

Bishop John A. Marshall School Friday Notes

SEPT. 15, 2017

MRS. CARRIE WILSON, HEAD OF SCHOOL



Mass at BJAMS

Wed., 9/20 8:15 a.m., Celebrant: Fr. Jay Haskin

Lunch Menu: Sept. 18-22

Mon. 9/18: Chili w/toppings, whole grain tortilla chips, salsa, veggie sticks

Tues. 9/19: Sandwich bar w/toppings, veggie sticks

Wed. 9/20: Whole wheat pancakes, turkey sausage, roasted potatoes

Thurs. 9/21: Whole grain pasta with pesto and chicken, whole grain roll, veggie sticks

Fri. 9/22: **HALF DAY** - bag lunch to go: Sunbutter and jelly on whole wheat bread, apple, carrot sticks, Goldfish®

New End-of-Day School Dismissal Policy for Grades 5-8 - A letter will be e-mailed to families on Fri., Sept. 15 advising the new policy. Please be sure to read this important communication.

Back-to-School Open House for All BJAMS Families Reminder: It is tonight!! **Thursday, Sept. 14** from 6-7 p.m. We ask that all parents gather promptly at 6 pm in the multipurpose room for introductions and information on ways to help our wonderful school this year. We look forward to seeing you there! **Upper school families** - We have a number of activities in store for you including the "day in the life" experience of walking in your 6th, 7th or 8th grader's virtual shoes.

Dress Down Day - Friday, Sept. 15 for students donating to the **Hurricane Harvey** fundraiser being sponsored by the sixth grade the week of Sept. 11. Thank you to everyone for donating!

ASP Wish List - We would love to have a small refrigerator/freezer to store ice packs in the event of any bruises or bumps incurred after school hours.

Save for Success - Banking days will be Tuesday mornings from 7:30-8:00 a.m.

PTO News: Homecoming Help Needed - The PTO is looking for outside games, specifically *Corn Hole* or *Ladder Ball*. If you have a game you can lend for Homecoming please email us at PTO@BJAMS.org. In addition we are looking for face painters at Homecoming. If you are willing to put in a 30 minute shift between 3:30 and 6:30 please let us know. Thank you.

ASP News and Important Reminders - 1. **There will be no ASP on 9/22 due to half day.** 2. **There will be no ASP on 9/29 due to Homecoming.** Children attending Homecoming must be supervised by parents for the entire event. 3. Parents, please watch your children if you choose to stay at school during ASP hours. Please note that ASP charges will be applied if your child is not with you -- and supervised by you. Thank you.

Outgrown Uniforms - If you have any clean, gently used uniforms that no longer fit your student, please deposit them in the clearly marked plastic tub outside of the multipurpose room. Thank you!

Box Tops For Education Contest - Don't forget ... you have a chance to win a gift card to a local business by saving and sending in your Box Tops for Education by Oct. 12th! Here's how: On or before October 12th turn in your (unexpired) Box Tops by dropping them in the bin just inside the front doors. Please make sure to label your bag/envelope with your name so we know which family submitted them. Also, Box Tops have an expiration date so check to make sure none of yours have expired. I will collect all of the Box Tops on October 12th and will announce the winners by the end of the month! Check out this link for more information about the Box Tops program: www.boxtops4education.com. The website has great ideas for collecting Box Tops, has daily sweepstakes you can enter to try and win Box Tops for BJAMS, and has a list of all products that have Box Tops. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the coordinator, Janelle Germaine at: mjgermaine2011@gmail.com. Also, if you are a new family to BJAMS or have misplaced the magnetized collection bag distributed at the end of our last school year, please see Mrs. Kohl in the school office for another one. Thank you!



- ❑ **Back to School Night for Current BJAMS Families** – Thurs., Sept. 14 6-7:00 p.m.
- ❑ **Dress Down Day - Friday, Sept. 15** - Modest attire of student's choice for donating to Hurricane Harvey 6th grade fundraiser.
- ❑ **Half Day - Staff Development** - Fri., Sept. 22. **Dismissal will be promptly at NOON.**
- ❑ **Homecoming** – Fri., Sept. 29
- ❑ **Picture Retake Day** - Tues., Oct. 10. Whole school photo and band photo will be done on this day.
- ❑ **No School - Staff Development** - Fri., Oct. 13
- ❑ **No School - Staff Development** - Mon., Oct. 16
- ❑ **Half Day - Staff Development** - Fri., Oct. 27. **Dismissal will be promptly at NOON.**

Jazz and Art at Spruce Peak - On Sat., September 23 at 7 p.m. pianist Christopher Bakriges and violinist Gwen Laster will perform original compositions inspired by the cut paper collages of famed artist Henri Matisse at Spruce Peak Arts. During his performance the audience is invited to create their own paper collages inspired by his music and projected Matisse images, with guidance from the Helen Day Art Center. **Tickets:** \$20 in advance; \$25 day of the concert (*art supplies include*) **KIDS FREE!*** (*but must be accompanied by an adult*). **More Info:** [802.760.4634](tel:802.760.4634) | SprucePeakArts.org

What Is Rosh Hashanah? It is the Jewish New Year and is the anniversary of the creation of Adam and Eve, a day of judgment and coronation. It is the first of the High Holy Days which usually occur in the early autumn. In 2017 it begins at sundown on Wed., September 20 and ends at sundown on Fri., Sept. 22. The central observance of Rosh Hashanah is the sounding of the *shofar*, the ram's horn, which also represents the trumpet blast of a people's coronation of their king. Maybe you would like to surprise your Jewish friends with the common greeting for this time: "L'shanah tovah" which means "for a good year!"



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

Homecoming News

What is Homecoming?

