

# Bishop John A. Marshall School

## Friday Notes

OCT. 20, 2017

MRS. CARRIE WILSON, HEAD OF SCHOOL



Oct. 22, 2017

### Mass at BJAMS

**Wed., 10/25** 8:15 a.m., *Celebrant:* Fr. Francis Privé

### Lunch Menu: Oct. 23-27

**Mon. 10/23:** Chicken cheese steak on whole wheat sub roll, baked beans, corn

**Tues. 10/24:** Whole grain spaghetti w/meat sauce, Caesar salad, whole wheat roll

**Wed. 10/25:** Salad bar w/whole wheat roll, chick peas, and pasta

**Thurs. 10/26:** Whole grain cheese pizza, veggie sticks

**Fri. 10/27:** **Half Day** (Bag lunch to go): sunbutter & jelly on whole wheat bread, apple, carrots, whole grain Goldfish®

**Parent-Teacher Conference Sign-up for Grades 5-8** - On Tuesday, October 24, Mrs. Rapoport will email families of students in grades 5-8 with a link to a Google doc **Conference Sign-Up** sheet. Please check your inbox for this important sign-up. Upper School conferences will be held November 8th, 9th, and 15th. Parents of students in grades PK-4 should check with their child's homeroom teacher for conference details.

**ASP News** - There will be no ASP on Fri., Oct. 27, Wed., Nov. 1, and Thurs., Nov. 9 since all three days are half days.

**Christian Character Awards** - The school will be recognizing students who display Christian character each month and those students will be awarded a certificate at morning assembly on the last Friday of each month. We will display the names of those who received the Christian Character Awards for the month in Friday Notes and on the bulletin board outside of the Kindergarten classroom. The first assembly will be on Friday, October 27 at 8:05 a.m. Please join us to recognize these students!

**Wreath Sale** - Back by popular demand! The PTO is selling beautiful, live wreaths for the holiday season! Order forms will be sent home via backpack mail on Fri., Oct. 20, so please check your student(s)' backpack. Please return order forms and money to your student's classroom teacher -- **no later than Tues., November 7. Checks need to be made payable to: BJAMS PTO.** Delivery of wreaths will be November 28. Questions? Please contact the PTO at [pto@bjams.org](mailto:pto@bjams.org). Thank you for your support!

**BJAMS SKI AND RIDE PROGRAM** - Don't forget! **Act now: Only ONE week left to register!!** Information was distributed as an attachment to the Oct. 6 edition of Friday Notes and can be found on our website under: *For Current Families, Friday Notes.* **All forms are due by next Friday, Oct. 27 with NO exceptions.**

**BJAMS Basketball** - **Only 1 more week to register your 1st-8th grader for basketball. Sign-up deadline is next Wed., Oct. 25.** Teams are being formed for the following grades: 1/2, 3/4, 5/6 and 7/8. Both girls and boys are invited to play! See detailed information on page 5 of this week's Notes.

**Christmas Cards for Soldiers** - Many military members spend the holidays away from family and, as you can imagine, living overseas can be a very lonely time especially for single soldiers. To help bring a bit of "home" to our soldiers, Ms. Greene (our 2nd grade teacher) is organizing a local effort to send our soldiers some Christmas cheer! How can **YOU** help you ask? By making a card (or cards) for them! This tradition has gone on for several years now and some of the soldiers have shared how happy it made them and also commented that it would be the only card they would receive this year. Ms. Greene asks that you give her any **cards by Fri., Nov. 3** to ensure that they will get to the soldiers in time for the holidays. (Lacking in creativity? One idea would be to take Christmas cards you've received in years past, cut out the holiday decorations and affix them to your personal card with a special message from you and your family.) Thank you in advance for bringing a smile to the faces of the men and women who put their lives on the line for us each and every day!

**BJAMS Visit Day** – Do you know someone thinking about Bishop Marshall School who has held off on taking that next step? BJAMS Visit Day is a perfect no-commitment opportunity for that family to have a real experience on which to base an enrollment decision. On Tuesday, November 7th, the school is inviting prospective parents to have their student(s) try a day in the life of a BJAMS student. Seats are limited. There is no cost for the day and snack/lunch is on us! For parents, there will be a school tour followed by Q&A. Please share the informational page ([www.bjams.org/visit-day](http://www.bjams.org/visit-day)) and invite someone you know to come see for themselves what sets a BJAMS' experience apart from all the rest. Let them know that families of all faiths attend and generous tuition-assistance packages are available. **There is a \$250 referral discount available to your family also!** Thank you for helping advance Bishop Marshall School!

