newsletter

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*The mission of Blessed Sacrament School is to encourage children to embrace the Gospel values of Jesus Christ and to prepare for life as active Catholics in the Church and in the world. We develop spiritual growth, academic achievement, and personal responsibility through prayer, study and service to others.*

## Dates to Remember

### **Thursday, May 17**

Spirit Wear Day

### **Friday, May 18**

8:45: Mass 1-4

### **Tuesday, May 22**

NO BUS SERVICE

9:30: 8th grade speaker

### **Wednesday, May 23**

8:45: All School Mass

5th grade zoo trip

8th grade picnic

5th grade young authors

### **Thursday, May 24**

NO SCHOOL FOR 5TH GRADE

8:00: 8th grade breakfast and awards

### **Friday, May 25**

NO SCHOOL FOR 8TH GRADE

Dear Blessed Sacrament School Parents,

*Change.* Change can be exciting with a feeling of suspense of what is to come. It can also be unsettling and create some anxiety. We know that every day in some way or another, we experience change.

As I retire, I have all of the feelings associated with change: excitement, suspense, anxiousness, relief, and calmness. There is also a sadness. I will miss this community and the people I see every day. The teachers, support staff, students, and families of Blessed Sacrament are wonderful. I know under Mr. Steffen's leadership, BSS will continue to change and grow.

We have several teachers who are also retiring. I wish them well on the next journey in their lives. Congratulations to Mrs. Virginia Schneider, our librarian, Mrs. Ruth Droughton, our seventh and eighth grade religion teacher, and Mrs. Karen Schmidt, our technology teacher. Mrs. Schneider has given 33 years to our school as a fourth grade teacher and librarian. Mrs. Droughton has been at BSS 15 years as our junior high religion teacher, and Mrs. Schmidt has served as a junior high science teacher for 13 years before becoming our technology teacher this school year. I am so grateful for the many contributions these women have made to our school inside and outside of the classroom.

Congratulations are also in order for Mrs. Meg Piatt as she becomes the principal of Mary, Queen of Heaven School in Erlanger.

There are exciting changes at BSS for the coming school year! The list below announces new positions.

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Mr. Dan Steffen	Principal
Mrs. Jennifer Geiman	Assistant Principal
Mrs. Emily Bradley	Librarian, Gifted/Enrichment Education teacher
Mrs. Kate Thoss	Second Grade teacher
Mrs. Jennifer Summe	Junior High Religion teacher
Mr. John Thomas	Technology Coordinator, office staff

Mr. Steffen is moving in to the role of principal. He has served as our assistant principal for the past three years and knows the BSS community well. Mr. Steffen always has the best interests of the children in mind. He is an approachable leader who wants to continue to see spiritual and academic growth in our children.

Mrs. Geiman will be our assistant principal next school year. She has been our sixth grade language arts teacher for the past 10 years, dynamically leading our children through the disciplines of reading, grammar, and writing. Mrs. Geiman's energy, enthusiasm, and leadership make her a perfect fit as assistant principal.

Our gifted education program is expanding by creating a new position. Mrs. Bradley will be meeting with students in grades 4 through 8. She will also be supporting teachers as she helps them create lessons that challenge students on all three levels: approaching, on-level, and beyond. As the school librarian, Mrs. Bradley will encourage students to challenge themselves in reading different genres of literature at an advanced level.

Mr. Thomas began his new position this spring. His expertise in technology has been a blessing as he services student and teacher devices. He will continue as part of the office team on Thursdays and Fridays.

Mrs. Thoss has taught half-day kindergarten at BSS for the past two years. She has done a wonderful job with our youngest students and will continue to do the same with our second graders. She will be an asset to the second grade team as she joins Mrs. Cowles and Mrs. Wirtz.

Mrs. Summe is excited to be taking over the junior high religion program. She had done a fantastic job teaching junior high social studies at BSS for the past three years. Mrs. Summe will join Mrs. Wetzels and Mrs. Beckham as an eighth grade homeroom teacher.

On behalf of the faculty, staff and administration, thank you for entrusting your children to us this school year. They are precious gifts from God who warm our hearts and make us smile.

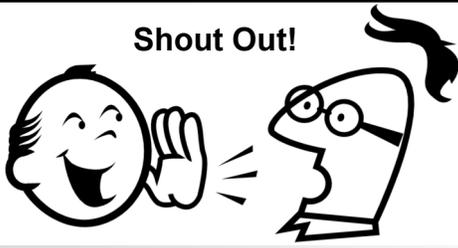
May God bless you.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Hannon*

Principal

## Shout Out!



Our Parents' Club provided an amazing Staff Appreciation Week. We all felt your appreciation in every detail of the week. Thank you! A special thank you goes out to co-chairs Peggy Curry and Barb Becraft.

