

Bishop John A. Marshall School Friday Notes

MARCH 9, 2018

MRS. CARRIE WILSON, HEAD OF SCHOOL



Mass at BJAMS

Wed., 3/14 8:15am *Celebrant:* Fr. Francis Prive

Lunch Menu: March 12-16

Mon. 3/12: Whole grain spaghetti w/ meat sauce, mixed green salad, whole grain roll

Tues. 3/13: Whole grain chicken nuggets, French fries, peas

Wed., 3/14: Salad bar w/ toppings, whole grain roll, whole grain pasta w/ chickpeas

Thurs., 3/15: HALF DAY - *Bag lunch to go:* whole grain bagel w/ cream cheese, string cheese, apple, veggie sticks, milk

Fri., 3/16: Baked potato w/ toppings, yogurt and granola, whole grain graham crackers

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

Reenrollment Contract and Early- Bird Discount- Reenrollment contracts will be distributed shortly – stay tuned!

Christian Virtue Awards for the Month of February- We proudly recognized the following students at our Feb. 23rd assembly for their outstanding display of Christian Virtues: Noah Brown (Gr. 4), Owen Jones (Gr. 6), Ava Lambert (Gr. 5), Cole Shinnars (Gr. 1), Riley Tomlinson (Kindergarten), Annalise Wolters (Gr. 7) and Maggie Wright (Gr. 3).

Spelling Bee- Congratulations to our Spelling Bee **CHAMPIONS** ; Upper school, Ryan Fisher and Lower School, Kaileigh Mason!

Report Cards- (grades 3-8) - Just a reminder that report cards will only be available through Renweb for grades 3-8 on March 16. Should you wish to retain a printed copy you will be able to print it through Renweb.

Attention Kindergarten Parents- Current Kindergarten students (only) will have a half day on Tuesday, March 13 with dismissal promptly at noon. Our annual Kindergarten screening for new BJAMS Kindergarten students will take place that afternoon from 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Guests for Dance on Friday, March 16 (6-8th grade) Guests invited by BJAMS 6-8th graders are welcome. Guest Attendance Request Forms can be obtained from Mrs. Kohl in the school office. All guest paperwork must be submitted to Mrs. Wilson and approved no later than the Wednesday before the dance.

Found- Girl's bracelet in computer lab under computer # 17. If you think it might be yours, please see Mrs. Kohl in the school office.

Fast and Female CHAMP CHAT - Craftsbury 2018- Fast & Female is proud to present an afternoon of on-snow fun and athletic inspiration! Join elite US Nationals racers and Olympians for an afternoon of on-snow games, ski technique and inspirational stories. Connect with professional athletes, meet other girls interested in sports and hear about life as a professional athlete!

WHEN- Wednesday, March 21, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

WHERE- Craftsbury Outdoor Center (535 Lost Nation Rd, Craftsbury Common, VT)

WHAT TO BRING- Participants should wear warm clothing and bring cross-country ski gear and a water bottle. No equipment will be provided.

COST- \$20.00 Online registration closes Tuesday, March 20 at noon. Day of event registration will be \$25.00 . Limited scholarships available, please visit bit.ly/FFCraftsburyScholarship to apply. Participation includes an L.L.Bean Fast and Female T-Shirt.

Basketball Reminder- Please return your basketball uniform to Mr. B!

Chess Fans- The 2018 Vermont State Scholastic Chess Championships will be held on Saturday, April 7 at the Berlin Elementary School in Berlin, Vt. For more info visit: www.vtchess.info

Circle of Grace/Child Lures- The two designated weeks for Circle of Grace/Child Lures will be the weeks of March 26 and the week of April 2. Please see letter from Mrs. Wilson at the end of this week's Friday Notes.

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? 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)

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. The next session will begin March 26; payment will be due for session two on March 19. Checks may be made payable to BJAMS. The class was able to purchase a foam beam and a wedge mat with the proceeds from the first session!

Yearbooks- Yearbook production is wrapping up! To reserve your copy, please write a check payable to BJAMS with a note in the memo for yearbook by Spring Break. Pre-order is the only way to purchase a yearbook at the discounted price. There is no limit per family. Cost is \$20. Please give checks to Mrs. Curran or drop it off at the main office. Cash will not be accepted.

PTO SPONSORED RESIDENCY- The PTO is pleased to announce that we will be hosting Heather Stearns from Muddy Creek Pottery for the second year in a row. The pottery dates are Monday, March 12, Tuesday, March 13, Wednesday, March 21 and Thursday March 22 with the celebration being March 28. We will need volunteers to help Heather with each class - please ask your child's teacher for times.