Homecoming is an annual event sponsored by the school and the PTO. It happens at the beginning of October or the end of September while the weather is still seasonable and crisp. This year, Homecoming is scheduled for **Sept. 29**.

At this event, we invite current students, former students, alumni, families, friends, and community members to join us in celebrating the wonderful community that makes up BJAMS. Starting at the end of the school day (between 2:30 and 3:00), many activities are set up for students and children of all ages to participate in. This year, we are working on organizing a soccer jamboree, a pep rally, balloon animals, face painting, bubbles, and more. In addition, the PTO will be having a spirit sale that includes: water bottles, umbrellas, ring lights, calendars, and an amazing BJAMS spirit-sale raffle basket! The eighth graders will hold a bake sale with proceeds benefitting their end-of-the-year trip to Boston. And this year, there will be a guinea pig plop. I can't make this stuff up.

Starting at approximately 4:30 pm, we will have several food vendors offering dinner. Families will pay the food vendors directly if they choose not to pack dinner (which is an option). Feel free to bring blankets and chairs for picnics!

After dinner, when it's dark (at about 6:45 pm), the school plans to host an amazing fireworks display, courtesy of *NorthStar Fireworks*.

I Want To Help!

Those wishing to help out at Homecoming are encouraged to contact the PTO at pto@bjams.org. While this event is extremely fun, there is a lot of work that goes into it. Without the generous help of our wonderful families, the event is not possible!

The PTO is accepting donations to help offset the cost of the fireworks. If you would like to make a donation -- any amount is welcome!

Quick Reminders

Please note that all students must have an adult present at Homecoming, as students cannot be left unsupervised during Homecoming.

At dusk, the playground is closed. The nature trail is not open at all during Homecoming. Children are asked to stay with their parents at all times to ensure safety. Remember to bring sweatshirts and warm clothes for the evening – it can get a little chilly at sunset!

Be sure to visit the school's website at www.bjams.org.

BJAMS SOCCER SCHEDULE

1-2 Soccer

For the 1st and 2nd graders we are going to practice:

Friday, Sept. 15 (makeup session): 3:15-4:15

Mondays: 3:15 to 4:00 (Starting on 9/11.)

If students can bring a ball and water bottle it would be much appreciated! The coach is Mrs. Silveria (esilveira@bjams.org).

3-4 Soccer

Practices will be: Tuesdays and Thursdays after school at 3:15-4:14 (weather permitting). Coaches are: Jeff Wood (jeffw@concept2.com) and Jeremy Bradley (swimcoach9904@gmail.com). Sonja Crowe is the team coordinator (sonjacrowe@outlook.com).

Notes from Coach Wood and Coordinator Crowe: Things are coming together for the season. We are excited as there will now be a boys and girls team for the fall season!! The following schedule is current as of 9/14/17 but please visit the Morrisvillesoccerclub.com website for updates to the season's schedule. Thank you.

	BOYS 3/4 SOCCER		
TIME	DATE	HOME	AWAY
9:00am	9/16/17	BJAMS	Morrisville
1:00pm	9/23/17	Fairfax/Fletcher SC City	BJAMS
PM	9/30/17	ALL TEAMS CAMBRIDGE	TOURNAMENT
10:00am	10/7/17	BJAMS	Johnson
TBD	10/14/17	ALL TEAMS MORRISVILLE	TOURNAMENT
12:00	10/21/17	Morrisville	BJAMS

	GIRLS 3/4 SOCCER		
TIME	DATE	HOME	AWAY
12:00	9/16/17	Fairfax/Fletcher SC Town	BJAMS
9:00	9/23/17	BJAMS	Johnson
PM	9/30/17	ALL TEAMS CAMBRIDGE	TOURNAMENT
1:00	10/7/17	Fairfax/ Fletcher	BJAMS
TBD	10/14/17	ALL TEAMS MORRISVILLE	TOURNAMENT
10:00	10/21/17	BJAMS	Stowe

5-6 Soccer

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

Game Schedule 7-8 Soccer

September 11-15 Training session Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th after school 3:15-4:15.

September 18-22 GAME HOME Stowe 4:30 September 18. Training session Thursday 21 and Friday 22 after school 3:15-4:15.

September 25-29 GAME HOME Morrisville 4:30 September 25. GAME HOME Lamoille 4:30 September 27. GAME HOME 4:30 Crossett Brooke Middle School September 29. Training session on Thursday 28 after school 3:15-4:15.

October 2-6 Training session on Thursday 5th and Friday 6th, after school 3:15-4:15.

October 9-13 Training session on Monday the 9th after school 3:15-4:15. GAME at Stowe (location TBD) 4:30 October 12.

October 16-20 Training session on Monday the 16th and Tuesday the 17th after school 3:15-4:15. GAME HOME Lamoille 4:30 on October 19.



Parental Consent Form - Soccer

By signing the below I/we are giving our child permission to play soccer for Bishop John A. Marshall School for the 2017 fall soccer season.

Player Name: _____ **Player Date of Birth:** _____

Parental contact

1. Name: _____
Phone: _____ cell/home
Email: _____
2. Name: _____
Phone: _____ cell/home
Email: _____

Other emergency contact

1. Name: _____
Phone: _____ cell/home

Medical information

1. Allergies: _____ (provide symptoms on reverse)
2. Medications: _____ (provide instructions on reverse)
3. Other: _____ (provide details on reverse)
4. Insurance provider and policy #: _____

I (the parent) have received and reviewed player expectations with my player and agree to uphold and support the expectations. I (the parent) have disclosed all medical information, including signs, symptoms, and instructions) to help ensure the safety of my player.

Parent/Guardian signatures

Print: _____

Sign: _____ Date: _____

Note: All forms must be returned to Coach Buczek.

