

Bishop John A. Marshall School Friday Notes

SEPT. 14, 2018

MRS. CARRIE WILSON, HEAD OF SCHOOL



Mass at BJAMS

Wed., 9/19 8:15 a.m. Celebrant: Fr. Privé

Lunch Menu: Sept. 17-21

Mon. 9/17: Whole grain bagel bar w/toppings, veggie sticks

Tues. 9/18: Whole grain spaghetti w/meat sauce, garlic bread, Caesar salad

Wed. 9/19: Chicken fajita on whole grain wrap w/toppings, black bean and corn salad

Thurs. 9/20: Sandwich bar w/toppings, broccoli salad, veggie sticks

Fri. 9/21: Egg salad or tunafish on whole wheat bun, whole grain pretzels, Sunbutter®, veggie sticks

Thank you to Jeff Holmes - A big thank you to Jeff Holmes and his business Sterling Mountain Solar (sterlingmountainsolar.com) for generously donating the two porta-potties for the soccer season!

Reminder: Back-to-School Open House for All BJAMS Families – It's tonight!

Thursday, Sept. 13 from 5-6 p.m. (please note the earlier time). Families are invited to visit their children's classrooms and explore all the great things happening at BJAMS this year!

Homecoming Help Wanted - The PTO is looking for help with manning games or just getting things started for: pumpkin bowling, pumpkin sticker-and-face painting, chalk walk, and bubbles. If you can lend a hand for Homecoming please email us at PTO@BJAMS.org. In addition, if you are a 7th or 8th grader who does not participate in soccer, we need face painters between 3:30-6:30. Please let us know if you can help out with this very popular activity. Thank you!!!

Vendors Wanted! Do you own your own business or direct sales company? Would you be interested in participating in a BJAMS Vendor Fair this Fall? If so, please let us know! Stop by the Vice Principal's office or email Jen Nordenson at jnordenson@bjams.org.

BASH is BACK!! Save the date now for Saturday, May 4th, 2019 at the Zenbarn in Waterbury. After a two-year hiatus, we are bringing BASH -- our school benefit gala and silent auction fundraiser -- back again for the BJAMS community. If you would like to help with any part of this event such as event planning, seeking silent auction donations and sponsorships, or mailings, please let Michelle Tomlinson (michelle.hines3@gmail.com) or Jen Nordenson (jnordenson@bjams.org) know!

7th Annual Morrisville Rocktoberfest - Once again BJAMS will have a booth at the festival on Saturday, September 29th from 9-3. We are in need of a few parents to help staff our booth during the day. If you can lend a hand for an hour or two, please let Mrs. Nordenson know!

PTO NEWS - Thank you to all those who joined us for the first PTO meeting. We had a great turn out! Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 01 at 8:00am; we will meet in the multi-purpose room. Going forward, meetings will be held the first Monday of every month at 8:00am in the multi-purpose room. We welcome your participation!

Substitute Teachers and After School Program Subs Sought - We have a special cadre of substitute teachers but are always in need of more! You do not have to be a licensed teacher to apply, but some college education is preferred for the teaching positions. A high school diploma is required for the ASP sub positions. Substitute teachers typically work a full-or-half day and After School Program subs work from 3:15-5:15 on an as-needed basis. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Mrs. Kohl in the school office.

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

Student Referral Discount – Once again, BJAMS is offering families a \$250 tuition discount for a referral of a new family whose children are accepted and complete at least one trimester of the school year at BJAMS. Please contact Laurie Marcoux (x233) in the Business Office with any questions.

Yankee Candle Fundraiser - Be sure to check your child's backpack this week for the Yankee Candle Fundraising packet. BJAMS will receive 40% of all profits that will go towards Fun Day! You can have friends and family place orders through you or have them shop right online! Items will ship directly to the shopper -- just in time for Christmas. The sale will run from 9/7/18 to 11/2/18. All other orders will be delivered to school before Christmas Break. Just text or email friends and family the link with our group number to shop online. The website is www.yankeecandlefundraising.com. Our group number which is required is #**999967358**. Shoppers will just need your child's name. The Seller ID can be left blank. Please return all sale envelopes to Mrs. Curran. Nothing needs to be managed with online sales. Please email Kate Curran with any questions at kcurran@bjams.org. Thank you!

