

Bishop John A. Marshall School

Friday Notes

APRIL 6, 2018

MRS. CARRIE WILSON, HEAD OF SCHOOL

NEASC Accreditation Committee Visit

April 8-11



Founded in 1885

Mass at BJAMS

Wed., 4/11 8:15am *Celebrant:* Fr. Privé

Lunch Menu: April 9-13

Mon., 4/9: Whole grain spaghetti w/meat sauce, salad, whole wheat roll

Tues., 4/10: Salad bar w/toppings, whole grain pasta w/pesto, whole wheat roll

Wed., 4/11: Cheese quesadilla, salsa, corn, refried beans

Thurs., 4/12: Ham & cheese on whole grain bread, veggie sticks, yogurt & granola

Fri., 4/13: Whole grain chicken nuggets w/French fries, peas, veggie sticks

BJAMS Gratitude - A HUGE round of applause to Barry Lyden for all of his hard work in coordinating our cross country ski program again this year! We could not have done it without his generous donations of time, equipment, coaching, and encouragement for our 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students! Three cheers to him for making this endeavor a reality for our students who hopefully will go on to enjoy this sport forever! Many thanks!

BJAMS Thanks - We are grateful to Mrs. Boucher for organizing the April 5th dress down day on behalf of the tragic fire at the Wallace Farm in Waterbury.

Dress Down Day, Fri., April 13 - Please mark your calendar! The theme is orange to represent the sun!

Dress Down Day Thank You - Many thanks to Jeff Holmes and his company Sterling Mountain Solar for sponsoring the April 13th dress down day! Sterling Mountain Solar is a company that does both commercial and residential solar arrays. If you are interested in getting more information, please contact Jeff at 802-793-2211 or jeff@sterlingmountainsolar.com. If you would like to sponsor a dress down day on behalf of yourself, your company, your student, or for any reason at all ... please contact the PTO at pto@bjams.org. The \$250 donation for the dress-down day is for the benefit of PTO-sponsored student activities.

Christian Virtue Awards - The awards for the month of March went to: Ava Buczek (Gr. 4), Charlie Kells (Gr. 5), Arabella Lopez (Gr. 1), Jacob McCormack (Gr. 6), Sienna Semprebon (Kindergarten), and Molly Wilson (Gr. 7). Congratulations to those students!

BJAMS Ski Program - We will **not** have the make-up day for the ski program on the 8th. However, student passes are valid now on Saturdays and Sundays. Coach-banked days do work on Saturdays. The last day the mountain is open is the 15th. Hope you can get out and enjoy a few more runs!

Mother's Day Hanging Baskets and Herbs Fundraiser- Give mom your love with a beautiful hanging basket or a variety of herbs for her garden! Sale will begin April 23 and end on May 4. Forms are due to Mrs. Kohl in the school office on Friday May 4. Pick-up days are: Thursday, May 10 or Friday, May 11 just in time for Mother's Day! See the order form attached to the Friday Notes' e-mail. Benefit is the BJAMS PTO.

Memorial Day Spring Plant Fundraiser- Decorate for Memorial Day or get a head start planting your garden and flower beds! Choose from a massive variety of beautiful annuals, perennials, geraniums, hanging baskets, and more. Sale starts on May 7 and ends on May 18. Forms are due to Mrs. Kohl in the school office by Friday, May 18. Pick-up days are: Thursday, May 24 or Friday May 25. See the order form attached to this week's Friday Notes' e-mail. Flowers and plants for this fundraiser as well as the Mother's Day fundraiser are provided by Claussen's Florist, Greenhouse, & Perennial Farms in Colchester and help to benefit the BJAMS PTO.

