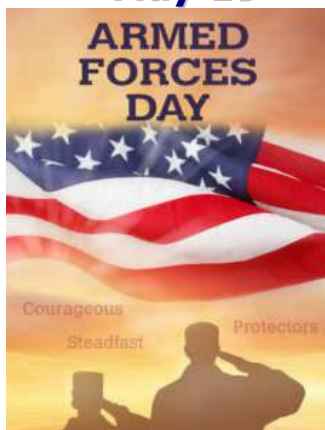


Bishop John A. Marshall School Friday Notes

MAY 11, 2018

MRS. CARRIE WILSON, HEAD OF SCHOOL

Armed Forces Day May 19



Mass at BJAMS

Wed., 5/23 8:15am *Celebrant:* Father Jon Schnobrich

Lunch Menu: May 21-25

- Mon., 5/21:** Whole grain fish patty on whole wheat bun, buttered pasta, peas
- Tues., 5/22:** Italian sub, veggie sticks, whole grain pretzels, hummus
- Wed., 5/23:** Whole grain pasta w/pesto and chicken, whole wheat roll, veggie sticks
- Thurs., 5/24:** Taco bar w/toppings, corn, refried beans
- Fri., 5/25:** Whole grain cheese pizza, veggie sticks

Our Servicemen and women are serving throughout the world as guardians of peace – many of them away from their homes, their friends and their families. They are visible evidence of our determination to meet any threat to the peace with measured strength and high resolve. They are also evidence of a harsh but inescapable truth—that the survival of freedom requires great cost and commitment, and great personal sacrifice. ~ *President John F. Kennedy, 1963*

BJAMS Thanks to Jones Family - We are very appreciative to Jacob Jones' family for the dress down day that they sponsored on Friday, May 11 to honor BJAMS teachers and staff. Their note to us said: "Being it is the end of the year and the last year for the 8th graders, the Jones family would like to thank all the teachers and staff at BJAMS that made our time here so memorable. Without the teachers and staff, our children would not be who they are today. Somehow thank you doesn't seem like enough but it will have to do for now. So in honor of our BJAMS heroes, please dress like a BJAMS teacher or staff member and remember to thank them for all they do for you day in and day out! We love you BJAMS!" ~ *Andrea Jones*

Christian Character Awards for the Month of April - We were happy to recognize the following students at our May 11 assembly: Matthew Brosseau (grade 5), Ivan Buczek (grade 7), Colby Dorain (grade 2), Andrew Lowell (Kindergarten), Ava Shinnars (grade 4), and Gus Wright (grade 6). Please join us in a round of applause for these students!

Art Show News - Our Tour de France art show is a week-and-a-half away and will be held on Tuesday, May 29 from 6-8 pm. **We need LOTS of volunteers starting Friday night, May 25 through Tuesday, May 29. You can sign up either online at:**

https://docs.google.com/document/d/17qIqnCyNq1OUFERtmPfkxLEHZNeXYKaMWLX_sTAmhXU/edit?usp=sharing or on the bulletin board outside of the BJAMS chapel. **Any time**

you can spare on Fri., Sat., Sun., Mon., or Tues.-- whether it's an hour, afternoon or day -- is needed and greatly appreciated. No experience -- or artistic talent -- is necessary and we'll find a job suited to your particular skill set! **We need YOU to roll up your sleeves and help showcase YOUR student's work!** Thank you in advance for lending YOUR much-needed hand! ~ *Mrs. O'Neil*



Upper School Schedule of Exams (grades 6-8 ONLY) - Monday, June 4 - dismissal at noon; Tuesday, June 5 - dismissal at noon; Wednesday, June 6 - full day.

Coffee House (grades 6-8) - Join us for coffee and great music by our 6th-8th graders on Fri., June 1 starting at **5:30 p.m.** This event is free and open to all! (Note that the time has been changed.)