Price Chopper Tools for School Program – Please support our school in this program! If you have not already done so, please enroll your AdvantEdge Price Chopper card on-line at: <https://www.pricechopper.com/tools-schools> (note corrected link!). Our school code is: **15309**. BJAMS receives valuable school supplies through this program and we greatly appreciate your help with it!

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



- ❑ **Back to School Night for Current BJAMS Families** – Thurs., Sept. 13 from **5:00-6:00 p.m.** (note new time of event!)
- ❑ **Homecoming** – Fri., Sept. 28 (end of school day through the fireworks at dusk!)
- ❑ **PTO Meeting** - Mon., Oct. 1 at 8:00am in the multipurpose room
- ❑ **Picture Retakes / Whole School and Band Photos** - Mon., Oct. 8
- ❑ **No School - Staff Development** - Mon., Oct. 15
- ❑ **No School - Staff Development** - Wed., Oct. 24

Girl Scouts News - A new year of Girl Scouting is just around the corner! Girl Scout Troop 51830 is based in Morrisville but members can be from any town or any school. Our troop has Daisies, Brownies, Juniors and Cadettes (grades K-8). The year officially starts Oct. 1. Our troop meets on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month at the Morrisville VFW at 5:30pm. For more information and to register: <http://www.girlscoutsgwm.org/> or our troop email: girlscoutstroop51830@gmail.com or talk to Cindy Pratt (Amalie - 3rd) or Abby Earle (Ryley - 2nd, Barley 5th). Our troop is also looking for a parent volunteer (Mom or Dad) to help out with our Daisies this year (co-leader with another Daisy leader).

Cub Scout News - Boys and girls from K-5 are invited to join Pack 876! Cub scout sign up will be on Monday September 17th at 5:30pm at the Morrisville Elementary school. For more information, pick up an informational flyer from Mrs. Kohl in the BJAMS school office.



The Day of Atonement is considered the most important holiday in the Jewish faith. This year, it begins in the evening of Tues., Sept. 18 and ends in the evening of Wed., Sept. 19. Yom Kippur marks the culmination of the 10 Days of Awe, a period of introspection and repentance that follows Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year. According to tradition, it is on Yom Kippur that God decides each person's fate, so Jews are encouraged to make amends and ask forgiveness for sins committed during the past year. The holiday is observed with a 25-hour fast and a special religious service. Yom Kippur and Rosh Hashanah are known as Judaism's "High Holy Days."

Rice Memorial Homecoming - Families from BJAMS are **all** invited to participate in Rice's Homecoming on September 22 and 23. On Saturday, festivities include the 5th Annual RJ Rice Run/Walk, followed by a football game versus St. Johnsbury at 1pm (all Catholic partner school students receive FREE admission!) and the Great Cow Maneuver at 3:30pm. The weekend concludes with a Mass on Sunday honoring the Rice-Cathedral community at St. John Vianney in South Burlington at 9:30am. Learn more about Rice and experience Rice spirit at its best by joining us for these fun events. For more information, visit www.rmhsvt.org/homecoming.



Homecoming News



What is Homecoming?

Homecoming is an annual event sponsored by the school and the PTO. It happens at the beginning of October or the end of September while the weather is still seasonable and crisp. This year, Homecoming is scheduled for **Sept. 28**.

At this event, we invite current students, former students, alumni, families, friends, and community members to join us in celebrating the wonderful community that makes up BJAMS. Starting at the end of the school day (between 2:30 and 3:00), many activities are set up for students and children of all ages to participate in. This year, we will have: pumpkin bowling, pumpkin face painting, face painting, chalk walk and bubbles. In addition, the PTO will be having a spirit sale with BJAMS t-shirts and trucker hats plus two raffles: "guess how many candy corn" and "how much does that pumpkin weigh?" The eighth graders will hold a beverage and bake sale as well as a lucky collie 50-/50 raffle with proceeds benefitting their end-of-the-year trip to Boston.

Starting at approximately 4:30 pm, we will have several food vendors offering dinner. They will be: Wood Fire Pizza and Nepali Cuisine and a smoothie station from our Pre-K-1st grade classes. Families will pay the food vendors directly if they choose not to pack dinner (which is an option). Feel free to bring blankets and chairs for picnics!

