

Bishop John A. Marshall School Friday Notes

OCT. 5, 2018

MRS. CARRIE WILSON, HEAD OF SCHOOL

Columbus Day: Mon., Oct. 8



Mass at BJAMS

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

Lunch Menu: Oct. 8-12

Mon. 10/8: Turkey and cheddar wrap w/toppings, yogurt & granola, veggie sticks

Tues. 10/9: Whole grain cheese pizza, veggie sticks

Wed. 10/10: Chicken fajita on whole grain wrap, refried beans, salsa

Thurs. 10/11: Salad bar w/toppings, whole grain roll, tomato soup

Fri. 10/12: BBQ pulled pork on whole grain bun, baked beans, coleslaw, corn

"Double Movie Night - Double Movie Night" - Friday night, Oct. 19th - Attention Parents of grades Pre-K to 7: Drop off your child for a couple of hours and go grab some dinner with your spouse or significant other! BJAMS 8th grade will be hosting lower school and upper school movies as a fundraiser for their class trip to Boston. \$5 gets your child a movie and a bag of popcorn. What a deal!!! Lower school movie starts at 6:00; upper starts at 6:30. Save the date! Treat yourself and your child! All movies approved by Mrs. Wilson. Thanks! ~ *Mr. Close*

Basketball Coaches Sought - Hi everyone! It's almost Basketball season! At this time we have coaches for the 5/6 and 7/8 girls. We also have coaches for the 7/8 boys' team. So, **we are looking for a 3/4 girls' and a 3/4 and 5/6 boys' coach.** Also, historically we've done 1/2 Saturday morning hoops for the little ones and I would love to continue that tradition! **If you can lend a hand with 1/2, please let me know.** Please reach out to Coach Buczek with any interest at bbuczek@bjams.org. Thank you! ~ Mr. Buczek

PTO Wreath Sale - It's that time of year again! The PTO Vermont-made wreath sale is back! Please look for a flyer and order form in your child's backpack on Friday. Your student can begin selling wreaths on Friday, October 5th. Please return the form and money by Friday, November 2nd. Wreaths will be delivered the last week of November.

Mini golf for 6th, 7th and 8th graders! The social club is organizing a night of mini golf in Stowe for Saturday, October 13th instead of a fall dance. Come play between 6:30 and 8:30 pm. The group rate cost is \$6.75 for 12 years and under. It will cost \$8.75 for 13 and over. Pay when you come. We will need chaperones. Please contact Erica Silveira at esilveira@bjams.org or Holly Boucher at hboucher@bjams.org if you can chaperone.

Thank You from the PTO - Thank you to everyone who helped set up, man a booth, work a booth, or clean up for Homecoming. Many hands make a Great event! A special thanks to Jacques Bouramia (Guillaume's dad, 7th gr.) for donating the pumpkins and hay bales and Pete's Greens in Waterbury for our 32 lb pumpkin!

Trunk or Treating - Friday, Oct. 26th from 5:30-7:00pm at BJAMS. (Prek-5th graders. Older siblings are welcomed.) Please bring a nonperishable food item to donate to the Lamoille Community Food Share. **Help is needed for this event:** Are you creative or just simply love Halloween? We need 20 decorated trunks! 3-5 trunks per grade would be the best! We are also asking for donated candy (to help our trunkers) and some steaming crock pots of chili, vegetarian chili, and chicken noodle soup. Sign-up sheet will go up this week!

BJAMS Collie Cash 8th Grade Fundraiser - We had not one but two winners of the Collie Cash 50/50! Congratulations to Halie Ladue (gr. 8) and Monique Gramas!!

Pumpkin Give-Away - The pumpkins in the front of school are free for the taking!

Chess Club - Is your fourth through eighth grader interested in chess? We are trying to determine interest in a chess club for students in grades four through eight. We would like to have two one-hour sessions per week (one session for grades 4-5 and one session for grades 6-8), both to be held on the same afternoon. The cost would be \$20 for a four-week session, starting in the month of November. Please email Mrs. Wilson (cwilsong@bjams.org) directly if this is something your student might be interested in joining so that she may email the teacher.

Reminder! 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 - There's only one more day left to help with this very special fundraiser. Please see the informational sheet on page 4 of this week's Notes. 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.



