

Bishop John A. Marshall School Friday Notes

FEB. 23, 2018

MRS. CARRIE WILSON, HEAD OF SCHOOL

Winter Break!



Mass at BJAMS

- Wed., 3/7** 8:15 a.m. *Celebrant:* Fr. Francis Privé
- Lunch Menu: March 5-9**
- Mon. 3/5:** Chicken and cheese quesadilla, salsa, refried beans, veggie sticks
- Tues. 3/6:** Whole wheat pancakes, turkey sausage, roasted potatoes
- Wed. 3/7:** Chicken noodle soup, whole grain roll, veggie sticks
- Thurs., 3/8:** BBQ pulled pork on whole wheat bun, coleslaw, baked beans
- Fri., 3/9:** Egg salad or tunafish on whole wheat bread, veggie sticks, whole grain chips

Dress Down Day - In honor of our Polar Splash winner, Mrs. S, we will have a dress down day on Friday, February 23. Theme will be: Comfy Cozy!

Financial Aid Applications - In order to be considered for tuition assistance for the 2018-19 school year, please go to FACTS (online.factsmgt.com/aid) to submit your form. The application submission **DEADLINE** is Friday, March 9.

BJAMS Thank You - Congratulations to the Bishop Marshall players and coaches for a great 2018 basketball season! BJAMS had record numbers playing 1st and 2nd grade hoops this season. The FUNdamentals were taught by Coach Marvin and Coach Clapp! The 3rd and 4th grade team experienced great improvement throughout the season working on concepts to improve their game for the future! Great strides were made by Coach Casey Dewey and Coach Josh Dewey! The 5th and 6th grade girls' team worked all season at playing better defense and working on finishing shots; the ladies improved with every game. Thank you, Coach Lindsay Wood and Coach Dewey for your dedication to the girls! One of the biggest improvements of the season came from the 5th and 6th grade boys' team. Coach Steph Frederick and Coach Mike McCormack guided the boys to one of the biggest turnarounds from one season to the next. The 7th and 8th grade girls' team fought hard for every minute the team played on the court! Coach Lindsay stressed passing and team unity along with preparing the girls for the next level of play. The 7th and 8th grade boys' team excelled at fast-break points and players moving without the ball. Both of those ideas take time to coach. Coach Andrea Jones worked tirelessly at improving the boys' game.

The 2018 basketball season might be the strongest on record! The dedication of our coaches afford our children positive opportunities to grow athletically! Thank you from everyone in the Bishop Marshall community!

BJAMS Thanks - Many thanks to Brian Tomlinson and Michelle Hines-Tomlinson for organizing and running the Fish Fry with their merry band of helpers! It was a very successful event thanks to their can-do attitude and the roll-up-your-sleeves help of additional student-and-parent volunteers.

Potential 3/4 or 5/6 Girls Lacrosse Club - *Attn. parents:* Are any of your 3/4 or 5/6 girls interested in starting a girls' lacrosse club? Think about it over break and email me ASAP if interested. If we have enough players sign up, we will join the state jamboree scene, with (real) games each Sunday for the month of May. Practices will start in late March / early April and will be once or twice a week at 5:45pm (just like 3/4 basketball). You will need a stick and eye gear although I may have a few sticks that can be loaned out. This can be a fun way to get to know a new sport! (Sorry I can't start a parallel boys' program.) ~ Katie Marvin (katiemarvin@live.com)

K-2 Little Laxers (free, weekly, co-ed, no games) - Information will come out in a few weeks and parents committed to helping run that should email me. I have the games and drills all ready to go; I just need help to run it. ~ Katie Marvin (katiemarvin@live.com)

Ski Program - Please contact Mrs. S. at esilveira@bjams.org if you will not be attending the ski program on the Sundays of vacation: Feb. 25 or March 4.

Girls on the Run - Calling all girls in grades 3, 4, and 5! Girls On The Run will be starting up again the week of March 19th. Online registration is now open for the Northern Vermont region. Please go to www.gotrvt.org and click on 'Register a Girl'. We will be meeting after school on Mondays and Wednesdays for 10 weeks from 3:15-4:45. A snack will be provided. The season ends with a very fun, non-competitive, 5k at the Champlain Valley Expo in Essex Jct. on June 2nd. Girls On The Run is a non-profit program with a mission to inspire girls to be joyful, healthy, and confident. By using an interactive curriculum that integrates running, we help to positively impact girls in the 3rd-5th grades. Financial aid is available through the Girls On The Run website. Coaches this year are: head coach Bernie Quinlan (mom to two BJAMS alumni), and assistant coaches Beth Brown and Kim Lambert.

17th Annual Middle School Bridge Building Competition - Our 7th and 8th graders will compete on Saturday, March 17, at 8:00a.m. in the Alumni Auditorium at Lyndon Institute in Lyndon Center, Vermont. Their competition entries will be bridges they constructed using only: popsicle sticks, Elmer's white glue, toothpicks, and dental floss. Awards will be given for: greatest resistance factor, gross load, originality, spectacular destruction, and best overall bridge. Come out and support our 7th and 8th graders!

Tumbling Class Gr. K-2 - Tumbling class has started and will continue to take place every Monday from 3:15-4:00 in the Multipurpose Room. Please contact Molly Wilson and Natalie Start at bjamstumblers@gmail.com with questions or to sign your child up. The cost is \$20/month which will go towards starting a gymnastics program here at BJAMS.

Found - Girl's watch. Please see Mrs. Kohl in the school office if you have lost yours.

Spelling Bee - On Friday, Feb. 23 we will holding a spelling bee at 1:30 for grades 3-8. Participation is optional but families are welcome to join us for this event!

Box Tops for Education - Last call for Box Tops! I need to submit them prior to March 1st so please turn them in by Friday, Feb. 23. Remember we are doing a lower school vs. upper school competition. As of right now the upper school has quite a lead. The winning "school" will get an ice cream party at a date that is yet to be determined. Please contact me with questions at Mjgermaine2011@gmail.com. Thanks! ~*Janelle Germaine*

- ❑ **Dress Down Day** - Fri., Feb. 23. Theme: Comfy Cozy
- ❑ **Winter Recess** - Mon., Feb. 26 through Fri., March 2
- ❑ **Second Trimester Ends** - Fri., March 9
- ❑ **Half Day - Parent/Teacher Conferences** - Thursday, March 15. (Sign-ups will be shared electronically when we return from break.) Dismissal is promptly at noon.
- ❑ **Report Cards** - Fri., March 16
- ❑ **Dance (6-8th grade)** - Fri., March 16 from 7-9 p.m.
- ❑ **No School - Staff Development** - Friday, March 23
- ❑ **Half Day - Good Friday** - March 30. Dismissal is promptly -- and silently -- at noon.

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