## Also...

Thank you, Mr. Steffen, Fr. Vogelpohl, BSS faculty, staff, Development Committee, and Parents' Club for the surprise retirement party. It was an amazing delight! You are all very special to me. *-Mrs. Hannon-*

## Felicidades!

We would like to congratulate the students who took and passed the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Spanish placement exam. The hard work and exceptional performance of these students will allow them the opportunity to pass out of Spanish 1 and enter directly into Spanish 2. We highly encourage all students entering high school to take advantage of this exam. From everyone at Blessed Sacrament School, we wish these students the best of luck in high school and hope they keep up the great work! They are Natalie Bessler, Molly Chun, Adair Dooley, Caroline Kleman, Abbie



Piccirillo, Adeline Stanley, Erin Stegman, and Clara Weber.

## In other news...

This past weekend Blessed Sacrament kids helped unload mail trucks for Stamp Out Hunger. They worked for 3 hours on a hot day to divide over 2 tons of food for Be Concerned, Fairhaven Rescue Mission, and Action Ministries. They worked hard, had fun and helped make an impact for those who aren't secure.

## A Patriotic Fine Arts Night

An American-themed Fine Arts Night, May 10, was an evening of fun with family and friends. Thanks to all of you who came and joined in the festivities. We enjoyed musical entertainment from our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes, as well as the BSS Ukulele Club 2. The library was open for the Book Fair, and students were able to collage an American flag in the cafeteria and add plastic lids to the *America the Beautiful* mural in the art room. The BSS Development Committee hosted refreshments in the Parish Center (Thank you, Mrs. Stacy, for doing such a fabulous job!)

The annual scavenger hunt sent students scurrying among the visual art exhibits, which covered every corner of the school. Photographer Steph Keller, who judged this year's exhibits, was impressed by all of the artwork, saying that it was hard to be limited to just two ribbons per exhibit, because so many were worthy of recognition.

The following students were awarded ribbons (if the judge wrote a comment beside her choice, it is listed beside the student's name.) The winning students will also receive LaRosa's pizza certificates at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester *Celebrate Success* ceremony.

### **1<sup>st</sup> grade exhibits:**

Lollipops (Thiebaud-inspired)

1<sup>st</sup> place – Maggie Daniels – *“Looks delicious!”*

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Katie Shuff

Hearts (Jim Dine-inspired)

1<sup>st</sup> place – Savannah Grubbs Kellner – *“Super cute!”*

2<sup>nd</sup> place – John Workman

### **2<sup>nd</sup> grade exhibits:**

Eagles (Charlie Harper-inspired)

1<sup>st</sup> place – Stella McKinley

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Annie Timmerding

People in Motion (Haring-inspired)

1<sup>st</sup> place – Chloe Ingram – *“Great use of lines”*

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Emilio Rodriguez

Cakes (Thiebaud-inspired)

1<sup>st</sup> place – Erin Scheuerle – *“Great use of 3-D”*

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Rowan Carbon

### **3<sup>rd</sup> grade exhibits:**

Alaskan Animal Sculpture (Inuit-inspired)

1<sup>st</sup> place – Elliana Berndsen

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Ella Epplen

See What I See (O’Keeffe-inspired)

1<sup>st</sup> place – Ruth Maier – *“Beautiful!”*

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Gabby Fagin

### **4<sup>th</sup> grade exhibits:**

Appalachian Americana Face Pots – *“I could have picked 15 winners for this category! Loved them!”*

1<sup>st</sup> place – Anthony Epplen

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Hampton Slazyk

American Landscape

1<sup>st</sup> place – Michael Popham – *“Great use of bold/contrast and dull blending.”*