After dinner, when it's dark (at about 6:45 pm), the school plans to host an amazing fireworks display, courtesy of *NorthStar Fireworks*.

I Want To Help!

Those wishing to help out at Homecoming are encouraged to contact the PTO at pto@bjams.org. While this event is extremely fun, there is a lot of work that goes into it. Without the generous help of our wonderful families, the event is not possible!

The PTO is accepting donations to help offset the cost of the fireworks. If you would like to make a donation -- any amount is welcome!

Quick Reminders

Please note that all students must have an adult present at Homecoming, as students cannot be left unsupervised during Homecoming.

At dusk, the playground is closed. The nature trail is not open at all during Homecoming. Children are asked to stay with their parents at all times to ensure safety. Remember to bring sweatshirts and warm clothes for the evening – it can get a little chilly at sunset!

Be sure to visit the school's website at www.bjams.org.

BJAMS SOCCER

General Information: All soccer games can be found on Morrisvilleyouthsoccer.com (make sure you search in the state of Vermont). Please make sure you hit your refresh button before you take a look every time.

Please contact the appropriate coach(es) directly with any questions that you have! They have the most up-to-date information on their team, their practice schedules, their games, etc.

1-2 Soccer

Practice: Mondays and Fridays 3:15 to 4:15

We will not have practice on Monday Sept. 24. Please bring cleats, shin guards, a water bottle, and a ball. The coach is Mrs. Erica Silveria and her contact e-mail is: esilveira@bjams.org.

3-4 Soccer

Practice: Mondays and Wednesdays 3:15-4:15

The coach is Peter Schmeackle and you can direct any questions to him at stowemusiccenter@yahoo.com.

5-6 Soccer

Practice: Tuesdays and Thursdays (Starting Tues., Sept. 11. Times TBA by the coaches.)

The coaches are Mrs. Jennifer Nordenson and Mrs. Sonja Crowe-Patenaude. If you have any questions, please contact them directly at jnordenson@bjams.org or sonjacrowe@outlook.com.

7-8 Soccer

The coach is Mr. Michael Kuhnle. Please contact him directly at: mkuhnlevt@gmail.com with any questions you have.

BJAMS PTO Calendar for '18-19

Events and Fundraisers

September

9/13 BJAMS Open House- will have a table
9/28 Homecoming- 4:00pm-8:30pm
9/4-11/2 Yankee Candle Sale

October

10/ 26 Trunk or Treating, Touch-a-Truck, Vendor Fair (tentative)

November

11/16 Grandparents Thanksgiving Luncheon
Week of 11/4 Catholic School Week

December

Wreath Sale
Poinsettia Sale Christmas Fair
Christmas Fair - raffle of BJAMS "Goodie" bag
Last day before break- A special guest reading *'Twas the Night Before Christmas* with festive activities

January

Spirit Week

February

2/8 Pirate and Princess Dance (lower level school - grades pre k-4)

March

Laughing Moons' Fudge Fundraiser - during Lent, before Easter
In-school Residency (Mount Mansfield Martial Arts - still need quote from Scott Graner)

May

May - Mother's Day Hanging Basket and Herbs
Memorial Day Spring Plant Fundraiser
Teacher Appreciation Week

June

Last Day of School Fun Day (rotation of Elmore Park, Smuggler's Notch Fun Zone, Bowling, Bonanza at the School)



PTO MEETING MINUTES

September 6, 2018

Discussion about new options for fundraising including Red Barn Fundraising.

Social Club (upper school led by Holly Boucher and Erica Silveira) will meet to review ideas for this year's social events.

With a declining interest in school dances, the Club will come up with alternative ideas such as a corn maze outing or day of sledding. However, there will be a minimum of two dances held this year for the Upper School. PTO manages the income of the dances.

Families are invited to sponsor Dress Down Days for \$250.00.

5th Grade Field Trip

PTO has agreed to cover the bus cost of the 5th grade field trip again this year (last year the cost was \$550.54). Last year 5th grade families contributed \$9.00 to the field trip – will likely follow suit this year.

Classroom Parents

Stephanie Nichols will reach out to parents in each grade regarding serving as a classroom parent.

Treasurer of the PTO

Stephanie Nichols has stepped into the role as Treasurer of the PTO. Nicky will show her the ropes during the school as she hands over the reins to Steph.