- ❑ **Picture Retakes / Whole School and Band Photos** - Mon., Oct. 8
- ❑ **No School - Staff Development** - Mon., Oct. 15
- ❑ **No School - Staff Development** - Wed., Oct. 24
- ❑ **Half Day** - Thurs., Nov. 1 due to All Saints Day celebration. Dismissal is promptly at noon.
- ❑ **Catholic School's Week** - Mon., Nov. 5 through Fri., Nov. 9
- ❑ **Half Day** - Thurs., Nov. 8 due to Parent/Teacher Conferences. Dismissal is promptly at noon.
- ❑ **Grandparents' Luncheon** - Thurs., Nov. 15. Times TBD.
- ❑ **No School - Thanksgiving Recess** - Wed., Nov. 21 through Fri., Nov. 23
- ❑ **Report Cards** - Fri., Nov. 30

Box Tops for Education - As announced at the end of last school year, we will be running another "lower school" versus "upper school" competition to encourage families to clip and save Box Tops. For each Box Top clipped, BJAMS receives 10 cents. This fall, whichever "school" collects the most Box Tops will earn a dress-down day. If you are not familiar with the Box Tops For Education Program please visit their website at www.boxtops4education.com. Collection bins are labeled and set-up just inside the main entrance to the school and can be dropped off at anytime. The deadline for the fall competition is **October 19th, 2018!** Encourage your kiddos to reach out to family members to help them collect Box Tops! Please contact me with any questions at mjgermaine2011@gmail.com! ~ *Janelle Germaine*

Substitute Teacher Opening - Rice High School is seeking a qualified, long-term science substitute, focusing on chemistry and physics. Interested candidates should reach out to Rice's principal, Lisa Lorenz at lorenz@rmhsvt.org.

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

PTO MEETING MINUTES

Monday, Oct. 1, 2018



Present: C. Pratt, R. Bubnis, J. Germaine, S. Nichols, P. Armando, H. Gentle, M. Tomlinson, M. Boisvert, C. Wilson

PTO has been asked and will loan the BJAMS Athletics Dept a portion of money to help pay for the new soccer uniforms for grades 1-8. Term: Athletics will repay the PTO by the end of the year through a Winter or Spring fundraiser generated by the Athletics Dept.

Classroom Parents have been assigned. S. Nichols will be in contact via email to see if the position is accepted by each parent. This parent's job is to be the communication between the PTO and the rest of the class.

Trunk or Treating Event on Friday Oct 26, 2018 from 5:30-7:00pm.

Trunk or Treating Event - (Pre-K to 5th graders)

Trunks - 20 trunks. 5 trunks per class. There will be a couple of trunks for the gluten free, nut free, and food allergy kids and families.

Ask families to help the trunks by donating candy.

Need 4 or 5 parents to make chili or soup - Chili, vegetarian chili, and chicken noodle soup. Will ask for a nonperishable food item for donation to the food shelf. We will set up a donation jar.

M. Tomlinson will create a sign-up sheet and share more information in Friday Notes this week.

1st and 2nd grades will host movie nights in Ms. Greene's room starting on October 05. It's only open to those grades and siblings.

4th and 5th grade classes will go to the Maritime Museum together in the Spring and 2nd and 3rd will do a field trip together in the spring.

BJAMS Merchandise

November (before Christmas) there will be a sweatshirt sale. More of a service than a fundraiser. There will be 3 choices: blue, burgundy, and gold. There will be a choice of hoodies or zip-ups. You may also have the choice to embroider your child's name on the sleeve.

November thru December- Wreath Sale- Pamphlet / order form will go home on Oct. 05th. - Due back on Nov. 2nd. Delivered on Mon., Nov. 26th. Ready for families to pick up on Nov. 27th. (Nickie and Heather Gentle)

November and December- Poinsettia Sale- Try to tie it in with the wreath sale. We are contacting Claussen's Greenhouse for a price list.

January (spirit week)- We will have a spirit sale table: BJAMS t-shirts, trucker hats, key chains, bumper stickers, and a raffle bag.

January- Read-a-thon- Ties it in with the book sale. For example - Child collects \$30 (average) per person to read for 20 minutes a day for 2 weeks. Have to give 15-20% back to the company (read-a-thon.org). Could make it really fun with prizes on the last Friday. Top 3 get something from the Book Fair and amount of minutes read is announced. Not sure how to keep track of it... maybe everyone gets a sheet and teacher or parent has to sign off on it. Then it's tallied at the end of 2 weeks. Kind of like a summer reading program?

February or March- Parent Assembly to talk about their career. Kind of like "What do I want to be when I grow up" presentation. Have it right after school. Had a discussion about possible parents that could share about their careers.

March- International Day- Each grade takes a country. Grades K - 8. Pay \$6 for a tray. Class parent reaches out to classes for parent support on researching the country.



Only a couple more days to ... 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.

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

You can direct any questions to Coach Peter Schmeackle 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.