

Bishop John A. Marshall School Friday Notes

AUG. 31, 2018

MRS. CARRIE WILSON, HEAD OF SCHOOL

BJAMS Welcomes You



Mass at BJAMS

Wed., 9/5 NO MASS due to Presbyteral Day

Lunch Menu: Sept. 3-7

Mon. 9/3: NO SCHOOL

Tues. 9/4: Grilled cheese on whole grain bread, whole grain chips, veggie sticks

Wed. 9/5: BBQ chicken on whole grain bun, roasted potato, green beans

Thurs. 9/6: Turkey and cheddar on whole grain roll, Goldfish®, veggie sticks

Fri. 9/7: Sloppy Joe on whole grain roll, baked beans, coleslaw, corn

Student Drop-off / Pick-up - School doors open at 7:30 a.m.; **students may not be dropped off prior to that time.** School ends at 3:00 p.m. and there is a fifteen minute grace period to pick up students. If students are not picked up by 3:15 p.m., they will automatically go to the After School Program which charges a rate of \$5/hour per child. Children in Kindergarten through grade 8 can participate in ASP.

School Nutrition Program - Attached to this week's Friday Notes is an introduction letter with FAQ's regarding our School Nutrition Program. Instructions and an application are also included if you would like to apply for free/reduced meals and have not already done so. Please complete the application and return it to Laurie Marcoux at lmarcoux@bjams.org in the business office.

E-mail Addresses for BJAMS Faculty and Staff - If you need to reach a staff or faculty member via e-mail, the addresses are all configured the same way, i.e., first initial followed by last name @bjams.org.

Facebook - Did you know that BJAMS is on Facebook? Look for Bishop John A. Marshall School and become a fan!

Labeling Student(s)' Clothing - It is extremely important that you take a few moments and label all of your student(s)' uniforms, coats, boots, shoes, and so forth! Clearly mark their name(s) with a sharpie pen on an inside label of each item. Uniform items all look alike and without your student(s)' name in the items, they will not be returned to them if lost and found.

Uniforms - If you missed the uniform swap and need some uniform items, please contact either Rachael Grant at rgrant@destinationhotels.com or Meredith Davis at meredithmartindavis@gmail.com who are our Uniform Coordinators Extraordinaire! They have additional uniform items that are free for the asking! Do you have clean, gently used uniforms that you would like to donate? Please put them in the orange tub marked "Uniform Swap" outside the Multipurpose Room. Thank you!

Pre-K and K-8 Playgrounds - Just a reminder to everyone that the Pre-K area of the playground is designated for Pre-K students only. We ask that families with students older than Pre-K age—who enjoy the playground after school or on weekends—remember to *only* use the Kindergarten-8th grade playground equipment. Thank you for your cooperation.

Safety Reminder - When entering the main school parking lot you must keep to the right of the circle and NOT enter it on the left.

PTO News - Please join us for the first PTO meeting next Thurs., Sept. 06 at 8:00 am. We will meet in the lobby after drop off. Discussion will be about Homecoming. If you aren't able to make it - we will have a list of our events and fundraisers in next week's Friday Notes. Please consider helping and participating in a project this year. No job is too small. Remember it's for our kids!

ASP News - **There will be no ASP on 9/28 due to Homecoming.** Children attending Homecoming must be supervised by parents for the entire event.

Hot Lunch/After School Program Payments -A gray, metal box with a slot for payments is located at the kitchen's service window in the multipurpose room and also outside the Business Office for your convenience. **Please note your child's name(s) clearly on your check/payment envelope to ensure accurate accounting and also indicate in the memo section of the check how you want the money to be allocated (i.e., dollar amount for hot lunch and/or dollar amount for ASP).** Please check and make sure your Food and ASP account balances are paid from last year. We appreciate your diligence in keeping them current this year. If you have any questions, contact Laurie Marcoux in the Business Office at lmarcoux@bjams.org. Thank you!

