

Bishop John A. Marshall School Friday Notes

SEPT. 28, 2018

MRS. CARRIE WILSON, HEAD OF SCHOOL

Homecoming Pep Rally: 1:45 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 28



Mass at BJAMS

Wed., 10/3 8:15 a.m. Celebrant: Fr. Privé

Lunch Menu: Oct. 1-5

- Mon. 10/1:** Grilled cheese on whole grain bread, whole grain chips, veggie sticks, yogurt & granola
- Tues. 10/2:** Baked potato bar with toppings, whole grain roll, veggie sticks
- Wed. 10/3:** Sloppy Joe on whole grain roll, baked beans, corn
- Thurs. 10/4:** Ham & cheese on whole grain roll, broccoli salad, veggie sticks, whole grain pretzels and hummus
- Fri. 10/5:** Whole grain chicken patty on whole grain bun, tater tots, green beans

Homecoming Help on Friday, Sept. 28 Is Still Needed! - We need YOU! Please consider volunteering to help with set-up from 2:30-3 (only 1 volunteer so far), manning games, or breakdown/cleanup (only 2 volunteers so far). 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.** Thank you!!!

ASP Reminders - 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 - This is your last opportunity to buy your student his or her tie-dye t-shirt to wear for Homecoming at the bargain price of \$5.00! One size for all! T-shirts will be sold until the morning of Sept. 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 are still available for this exciting Homecoming event! Buy yours now in support of this 8th grade class trip fundraiser! 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!

ALICE Parent Information Session: October 8th, 8-8:30am in the MPR - ALICE is an acronym that stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate and is a proactive response with choices on how to respond to a violent critical incident. This is our second year training and practicing ALICE strategies as a school community. Last year we had 2 successful drills and we plan on conducting several drills this year to practice all components of the protocol. If you would like to know more about this as a parent, please attend the informational session.

Cookies for Kids Cancer - Please see the informational sheet on page _ of this week's Notes. This important fundraiser is being led by Pre-K teacher, Laurie Flaherty. If you can help out in any way -- by baking, donating, and/or giving a few hours of your time -- it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Ambient Photography Student Photos - Student images are now online at: <https://ambientphotography1.shootproof.com/gallery/7508667> if you would like to order additional photos. The password is: Bjams18.

PTO NEWS- Our next meeting will be this Monday, October 01 at 8:00am -- right after drop off. We will meet in the multi-purpose room. We are looking forward to seeing everyone and planning our next event in October!!

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

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!



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

Here's
What's
Happening!

- 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

River Arts Creative Costume and Culinary Spooktacular - Thursday and Friday, Oct. 18-19 from 9-3. Cook up amazing Fall treats with Chef Halladay and create imaginative costumes in the fashion studio with Haleigh West for Halloween. Campers spend half the day in the River Arts kitchen and fashion studio as they stretch their imaginations, build new skills and experiment in this hands-on camp. \$150. Scholarships are available. To register: www.riverartsvt.org or 888-1261.

Applications to Rice Memorial High School - Applications are now open for the 2019-20 academic year. If you did not receive a copy of their latest postcard in the mail, you can view an electronic copy here: https://rmhsvt.myschoolapp.com/ftpimages/719/download/download_2977867.pdf. The postcard includes information about their application process and important dates to add to your calendar.



Chicks with Sticks - Are you a girl aged 8-12 and do you want to learn to play hockey with some other girls or improve your skills? Well then, you should sign up for the fun Lamoille County Girls Hockey Club called "Chicks with Sticks". On Mondays between 5:15pm and 6:15pm from November to early February (for a total of 12 sessions) we will meet at the Jackson Arena in Stowe. We show up and practice hockey drills and then do a "pink-puck scrimmage". A great way to stay active, make some new friends and build confidence. Only \$120 with Jerseys included! Please e-

mail your player's name, age and skating experience (to one of the individuals listed below) by October 5th to be registered for this new club. Contact us if interested or if you have any questions: Kelvey Wilson at kelveyr@gmail.com or Clea James at bareau@hotmail.com or Mary Donati at mdid@me.com.

