

Bishop John A. Marshall School

Friday Notes

SEPT. 21, 2018

MRS. CARRIE WILSON, HEAD OF SCHOOL



Mass at BJAMS

Wed., 9/26 8:15 a.m. Celebrant: Fr. O'Leary

Lunch Menu: Sept. 24-28

Mon. 9/24: Whole grain pasta w/kale pesto and chicken, whole grain roll, salad

Tues. 9/25: Turkey taco bar w/topping, refried beans, corn

Wed. 9/26: Salad bar w/toppings, whole grain roll, whole grain pasta salad

Thurs. 9/27: Chicken salad on whole grain ciabatta roll, whole grain chips, veggie sticks

Fri. 9/28: Whole wheat pancakes, turkey sausage, yogurt, blueberries and granola

PTO NEWS- You may have noticed all the pumpkins and bales of hay in front of the school. We are getting ready for Homecoming in a week! A huge heartfelt thank you to Jacques Bouramia (7th grader, Guillaume's dad) for making this happen! Such generosity! We are so appreciative of our families and how they help make our events super special!

Save for Success - Banking days will be Tuesday mornings from 7:30-8:00 a.m. Informational packets are available in the school office.

Wanted: Parent Testimonials! How has BJAMS impacted you or your child? Would you be willing to write a short testimonial describing your experience at BJAMS that can be used for marketing materials? If so, please send your short paragraph to Mrs. Nordenson at jnordenson@bjams.org

ASP Reminders - 1) ASP ends at 5:15 and a \$25.00 charge will be applied for every fifteen minutes after that. 2) There will be no ASP on 9/28 due to Homecoming. **Children attending Homecoming must be supervised by parents for the entire event.**

8th Grade Class Homecoming T-Shirt Sale Fundraiser - \$5.00 one size for all! T-shirts will go on sale Monday, September 24 until the morning of Homecoming on the 28th! Please help the 8th graders as they raise money for their Boston trip in May!

BJAMS Collie Cash 8th Grade Fundraiser - 50/50 raffle tickets go on sale Monday for this exciting Homecoming event! Guess which number that Stryder -- Mr. Close's blue-eyed Merle Rough Collie -- will have his paw on in the numbered grid when the time is up! Ask an 8th grader for more details!

Kitchen Note - Every Monday we will be selling popcorn during snack time at 50 cents per bag. Students will no longer be permitted to use the microwave for popping popcorn. Thank you

Event and Fundraiser Sign-up Board - We invite (and encourage!) you to stop by our Board in the school's entryway and sign up to lend a hand at an upcoming event and/or fundraiser. We welcome your involvement as a parent and appreciate all of your efforts in making BJAMS a more vibrant school community! Thank you in advance for your support!

Homecoming Help on Sept. 28 Is Still Needed - We need YOU! Do you have a little time to spare to help with set-up, manning games, or breakdown/cleanup (only one volunteer so far in that category)? If you can lend a hand, **please either sign up on the Event Board at the school's entryway or email us at PTO@BJAMS.org**. Also, 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!!!

BJAMS Vendor Fair - Vendors Wanted! If you own your own business or direct sales company, we would love to talk to you about being part of our BJAMS Vendor Fair this Fall. Stop by and talk to Jen Nordenson in the Vice Principal's office or email her at jnordenson@bjams.org.

Join Us for the BJAMS BASH!! The date is set -- Saturday, May 4th, 2019 -- and the venue is booked: the Zenbarn in Waterbury; now all we need is YOU! 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!

Rocktoberfest Help Needed - Do you have an hour or two to spare on Saturday, Sept. 29? We are in need of a few parents to help us staff our booth at the 7th Annual Morrisville Rocktoberfest that will be held from 9-3. Any and all help would be greatly appreciated! Just contact Jen Nordenson at jnordenson@bjams.org to let her know what times work for you! Many thanks in advance for your help!



Yankee Candle Fundraiser - Just a reminder ... this is an important fundraiser with 40% of the profits going 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!



- 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

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



College Planning Meeting - Mary Buonanno, BJAMS 2010 alumna and Associate Financial Advisor at Ridgeline Wealth Management, will be holding a **Q&A session about college planning** on September 27th at 7pm in the BJAMS multi-purpose room. If you are interested in attending the event, please give Mary a heads up by emailing her at mary.buonanno@wfafinet.com or call her at **802-748-3124**.

Investment products and services are offered through Wells Fargo Advisors Financial Network, LLC (WFAFN), Member SIPC. Ridgeline Wealth Management is a separate entity from WFAFN.

Annual Rotary Winter Coat Drive - *WANTED*: Good used winter coats for ALL AGES! The Morrisville Rotary is running their annual coat drive! This is a fantastic event that the Rotary has put on (in collaboration with Denoia's Dry Cleaners) for the last sixteen years in support of our community neighbors who need a winter coat. This year the Rotary is partnering with the Lamoille Laundry Center. Please clean out your closets and drop good used winter coats off from Mon., Sept. 24th until 5:00 pm on Tuesday, October 2nd at Lamoille Laundry Center in Northgate Plaza in Morrisville. They CANNOT accept any wool coats/jackets or those that are all worn out. All sizes are needed. Morrisville Rotary gives a tremendous THANK YOU to Denoia's for helping them out for the past sixteen years! Call Marcia Marble at 888-3418 or email: marblerealty@comcast.net with any questions. The coat give-away is at the Crosby Center (behind Holy Cross Church), Brooklyn Street in Morrisville on October 19, 20, and 21, 2018.



Rice Memorial's Homecoming - Please join Rice on campus for their Homecoming weekend festivities. Homecoming is a great time for future Rice families to experience Rice spirit at its best! As motivation, all of their Catholic partner-school students will receive FREE admission to the football game this Saturday, September 22. Drop by the Admissions table to pick up Rice tattoos and other Rice giveaways! For more information, visit www.rmhsvt.org/homecoming.

1st day of Autumn: Sat., Sept. 22





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

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

***A note from Coach Schmeeckle (shme-kley):* We have our third game of the season this Saturday at Cambridge Elementary school in Jeffersonville. Please arrive by 9:40 to warm up and stretch; game time is 10am. Go Eagles!**

You can direct any questions to Coach Peter Schmeeckle 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

... and in case you missed this in last week's edition of Notes:

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)



Come to our next meeting (Oct. 1
at 8a.m.) and be a part of it!