Health Guidelines - As we welcome back our wonderful students, it's inevitable that uninvited "guests" will be returning to BJAMS as well ... germs, viruses, and bacteria! In an effort to keep everyone healthy, please be mindful of the following guidelines: If a student feels ill during the day, he or she should obtain the teacher's permission to go to the school office. If school officials determine the student is too ill to remain at school, parents will be notified and advised to pick up their student and bring him or her home. **In all cases of illness, students must be fever free (under 100° F without fever-reducing medication) and vomit free for a full 24-hour period before returning to school to ensure the full recovery of the student and to prevent the spread of infection to other students.** In addition, should a rash present, the school will require the parents to retrieve the child and a note from the child's physician is mandatory before the child resumes school. In cases of contagious infections such as pink eye and impetigo, BJAMS requires a doctor's note be given—or faxed (888-3137)—to the school office prior to readmission, advising when the student is no longer contagious and may return to school.



Kitchen Notes - If you have extra vegetables from your garden, the kitchen will gladly take your donations! Thank you.

Craft Club is back! - If you like to do crafts, this club is for you! Grades 4-8 are welcome to join. Space is limited to 12 students so you must pre-register! A monthly fee of \$5 for each student helps to buy the supplies we need! We will meet on Wednesdays from 3pm-3:45 in the Project Room starting September 12! E-mail Mrs. Boucher at hboucher@bjams.org to register!

Renweb Parent Portal - Please see the attached information regarding: viewing/paying for your child's hot lunch/snack balances (all grades) and viewing your child's academic information (gr.3-8). If you set up your Parent Portal in Online Enrollment, you now have access to the Portal.

Business Office Reminder – Starting Sept. 6, every Friday is "zero balance" Friday in which your Hot Lunch/ASP charges must be paid in full to ensure charging privileges the following week.

School Photographs - Photographs will be taken on Monday, September 10, with a make-up day for absent students as well as a band photo scheduled for Tuesday, October 8. We are using the same photographer as the past few years, Ambient Photography. Sibling photos will be available (including non-BJAMS siblings) on the same dates at 8:15 a.m. We invite new BJAMS parents to visit their website www.ambientphotography.com to see a sampling of their work. Ambient Photography adds a special touch to its photographs through the use of outdoor photography. Pray for a sunny day!



Save the Dates:

- No School** – Fri., Aug. 31 and Mon., Sept. 3 (Labor Day)
- Picture Day** – Mon., Sept. 10
- Back to School Night for Current BJAMS Families** – Thurs., Sept. 13 6-7:00 p.m.
- Homecoming** – Fri., Sept. 28

After School Program (ASP) Reminders –

- ❖ The ASP will be located in the upper school Math Classroom this year (second classroom on left down upper-school hallway).
- ❖ **ASP Child retrieval happens at the classroom door on the outside of the building. Look for the door two doors to the left of the front entrance. It has a light fixture above it and a white mailbox outside.**
- ❖ Afternoon snack (food selection and one drink) will be available to all ASP students at a flat-rate cost of \$1.60 that will include one snack item and one drink. Drink and snack items will not be sold as separate line items. All children are welcome to bring their own snack (peanut / tree nut safe) and drink to the ASP.

- ❖ The ASP charges an hourly rate of \$5/hour to care for your child. The hours are from 3:15 to 4:15 pm and 4:15 to 5:15 pm. ASP charges will be applied at the beginning of each hour. Costs to utilize the ASP for your child are not prorated. The ASP ends at 5:15 pm. **Should you arrive late to pick up your child you will incur a third-hour charge of \$25 per every 15 minutes past 5:15.**
- ❖ Students participating in an after-school sport are expected to be picked up when the game and or practice ends. Should you arrive late to pick up your child he/she will be sent to the ASP automatically and charges will be applied.
- ❖ When using the playground after regular school hours, please use the school bathrooms when necessary.
- ❖ Wish List: Clorox wipe and hand sanitizer
- ❖ To reach the After School Program from 3:15-5:15 call: 802-888-4758 x224.
- ❖ If you have any questions or concerns please contact the ASP Director: Casey Dewey 802-371-8152 or at asp@bjams.org. Thank you.

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