**20 Days / 20 Reasons** - Have you seen our latest campaign on Facebook? Each day for 20 days we are featuring a BJAMS student's picture or video with his or her special reason of why (s)he loves BJAMS. **Please be sure to like, share, and/or comment to our posts** and help spread the word of why BJAMS is so special!

**Vendor Spots Available - BJAMS Christmas Fair** - Our annual Christmas Fair will be held on Sat., Dec. 2 from 9-3. Handmade gifts, seasonal foods, decorated wreaths and much more. **Vendor spots are available! Vendors need to register by Wednesday, Nov. 15.** Registration forms are available on our BJAMS website under: *News, Christmas Fair 2017*. Contact Casey Dewey (371-8152 [celticdewey@yahoo.com](mailto:celticdewey@yahoo.com)) or Peg Draper (888-3290) with questions. All proceeds benefit the students' educational trips and activities.

**Yankee Candle Fundraiser** - Christmas shopping was never so easy! Please consider purchasing some gifts in support of our Yankee Candle Fundraiser that is **running until Nov. 10. BJAMS will receive 40% of all profits that will go towards class funds!** You can have friends and family place orders through you or have them shop right online! Items will ship directly to the shopper -- just in time for Christmas. All other orders will be delivered to school before Christmas Break. Just text or email friends and family the link with our group number to shop online. The website is [www.yankeecandlefundraising.com](http://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com). Our group number which is required is **#999967358**. Shoppers will just need your child's name. The Seller ID can be left blank. Please return all sale envelopes to Mrs. Curran. Nothing needs to be managed with online sale. Please email Kate Curran with any questions at: [kcurran@bjams.org](mailto:kcurran@bjams.org). **Note: Yankee Candle orders are tax exempt since we are a non-profit organization.**



- ❑ **Upper School Dance (grades 6-8)** – Fri., Oct. 20 from 7 pm – 9 pm (cost: \$5/person)
- ❑ **Buildings and Grounds Booster Club Meeting** - Thurs., Oct. 26 at 7 p.m. New members welcome -- and encouraged -- to attend.
- ❑ **Half Day - Staff Development** - Fri., Oct. 27. **Dismissal will be promptly at NOON.**
- ❑ **Half Day - All Saints Day** - Wed., Nov. 1. **Dismissal will be promptly at NOON.**
- ❑ **Half Day - Parent/Teacher Conferences** - Thurs., Nov. 9. **Dismissal will be promptly at NOON.**
- ❑ **Grandparents' Luncheon** - Thurs., Nov. 16. Times: TBA
- ❑ **Trimester Ends** - Fri., Nov. 17
- ❑ **Thanksgiving Recess** - Wed., Nov. 22 through Fri., Nov. 24

**Business Office Reminder: Zero Balance Fridays! All Hot Lunch/ASP charges must be paid in full to ensure charging privileges the following week.**

**Morrisville Rotary 16th Annual Winter Coat Drive** - If you or someone you know is in need of a coat, they will be available at the Crosby Center at Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish (Brooklyn St., Morrisville) on: Sat., Oct. 21 (10-2), Sun., Oct. 22 (12-3) and Sat., Oct. 28 (10-2). Coats are offered free of charge.

**World Mission Sunday** - This Sunday, Oct. 22, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday – a day that leads us to the heart of our Christian faith – leads us to mission! Your generosity on World Mission Sunday supports the work of priests, religious and lay leaders in the Missions who share our faith with those most in need. This year we can even “chat” with our chief missionary, Pope Francis, and learn more about his missions and missionaries. Learn more at **ChatWithThePope.org**. Chat – Pray – Give this World Mission Sunday.

**Lands End Promotion** - Add Your School Logo For *Free* Plus *FREE* Shipping on Orders \$50+. Promo Code: LOGO and PIN: 5782. *Valid October 16, 2017 to October 23, 2017. Buy 3 or more polos, save \$3 each (youth) or \$5 each (adult) & combine with the FREE LOGO promotion.* Lands' End provides rewards back to Bishop John A Marshall School for all school apparel purchases, so be sure to shop using the link below:

<http://www.landsend.com/pp/SchoolSearch.html?action=landing&selectedSchoolNum=900041583>

**Sixth Annual VT Catholic Women's Retreat** - Come and join Catholic women of all ages as we celebrate the gift of our faith, develop a greater understanding of God's everlasting Mercy, and ultimately deepen our relationship with Christ! Also, new this year: Breakout session for young woman 14-17 yrs old. KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Mother Mary Catherine of the Divine Word M.W.

