

Bishop John A. Marshall School Friday Notes

SEPT. 22, 2017

MRS. CARRIE WILSON, HEAD OF SCHOOL



1st Day of Autumn: Sept. 22

Mass at BJAMS

Wed., 9/27 8:15 a.m., Celebrant: Fr. Francis Privé

Lunch Menu: Sept. 25-29

Mon. 9/25: Italian sub on whole wheat sub roll, veggie sticks

Tues. 9/26: Salad bar w/toppings, whole grain breadstick, chickpeas and pasta

Wed. 9/27 Whole grain chicken patty on whole wheat bun, tater tots, green beans

Thurs. 9/28: Bagel bar w/toppings, veggie sticks, yogurt and granola

Fri. 9/29: Turkey taco bar w/toppings, black bean and corn salad

Half Day - Friday, Sept. 22 - Dismissal will be promptly at noon. No After School Program.

Rocktoberfest - Come join us on Saturday, September 30 in downtown Morrisville! BJAMS will be pairing with the Morrisville Rotary and will be sponsoring the "Chalk Walk" from 11-3. Stop by our booth and strike a pose with eighth grader Maddy Ziminsky's own chalk art or come and draw your own! Know a friend who is interested in BJAMS? Send them over and someone will be there to talk to them about our offerings as well as have info packets available. We are still looking for a few extra volunteers for this event. If you are able to help out at our booth by handing out materials or talking about BJAMS please let Mrs. Nordenson know!

Volunteers needed - Please lend a hand to help develop and market the school! We are looking for grant writers, people to write stories for the Compass (our annual school magazine) and help with community events. Please share your talents and contact Mrs. Nordenson. We need YOU!

Soccer 3-4 - Parents: Please see important notes from the coaches in the Soccer section of this week's Friday Notes.

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 - Just a reminder ... 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! Drop them in the bin just inside the front doors in a bag with your name on them. Thank you!



- ❑ **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.**

Rice Memorial High School Homecoming Weekend Events - This year, Rice Memorial High School celebrates **100 years** of Catholic education in the Diocese of Burlington. To commemorate this historic milestone, friends of Rice-Cathedral are encouraged to attend several special events planned for Homecoming, **October 6-8**, including:

- A Knight to Remember: A Rice Community Party under the Stars
- Book group discussion of *Motherland*, a novel by Maria Hummel '90 inspired by stories from her father and long-time Rice teacher Manfred Hummel's youth in WWII Germany
- 17th Athletic Hall of Fame Induction and Dinner
- Return of the Great Cow Maneuver
- Alumni Memorial Mass
- RJ's Rice Run/Walk and Kids Fun Run
- Home athletic events and much, much more!

For more information including how to purchase tickets, visit www.rmhsvt.org/riceturns100 or call the Rice Advancement office at 862-6521 ext. 200. Join us for party of the century!

Interested in Girl Scouts? Email us at girlscouts30765@gmail.com or come to our meeting on Tuesday at 6 PM at the United Church in Johnson.

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:

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). 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).

Important Notes from the Coaches of both the boys' and girls' teams:

Parents: There were two instances of boys leaving practice Tuesday night without permission. I have informed the boys that they are not to leave practice; this is a distraction and takes away from the other players. If a child has a parent present at school and leaves, or wanders off and leaves practice without permission, they will be located for safety reasons and dismissed from practice. If they wander off and their parent is not at BJAMS, they will be sent to ASP for pick up and families will incur an ASP charge for supervision. They will also apologize to the team at the next practice or game. If there is an issue at practice, your child should seek assistance from one of the coaches for resolution. If they raise a concern at home, please reach out to either coach for assistance in resolving concerns.

Boys and Girls' Team Note:

Girls will play at BJAMS on the 23rd at 9:00, but please arrive 30 minutes before game time. The boys will be at Fairfax/Fletcher SC City at 1:00 on the 23rd but again, please be there 30 minutes before game time. Location: 340 School Road Cambridge, VT is the field.

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 21-22 Training session Thursday 21 (**CANCELLED**) 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.



BE A GOOD COOKIE!

September is Pediatric Cancer Awareness month. Did you know that cancer is the leading cause of death by disease past infancy among children in the United States? In 2017, it is estimated that over 15,000 children will be diagnosed with cancer.

Pre-Kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Flaherty is the co-director of the Vermont Cookies for Kids' Cancer (CFKC) bake sale event. CFKC was started when 2-year-old Liam Witt was diagnosed with childhood cancer in 2007. His parents were shocked to learn of the lack of effective treatments for pediatric cancers due to lack of funding. They pledged to support the funding of research for less toxic and more effective treatments for children battling cancer. With the help of 250 volunteers, Liam's mom, Gretchen, baked and sold 96,000 cookies, raising more than \$400,000 for research!! Word spread, and people nationwide began asking, "How can I help?"

Mrs. Flaherty and her friend, Mrs. Drake, joined the organization in 2013 to help put Vermont on the CFKC map. This year, they will be hosting their **5th Annual Vermont Cookies for Kids' Cancer Bake Sale on September 30th at the Alchemist Brewery in Stowe** from 10am until they sell out! Last year, the team raised over \$3,000! You can help them raise even more "dough" this year by baking cookies, supporting the event with a donation, or volunteering to work at the event.

- **To donate cookies**, please drop your labeled cookies directly to Mrs. Flaherty's classroom on Friday, September 29th. Chocolate chip and sugar cookies with sprinkles are the most popular flavors but any variety is appreciated. Please drop your cookies with a label (so Mrs. Flaherty knows what type they are) in a container or bag that you don't need to be returned. Cookies will be packaged for the sale in special CFKC bags. Also, please note that the 8th graders are hosting a bake sale on Friday, September 29th during homecoming to raise money for their 8th grade trip. So, 8th grade parents, please bake for that sale only unless you want to bake for both sales!
- **If you would like to make a donation by cash or check**, Cole and Patrick Flaherty will be collecting donations in the morning (7:30-8:00am) and right after school (3:00-3:15pm), outside of the multipurpose room on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Sept. 27-29th. The funds raised will go directly to the five leading pediatric cancer research centers. CFKC keeps overhead costs very low; ensuring nearly every penny of each dollar raised will go directly to research! All donations are tax-deductible and the tax I.D. number can be provided.
- **To volunteer to work at the event**, please contact Mrs. Flaherty directly at LFlaherty@bjams.org. She is looking for 3-4 students in grades 7/8 to help from 10am-1pm.

To learn more about Cookies for Kids' Cancer, visit www.cookiesforkidscancer.org. And if you are interested in starting a sale in another town or at your workplace, talk to Mrs. Flaherty. Right now, this is the only CFKC sale in Vermont.

Thank you in advance for your support! Together, our BJAMS community can help make a difference and help find cures because no family should have to lose their child to cancer.



Craft Sale!

When? Saturday, October 7, 2017; 9:00-2:00

Where? St. Teresa's Parish Hall in Hyde Park, Vermont

Why? a fun-loving group of sisters and cousins will be selling a variety of handmade items including knitted items, ornaments, quilts, baked goods, cards, American Doll clothes, children's pillow cases, chef's hats, embroidered items, etc.

Special feature: third time author Lisa Kent will be selling her books:

Peace Cottage,

Raising Evangeline, and Vinehart Farm,

and, first time author, Connor LaClair will be selling his book, The Swan Throne

10% of proceeds will be donated to the Bishop Marshall School in memory of Rene Marcoux