Girls on the Run - Last call for girls in grades 3,4,& 5 to register for Girls on the Run. Registration for the Northern Vermont region closes on Wednesday, March 14th. Registration is online at www.gotrvt.org as well as information on the program, financial aid, sibling discounts, etc...Questions can also be emailed to Kim Lambert (vtkimster@hotmail.com) or Beth Brown (spikehorn_29@hotmail.com).The program will start on Monday, March 19th after school (3:15-4:45) and will continue for 20 sessions (Mon/Wed) until the 5k on June 2nd at the Essex Fairgrounds.

Art Show- Be a part of the creative process of this year's "TOUR DE FRANCE" Art show. A meeting will be held Tuesday, March 13 at 6:00 at BJAMS. We will be looking forward to sharing creative ideas to help make this year's show as extraordinary as the others. Snacks will be provided.

Box Tops for Education- Another huge thanks to everyone who has diligently continued to collect Box Tops! I was able to send in a submission over the break and we will receive a check for just over \$40.00. There is not another submission date until next fall so there is a lot of time between now and then to continue to collect Box Tops! Now for the important update! The lower school was the winner of the competition. They beat out the upper school by **1 box top!** It couldn't have been a closer race! I will be

planning a time for the lower school to have their ice cream party courtesy of Kingdom Creamery and will let everyone know when it is scheduled. Thanks again! - Janelle Germaine

Upper School Parent Teacher Conference Sign Up - please follow this link to sign up for your conference!

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/15ppf04iAzKTVROHJTzV1HCEkozT1VF7vJD-aHUfNo/edit?usp=sharing>

IMPORTANT DATES

Second Trimester Ends - Fri., March 9

Half Day - Parent/Teacher Conferences - Thursday, March 15. 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.

Circle of Grace/Child Lures

March 9, 2018

Dear BJAMS Families,

For the past several years, BJAMS has participated in the Child Lures Child Abuse Protection curriculum. The program is designed to help students understand that they have dignity and that no one has the right to compromise this dignity. Several "lures" are introduced to children to help them better understand this message and steps are given to provide students with tools to deal with situations should they arise. The program has been well received by children and families and we feel good about its annual presentation. Any extra steps we can take to keep our children safe are steps well taken!

Like in previous years, we will be utilizing a program that can work collaboratively with Child Lures. This program is called Circle of Grace. The objective of Circle of Grace is to educate and empower children and young people to actively participate in a safe environment for themselves and others. It is the program's goal that children and young people identify and maintain appropriate physical, emotional, spiritual, and sexual boundaries. It also provides guidance in how to take action if any boundary is threatened or violated.

All material is presented appropriately, according to grade. In **Kindergarten**, vocabulary includes: children of God, Circle of Grace, feelings, grace, holy, Holy Spirit, respect, safe, safe touch, secret, safe secret, unsafe secret, signal, stoplight, trust, trusted adult, unsafe, unsafe touch. In **first and second grades**, all of the above is taught including the vocabulary word symbol. In **third grade**, all of the above is taught including: sexual abuse, child molester, boundary, treasured, and violate. In **fourth grade**, all of the above is taught including the vocabulary: blog, chat room, instant messaging, location application, micro blogging, social networking service and websites, video sharing service, cyber bullying, email, flaming, inappropriate material, netiquette, personal contact information, phishing, pop up, predator, smart phone, texting, and web cam. In **fifth grade**, all of the above is taught including: media and inappropriate media. In **sixth grade**, all of the above is taught including: admiration, dream, empathy, healthy, relationship, response, talent, value, and violation. In **seventh grade**, all of the above is taught including: bullying, bystander, and disrespect. In **eighth grade**, all of the above is taught including: conscience, modesty, morality, and sexuality.

Grades Kindergarten through eight will participate in a hybrid of Child Lures and Circle of Grace the weeks of March 26 and April 2. The presentation will be during scheduled religion classes.

Parents may have their children "opt out" of the program(s). We feel strongly that parents are their children's first teachers and that as parents you are able to determine what and when potentially sensitive information is presented to your children. If you choose to have your children "opt out" of the program(s), please see your children's teachers.

If you have any questions about the program(s), please call or stop by and I will happily sit down to discuss any questions and concerns. I would like to thank you for the partnership BJAMS has with your family and for the opportunity to work on keeping all of our children safe.

Sincerely,

Carrie Wilson
Head of School