**When:** Saturday, November 18, 2017 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM EST

**Where:** Holy Family Parish Center, 28 Lincoln Street, Essex Junction, VT 05452

Visit [www.vermontcatholic.org](http://www.vermontcatholic.org) for more information and to register.

# All Saints Day Information

## Why Do We Celebrate All Saints Day?

The Church recognizes saints on almost every day of the calendar year. Much like Presidents Day or Veterans Day, this is a day when we recognize all saints in one day.

All Saints Day is November 1st.

## Who Are the Saints?

There are thousands of canonized saints, meaning, those individuals officially recognized by the Church as holy men and women worthy of imitation. Because miracles have been associated with these people, and their lives have been fully examined and found holy by the Church, we can be assured they are prime examples of holiness and powerful intercessors before God on our behalf. There are also many patron saints, guardians, or protectors of different areas and states of life. For instance, St. Vitus is the patron saint against oversleeping. It may sound crazy to have a patron saint against oversleeping, but keep in mind the Church has something meaningful for every area of our human lives. All of these saints are celebrated throughout the year, as many have their own feast days.

## What Should My Student Do to Prepare?

Check with your student's teacher to determine his/her specific expectations. We will have Mass here, just as we typically do on Wednesdays, beginning at 8:15 a.m.. Our celebrant will be Father Francis Privé.

Students should come to school dressed as their chosen saint with their uniform underneath their costumes. Sometimes, it makes more sense to have students wear other clothing underneath the costumes (long-sleeved turtlenecks, sweatpants, etc). This is fine – as long as the clothing is modest and appropriate.

## What Happens Before and After Mass?

Students will arrive at BJAMS at their usual time and will either be already dressed in their saints' costumes or will put their saints' costumes on in the classroom.

Students will march with their class around the circle dressed in their costumes and will go to Mass afterwards at 8:15.

Kindergarten through 4th grade will do their saint presentations from 9:15-10:15 and the 5th-8th grades will have a wax museum and scavenger hunt from 10:45-11:45. Since it is a half day, school will be dismissed at noon.

## Are Families Welcome?

Of course! We would love for families to stay for the saints' parade, Mass, morning presentations, snack and then come back in the afternoon to hear the remainder of the presentations! Our students always do a wonderful job!

# BJAMS BASKETBALL

It is basketball time again! I am heading to a basketball meeting on Monday, October 30th. I am looking for coaches for the 7/8 grade, 5/6, 3/4 and 1/2. At this time, I am not sure who is interested in participating. Please ask your student(s) -- both girls and boys -- if they would like to play basketball for BJAMS. If they would like to play, please send them in with a signed note below. **The deadline for return of the note (to me directly or the school office) is Wednesday, Oct. 25.** This note will help me figure out how many teams we will have this winter.

**Important:** We need **several volunteers** to make this all possible: team managers, team coaches, and team-contact coordinators. The season runs from November to February; training is after school, and most games are on the weekends, with some weekday games.

Thank you for your anticipated help!

Coach Buczek

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## Basketball 2017-18

Student(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Grade(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Can you volunteer to help?  Yes  No

If so, in what capacity would you like to help:

Coach If you would like to coach, please reach out to me directly! Contact me at: [bbuczek@bjams.org](mailto:bbuczek@bjams.org).

Manager

Team-contact Coordinator

# BJAMS SOCCER SCHEDULE

## 1-2 Soccer

*Note from Coach Silveira (esilveira@bjams.org):*

If you have not done so already, please return the uniform shirt to me after you wash it. I don't think we will be having any more games.

## 3-4 Soccer

Practices will be: Tuesdays and Thursdays after school at 3:15-4:14 (weather permitting). Boys' Team Coaches are: Jeff Wood (jeffw@concept2.com), and Jeremy Bradley (swimcoach9904@gmail.com).

Girls' Team Coaches are: Sonja Crowe - who is also the team coordinator (sonjacrowe@outlook.com) and Casey Dewey (celticdewey@yahoo.com).

## 5-6 Soccer

5/6 boys' team soccer practices will be on Mondays and Fridays 3:30-5:00. Mr. Kuhnle is the boys' team coach. If you have any questions please email him at mkuhnlevt@gmail.com.

**Lindsay Barup is the girls' team coach and you can reach her at hotwoody24@yahoo.com. Girls' team practices will be Monday and Fridays from 3:15 to 4:30.**

## Game Schedule

## 7-8 Soccer

Coaches are: Brian Buczek (bbuczek@bjams.org) and Destiny Wilcox (dest4999@aol.com).