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Ellie Heyob

Monochromatic Monsters, 4<sup>th</sup> grade

1<sup>st</sup> place – Ellie Heyob

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Kenna Zimmer

Silhouette

1<sup>st</sup> place – Lucie Kiely

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Lila Timmerding

If I Were a Superhero

1<sup>st</sup> place – Anthony Epplen

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Jane Schuh

### **5<sup>th</sup> grade exhibit:**

Self-portrait

1<sup>st</sup> place – Brendan Kleman – *“Nice shading”*

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Ashley Neltner

Basket

1<sup>st</sup> place – Ashley Neltner

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Gabe Crooker

Why I Love America

1<sup>st</sup> place – Sarah Alcorn

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Ella Long

Op Art

1<sup>st</sup> place – Peter Holocher – *“Really showed tunnel vision”*

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Blair Kahlig

### 6<sup>th</sup> grade exhibits:

Cave Painting

1<sup>st</sup> place – Hailee Mack – *“Beautiful!”*

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Casey Bir

Americana Mosaic Tile

1<sup>st</sup> place – Megan McKeown

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Luke Meagher

### 7<sup>th</sup> grade exhibits:

A Room in One Point Perspective

1<sup>st</sup> place – Sophia Stacy

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Katie Thomas

Greek Revival Façade (group project)

1<sup>st</sup> place – Molly O’Connell, Charlotte Bruns, Hailey Fullenkamp

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Sophia Stacy, Megan Chun, Lainy Kruger

### 8<sup>th</sup> grade exhibit:

Cubist Portrait Drawing

1<sup>st</sup> place – Nicholas Welch

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Sloan Ritter

Cubist Portrait Sculpture

1<sup>st</sup> place – Clara Weber - *“Fun!”*

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Elana Bruns – *“I would put this in my house!”*

Futurist, Figure in Motion

1<sup>st</sup> place – Reid Hummel – *“WOW!”*

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Adeline Stanley

Pop Art (Lichtenstein-inspired)

1<sup>st</sup> place – Molly Chun

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Ella Timmerding

**Merit ribbons** were awarded by Ms. Keller to the following students who created independent artwork in After School Art:

7<sup>th</sup> grader **Emily Wright** for two of her paintings:

- Pug on Pink – *“Simple and bold! Love it!”*
- Bikes in Forest – *“Shading and perspective is great!”*

6<sup>th</sup> grader **Grayson Rohmiller** for her watercolor/zentangle: Seahorse – *“The detail is insane! A ton of patience was needed for this!”*

6<sup>th</sup> grader **Annalee Ernst** for her painting: Lotus Flower – *“The layering and texture is beautiful!”*

6<sup>th</sup> grader **Kate Gallenstein** for her painting: Butterfly – *“Beautiful blending”*

## Summer Reading

Summer is just around the corner! It's important to foster a love of reading, so the teachers are asking students in grades 1 - 8 to read at least one book over the summer. Please be on the lookout for a letter from the teacher(s) in the grade above your child's current grade. This letter will let you know which book your child is responsible for reading over the summer, and the corresponding assignment. We hope you enjoy your summer reading! Here is a sneak peek of the list of books for each incoming grade level:

1<sup>st</sup> - Choice book on current reading level

2<sup>nd</sup> - Choice book on current reading level

3<sup>rd</sup> - Students will be assigned "The Magic Finger" or "Fantastic Mr. Fox" by Roald Dahl

4<sup>th</sup> - "The One and Only Ivan" by Katherine Applegate

5<sup>th</sup> - "Holes" by Louis Sachar

6<sup>th</sup> - "Number the Stars" by Lois Lowry

7<sup>th</sup> - "Johnny Tremain" by Esther Forbes

8<sup>th</sup> - Choice book on current reading level

Below are the names of CCH seniors who either graduated from Blessed Sacrament or are members of Blessed Sacrament Parish who received scholarships that cover at least 50% of college tuition.

**Andrew Cahill – University of Dayton**

**Corey Foltz – University of Cincinnati**

**Peter France – University of Cincinnati**

**Owen Piatt – United States Coast Guard Academy**

**Benjamin Pieper – Xavier University**

**Luke Thelen – Spring Hill College**

*Congratulations to our BSS alumni!*

**[Tonight is the last spirit night at Raising Cane's.](#) Mention that you're from BSS between 4-9 P.M. and 20% of your purchase goes back to BSS (dine-in, carry out, or drive through). Also, this being the last one, one lucky mom and one lucky dad will win Raising Cane's *for a year!* So,**

**We're having an end of the year "Thank You" coffee. All parents are invited! Wednesday, May 23, immediately following the all school mass and awards. We will see you in the Parish Center.**

## Pictures for the Yearbook

Any snapshots you'd like to be used in the 2017-2018 yearbook need to be submitted to Katrina Robke-Holtmeier NO LATER than Monday, June 4. You can submit photos via email [yearbookBSS@yahoo.com](mailto:yearbookBSS@yahoo.com) or send in a flash drive to Henry Holtmeier, 1C. Any questions call 513-504-0280.