Buildings and Grounds News - I am reaching out to all of you to ask for help this Saturday, May 19th (8-11am). **We are in need of at least a dozen people!** Won't YOU please consider giving a few hours? We are trying to put in a footbridge across the small stream for the children to use in the event of an emergency evacuation. Also, we have some materials that need to be taken to the landfill at the end of the teachers' South parking lot. On

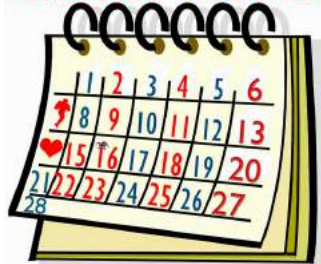


June 2nd (from 8-11 or 12), we will have the last work session for this school year. Please bring a paintbrush with you as the green trim we replaced and painted with one coat of green last year needs a second coat, and then the outside will be in good shape for many years. If we have many hands, and cooperative weather, I know we can do it all in one morning. I feel if we can get at least one parent from each classroom, we can accomplish this. Please don't let this job for your school fall

on just a few individuals. I think you all would get a good feeling of accomplishment doing these work sessions, and make some new friends as a added bonus! Give it a try! It's a wonderful school to take care of! ~ Ed Olsen

Memorial Day Spring Plant Fundraiser- Our sale ends on Friday, May 18 and all forms are due to Mrs. Kohl in the school office that day. Pick-up days are: Thursday, May 24 or Friday May 25. Flowers and plants for this fundraiser are provided by Claussen's Florist, Greenhouse, & Perennial Farms in Colchester and help to benefit the BJAMS PTO. Order forms are available at the table in the hallway outside the multipurpose room.

Mark Your Calendar!



- Step-Up Dance** - Fri., May 18 for Grades 5-8 from 7-9 p.m.
- No School** - Monday, May 28 - Memorial Day
- Art Show** - Tuesday, May 29 from 6-8 p.m.
- Coffee House** - Friday, June 1 at 5:30 p.m. (note time change)
- Upper School Final Exams (Grades 6-8 ONLY)** - Monday, June 4: dismissal at noon
- Upper School Final Exams (Grades 6-8 ONLY)** - Tuesday, June 5: dismissal at noon
- Upper School Final Exams (Grades 6-8 ONLY)** - Wednesday, June 6: full day
- 8th Grade Graduation** - Friday, June 8 at 6:00 p.m.
- Pre-K Graduation** - Monday, June 11 from 2:15-2:45
- BJAMS Tumblers Show** - Monday, June 11 from 3:15-4:15 p.m. in the multipurpose room
- Pre-K - 7th Grade Awards Assembly** - Wednesday, June 13 at 1:30 p.m.
- Last Day of School** - Thursday, June 14 (unless we use another "snow" day between now and then). Half day with dismissal promptly at noon.
- Pre-K and Kindergarten Social (for incoming 2018-19 students)** - Monday, Aug. 13 4-5 p.m.

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

Armed Forces Day - Annually, Armed Forces Day is celebrated on the third Saturday in May. This year it will be celebrated on Saturday, May 19, 2018. Thanks to President Harry S. Truman, it's a day to pay special tribute to the men and women of the Armed Forces. President Truman led the effort to establish a holiday in order for citizens to unite and to honor our military heroes for their patriotic service in support of the United States of America.

The first official Armed Forces Day took place on May 20, 1950, and was themed "Teamed for Defense." In honor of the special day, B-36 Bombers flew over state capitals, a march was led by more than 10,000 veterans and troops in Washington, D.C., and over 33,000 people participated in a New York City parade.

Since Armed Forces Day is not a federal holiday, many military installations are available for public viewing for those wishing to take part in the celebration or to learn more about our country's military. Some other ways to celebrate the special occasion include wearing red, white and blue; flying the American Flag, talking with or writing to a military member, donating to military-based organizations, or sending care packages for those serving overseas.

The importance of this day should always be evident. It is a day that our military members rightly deserve and it's essential that we celebrate it accordingly.

An excerpt taken from an article written in the *New York Post* on May 17, 1952, sums up Armed Forces Day's utmost importance, "It is our most earnest hope that those who are in positions of peril, that those who have made exceptional sacrifices, yes, and those who are afflicted with plain drudgery and boredom, may somehow know that we hold them in exceptional esteem. Perhaps if we are a little more conscious of our debt of honored affection they may be a little more aware of how much we think of them."