Lamoille Mini-Metro Basketball Tryouts (5th/6th Girls) - Mini-Metro girls 5/6th grade tryout is scheduled for September 29th from 2:00pm-4:00pm **and** September 30th from 2:00pm-3:30pm. Tryouts will be held in the Eden gym. Players **MUST** be at both tryout dates. Players need to reside in Hyde Park, Eden, Johnson, Waterville, Belvidere or Cambridge to try out for the Lamoille team. The team will be limited to 10 players. Families are responsible for purchasing uniforms and paying a portion of the entry fee. The estimated cost is \$140.00/player. Mini-Metro is a competitive basketball league with an emphasis on player development and sportsmanship. Teams are organized by area high school districts. Games are held every Sunday from the beginning of November through the middle of February with two weeks off for Christmas and New Year's. Games may be played in Essex, Colchester, Burlington, St. Albans, CVU or any of the other host gyms. The coaches are Dave Tatro and Alan Pelletier.

Annual Rotary Winter Coat Drive - **Coat drives ends on October 2!** *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 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. Call Marcia Marble at 888-3418 or email: marblerealty@comcast.net with any questions. Do you know someone in need of a winter coat? Please let him/her know that the coat give-away is at the Crosby Center (behind Holy Cross Church), Brooklyn Street in Morrisville on October 19, 20, and 21, 2018.





HELP BAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Hello BJAMS families! I am the co-director of the Vermont Cookies for Kids' Cancer (CFKC) bake sale event and once again this year, I am looking for your help to make our bake sale a success. Cancer is the leading cause of death by disease past infancy among children in the United States. It is estimated that over 15,000 children in the U.S. will be diagnosed with cancer this year.

Cookies for Kids' Cancer was started when 2-year-old Liam Witt was diagnosed with childhood cancer in 2007. His parents, Larry and Gretchen, were shocked to learn of the lack of effective treatments for pediatric cancers due to lack of funding. They pledged to support the funding of research for safer, more effective treatments for children battling cancer. With the help of 250 volunteers, his mom Gretchen baked and sold 96,000 cookies, raising more than \$400,000 for research. Word spread, and people nationwide began asking, "How can I help?"

The **6th Annual Vermont Cookies for Kids' Cancer Bake Sale will be held on Saturday, October 6th at the Alchemist Brewery in Stowe** from 10am until we sell out! Last year, we raised over \$3,000! You can help by baking cookies, supporting the event with a donation, or volunteering to work at the event.

- **To donate cookies**, please drop your labeled cookies directly to my classroom on Friday, October 5th in a container you don't need returned. We are trying to simplify things this year since we have to package all the cookies before the sale and are asking for the following varieties only:
 - Chocolate Chip
 - Sugar Cookies
 - Oatmeal Raisin
 - Chocolate with Chocolate Chips
- **If you would like to make a donation by cash or check**, Patrick Flaherty and Jameson Brosseau will be collecting donations in the morning (7:30-8:00am) and right after school (3:00-3:15pm), outside of the multipurpose room the week of Oct. 1st. All of the funds raised will go directly to the five leading pediatric cancer research centers. CFKC is a nonprofit organization and keeps overhead costs very low, ensuring nearly every penny of each dollar raised will go directly to research! All donations are tax-deductible and the tax I.D. number is available if you want it.
- **To volunteer to work at the event**, please contact me directly at LFlaherty@bjams.org. I am looking for 3-5 BJAMS students to work with me the day of the sale from 10am-noon. Parents are welcome as well. If you are interested, please let me know!

To learn more about Cookies for Kids' Cancer, visit www.cookiesforkidscancer.org. And if you are interested in starting a sale in another town or at your workplace, let me know. Right now, this is the only CFKC sale in Vermont.

Thank you in advance for your support! Together, our BJAMS community can help make a difference because no family should have to lose their child to cancer.



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.

SOCCER



Homecoming Game Schedule - Friday, Sept. 28

1/2 grade 5:30-6:30 vs. Eden (exhibition)

3/4 grade 3:45-4:45 vs. Stowe (exhibition)

5/6 grade 3:45-4:45 vs. Stowe (exhibition)

7/8 grade 5:00-6:15 vs. Crossett Brook

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

Homecoming game note from Coach Silveira: The game is set for 5:30. Please meet at the little field at 5:10 so we can warm up and get organized. Let me know who will not be able to make it.

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

You can direct any questions to Coach Peter Schmeckle 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, Lisa Brown, and Kris Brown. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer directly at jnordenson@bjams.org.

7-8 Soccer

Note from Coach Mike Kuhnle: I will be on vacation starting Thursday, Sept. 27 and will return on Oct. 9. The next practice will be Oct. 10.

Please contact him directly at: mkuhnlevt@gmail.com with any questions you have.