Field Trips

Pre-K through 2nd grade classes will consider bringing in other special activities in lieu of leaving campus for a field trip. Grades 3 and above have the ability to ask the PTO for funds to help cover field trip expenses.

Uniform Swaps

Managed by Meredith Davis and Rachael Grant, there will be at least three uniform swaps this year: August, Homecoming, and January.

Specific dates will be designated for uniform drop-offs.

If families need uniforms, inquire with Meredith or Rachael, as there are many extra uniforms on hand, yet there isn't room at school for uniform storage.

Box Tops

Janelle Germaine will run the Box Tops program again this year with contests, etc.

Fundraising idea:

"No Bake Bake Sale" (contributed by Laurie Flaherty) in which families have the ability to donate money to the PTO (in lieu of a real bake sale).

Homecoming

This year Homecoming will feel like a Harvest Festival.

Games -- include Pumpkin Bowling, Pumpkin Decorating with stickers and Sharpie Paint Pens, Chalk Walk, Bubbles, and pumpkin sales.

Food -- will include Nepali cuisine, Pizza, 8th Grade Bake Sale and a Smoothie station provided by pre-K through 1st grade.

The PTO is looking into obtaining a large quantity of pumpkins and might ask each family for pumpkin donations.

Face painting – considering hiring the young woman from last year, looking into the woman who paints faces at the Mountain, and asking children in the Upper School if they'd like to participate.

Music -- Band vs. DJ (Angela and Kelly will research local bands)

Raffles -- A raffle prize table will be set up featuring a large gift bag (Peri), and other guessing games such as "guess how many candy corns are in the jar" and "guess how much the pumpkin weighs".

BJAMS Gear – Branded t-shirts, pencils, baseball/trucker hats, and possibly keychains will be available to buy (Peri to look into pricing and ordering)

Back to School Night (Sept.)

Informational tables will be set up in the lobby or hallway including tables for the PTO and Heather Gentle.

Yankee Candle Sale

Last year's sales led by Kate Curran were highly successful. This year the sales will take place in the Fall (Sept. 4 to Nov. 2). Proceeds benefit the last day of school Fun Day.

Grandparents' Luncheon (Nov.)

PTO will provide support to Heather Gentle. Also, PTO shall be in charge of guests' coats, greeting guests, serving food and so forth.

Catholic Schools Week (Nov.)

This year Catholic Schools Weeks takes place in November. Stay tuned for exciting plans.

Wreath + Poinsettia Sale (Dec.)

In December the PTO will host another Wreath Sale and this year will include Poinsettias. In the past this sale has been highly successful.

Christmas Fair (Dec)

The PTO will host a table featuring a raffle bag of goodies (created by Peri).

Christmas Special Guest (Dec.)

A special guest will be invited to school on the last day of school before Christmas vacation.

Vendor Day (date TBD)

Discussed the concept of hosting a Vendor Day at school. Vendors would include parents who would like to share/sell their items (i.e. direct marketing business such as Pampered Chef, crafts, etc.).

Spirit Week (Jan)

Stay tuned for a fun and exciting week (similar to Catholic Schools Week in previous years)

Scholastic Book Fair (Jan)

Princess and Pirate Dance (Feb.)

Lower school dance, grades PreK – 4. Students have the option to dress as princesses or pirates if they choose. Music, balloons + streamers (possibly), water + baked goods

Laughing Moon Fudge Fundraiser (Mar.)

Easy fundraiser which gives back half the proceeds to BJAMS.

In-House Residency (Mar.)

This year Mt. Mansfield Martial Arts will be sponsored by the PTO.

BASH (May)

Social event / fundraiser (for adults) on May 4th at the Zenbarn in Waterbury. Stay tuned for exciting details!

Mother's Day Sale (May)

Hanging baskets and herb sale / fundraiser

Memorial Day Plant Sale/fundraiser (May)

Teacher Appreciation Week (May)

PTO plans a week of special activities such as breakfasts and luncheon, as well as gift donations to honor the school's teachers.

Fun Day (June)

Last day of school fun day! Locations and events under consideration include Elmore State Park, Fun Zone, bowling and a school bonanza.

PTO meetings will take place on the first Monday of each month. **The next meeting is scheduled for October 1st at 8 a.m. in the multi-purpose room.**