Art Show Meeting - I need your help! Please attend the art-show meeting that I will be having on **Tuesday, April 10 at 6 p.m.** in the art room at BJAMS. Please plan to be there to see how YOU can help with this year's show. Thank you in advance for your attendance and your support! ~ Mrs. O'Neil

Art Show Donations Needed - I am in need of donations of wood strapping to help build the art show installations. Please e-mail me at joneil@bjams.org if you have any so that I know how much I have coming. Thank you! ~ Mrs. O'Neil

Art Show News - This year's art show will be held on Tuesday, May 29 from 6-8 p.m. The theme will be "Tour de France." Students and their families will visit the Louvre, the Arc de Triomphe, the Eiffel Tower, the Loire Valley and the French Alps. They will wander through the Giverny Gardens and see the Provence sunflowers. All of this and more will be made possible, but ONLY with YOUR help as part of our dedicated crew of volunteers. WE cannot do this without MANY HANDS working to showcase your student's art work. Help create the magic from cardboard and every day materials. No artistic talent? No worries ... there are many jobs to choose from including: construction, prop painting, hanging art work, making food for the volunteers and taking the show down following the conclusion of the event. There will be a sign-up sheet shortly for times and jobs. Every hour counts ... whether you can devote a day, an afternoon or only an hour or two. **We need YOU!** We are looking forward to creating another magical place for this one-night spectacular event! Thank you in advance for lending YOUR much-needed hand! ~ Mrs. O'Neil



Movie Night - It's tonight -- Thursday, April 5th from 5:30-8:00 p.m. Admission is \$5 and will be collected in the hallway. We will have both adult and eighth grade chaperones. Please have your child bring a blanket and pillow and come dressed in comfortable clothing. Please have your student eat dinner before attending this event since only a few nut-free snacks will be provided. (Students are also welcome to bring their own nut-free snack with them.) K through 4th grade will be in the multipurpose room for a showing of *Monsters University*; 5th-8th grade will be in the 8th grade homeroom enjoying the film *Wonder*. Movie Night proceeds will be for the benefit of the 8th grade.

Yearbooks- Only one more week left to preorder your copy of this year's BJAMS yearbook, which is the only way to purchase a yearbook at the discounted price. There is no limit of copies per family. Cost is \$20/yearbook. To reserve your copy, please write a check payable to BJAMS with a note in the memo for *yearbook* by Spring Break. Please give checks to Mrs. Curran or drop it off at the main office. Cash will not be accepted. Thank you!



- Movie Night** - Thurs., April 5 from 5:30-8:00 p.m.
- No School - Staff Development** - Friday, April 6
- Dress Down Day** - Friday, April 13 courtesy of Jeff Holmes and Sterling Mountain Solar
- No School - Spring Recess** - April 16-20
- Terra Nova Standardized Testing Week (Gr. 1-8)** - April 30-May 4
- No School** - Monday, May 28 - Memorial Day
- Art Show** - Tuesday, May 29 from 6-8 p.m.

NEASC Accreditation Committee Visit to BJAMS - We are honored to be hosting the NEASC Committee this week as they visit BJAMS to review our accreditation. We have been accredited the last ___ years and are up for renewal this year. Our BJAMS faculty and staff have been preparing for many months for their visit and review process! **The New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc. (NEASC)** is the United States' regional accreditation association providing educational accreditation levels of education, from pre-kindergarten to the doctoral level. NEASC is an independent, voluntary, nonprofit membership organization which connects and serves over 2,000 public and independent schools, technical/career institutions, colleges and universities in the six New England states, plus International Schools in more than 65 nations worldwide. Founded in 1885, NEASC has been working to establish and maintain high standards for all levels of education longer than any other accreditation agency in the United States. NEASC is headquartered in Burlington, Massachusetts.

Alice in Wonderland - Lamoille Union Middle School will present the Disney musical *Alice in Wonderland, Junior* on April 11 and 12 at the school auditorium on Route 15 in Hyde Park. *Alice in Wonderland* is based on the 1865 novel by Lewis Carroll, and on the 1951 Disney animated classic film. We follow Alice through the looking glass and into Wonderland, where she meets the White Rabbit, Mad Hatter, Queen of Hearts, and other curious characters. Nothing makes sense, and she eventually sings, dances, and adventures her way home. This 60-minute show is fully G-rated and suitable for small children, teens, parents, grandparents, and everyone. Showtime is 7 PM on Wednesday, April 11 and Thursday, April 12. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students. They will be available at the door.

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

