

Bishop John A. Marshall School Friday Notes

OCT. 27, 2017

MRS. CARRIE WILSON, HEAD OF SCHOOL



All Saints Day - Nov. 1

Mass at BJAMS

Wed., 11/1 8:15 a.m., *Celebrant:* Fr. Francis Privé

Lunch Menu: Oct. 30-Nov. 3

Mon. 10/30: Baked potato bar with toppings, whole grain roll, veggie sticks

Tues. 10/31: Turkey taco bar w/toppings, refried beans, corn

Wed. 11/1: **Half Day** (Bag lunch to go): Ham & cheese on whole wheat bread, whole grain pretzels, carrots, apple & milk

Thurs. 11/2: Whole grain fish sticks, tater tots, green beans

Fri. 11/3: Grilled cheese on whole wheat bread, sun chips, veggie sticks, hummus

Lost-and-Found Retrieval Process- Friday afternoons at lunch we display the lost-and-found items collected through the week. We ask that students claim their lost items. Any unclaimed items are held for two weeks and anything left after the two weeks is then donated to Second Chance in Morrisville.



Found items - Verizon LG wrist device, breast-cancer ribbon pin, silver earring with a stone, snow-globe charm, and silver charm. If you think any of the items are your children's please contact Mrs. Kohl in the school office.

Spread the Word about BJAMS Visit Day -*Parents:* If you are on Facebook, would you please help us to spread the word about our November 7th event by sharing either our event page or the Visit Day page: www.bjams.org/visit-day? BJAMS Visit Day is a great opportunity for students and families of all faiths to test-drive BJAMS and have something real to base a decision on. Please let your family and friends know there is no cost for the day and their student(s)' snack and lunch are on us. For parents, there will be a school tour followed by Q&A. Visit Day seats are limited and registration for the day must be completed by Nov. 3 either on-line or by phone. Also ... **there is a \$250 referral discount available to your family if a new family's student(s)' enroll and complete one full trimester!** Thank you for your help in promoting BJAMS!

Athletic Department Thanks - BJAMS Athletic Department would like to thank all the players and coaches for the 2017 soccer season. This season was our biggest success on the soccer pitch not only in wins but with participation! Our coaching staff did an outstanding job, creating a fun and healthy environment. We would like to thank the following outstanding coaches: *1-2 team:* Erica Silveira; *3-4 girls team:* Sonja Crowe, Casey Dewey, and Jen Nordensen; *3-4 boys team:* Jeremy Bradley and Jeff Wood; *5-6 girls team:* Lindsay Barup; *5-6 boys team:* Michael Kuhnle; *7-8 team:* Destiny Wilcox and Brian Buczek. Your dedication to the players was unmatched. We are very lucky to have had you this season. Thank you! ~ *The Athletic Department*

Soccer Jersey Return - Please return your soccer jersey to Coach Buczek **by Monday, Oct. 30.**

Basketball - *Hi Hoop Players:* Please get your registration forms in **no later than Fri., Oct. 27** (extended from Oct. 25) since Coach Buczek is going to the league meeting on Monday, Oct. 30th to lock in teams for the upcoming season. We will **not** be adding teams after the deadline so don't miss out!

Parent-Teacher Conference Sign-up for Grades 5-8 - This week Mrs. Rapoport e-mailed families of students in grades 5-8 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.

Box Tops for Education - A huge thank you to ALL families who submitted Box Tops to benefit BJAMS! Congratulations go out to the following families for collecting the most Box Tops and receiving a gift certificate to a local business: Silveira Family (Dylan, 193 Box Tops), Wood Family (Jada, 159 Box Tops), Pratt Family (Amalie, 91 Box Tops) and the Freeland Family (Elliott, 70 Box Tops). Also, another big thank you goes out to *The Bijou*, *Pizza on Main*, *Bear Pond Books* and *Hannaford* for generously donating gift certificates for this cause. **The gift certificates will be presented at tomorrow's morning assembly (October 27th).** The number of Box Tops turned in this school year -- along with what was turned in but not submitted last year -- totaled more than 3,000 which means a check for over \$300 to support BJAMS students! When I get confirmation of the official amount I will let everyone know! Keep saving Box Tops! I am working on a new contest and will announce it before the end of the year! Thanks again for the support! ~Janelle Germaine

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.

BJAMS SKI AND RIDE PROGRAM - Act now: Only ONE more day to register! All forms are due by Friday, Oct. 27 with NO exceptions. 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.*



Wreath Sale - Back by popular demand! The PTO is selling beautiful, live wreaths for the holiday season! Order forms were 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. Thank you for your support!

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 for 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!

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) or Peg Draper (888-3290) with questions. All proceeds benefit the students' educational trips and activities.

Yankee Candle Fundraiser - Only 2 more weeks to Christmas shop at Yankee Candle! Last day to purchase is Friday, Nov. 10. **BJAMS will receive 40% of all profits that will go towards class funds!** The website is 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. **Note: Yankee Candle orders are tax exempt since we are a non-profit organization.**

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



- ❑ **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

Vermont United Soccer Academy - We are registering players for the U6, U8, U10 winter Academy. We will be holding tryouts/training session this Sunday, October 29th at the Bishop Marshall fields. Please check out the website for further details: www.vermontunitedsocceracademy.com.

Sports News - Coach Buczek and his Stowe High School Raiders, are ranked 2nd in Division 3, in the State of Vermont. They will face the winner of Vergennes vs. Hazen on Saturday October 28 at 1:00 or 3:00 at Stowe High School. Details will be on the Stowe High School website.

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. 28 (10-2). Coats are offered free of charge.

Happy Halloween!



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 this signed note (to me directly or the school office) has been extended to Friday, Oct. 27.** 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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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.

Manager

Team-contact Coordinator

