

BISHOP BROSSART HIGH SCHOOL

Calendar for December

3 – 5	Fri-Sun	Senior Retreat #2 at St. Anne's, Melbourne
4	Sat	Euchre Tourn – Heg. Hall – 6:30 PM
6	Mon.	PTU Meeting – Heg. Hall – 7 PM
8	Wed.	Holy Day – No Classes
9	Thurs.	School Board Meeting – Heg Hall – 7 PM
11	Sat.	Diocesan 8 th Grade Placement Test – Heg. Hall - 9:00 AM – Noon
20,21,22	Mon-Wed	Semester Exams
23	Thurs.	Begin Christmas Break Snowball Dance – St. Mary Undercroft – 8:00 PM – Midnight
Jan 3	Mon	Classes Resume Begin 3 rd Quarter/2 nd Semester
Jan 9	Thurs.	Financial Aid Night – 6:30 PM Heg. Hall

Semester Exams

Please note... Semester exams are scheduled for Monday, December 20, Tuesday, December 21 and Wednesday, December 22. Monday & Tuesday will be full days. Wednesday, December 22 will be an early dismissal at approx. 11:00 AM.

Straight "A" Tickets

Once again, students who hit a home run academically can earn free Reds tickets as the Cincinnati Reds kick off the 2011 Straight-A Program. The Reds have designated the Straight-A Program to reward academic achievement among students in grades seven through twelve. Bishop Brossart High School will be participating in this year's program along with hundreds of other schools.

Students obtaining an "A" or "A-" average (BBHS-3.40 GPA for 1st Semester) in academic subjects are eligible for the free tickets. Qualifying students will be given an order form redeemable for tickets. Each Straight-A student will be able to select two free View Level tickets for one of the designated Straight-A dates on the Reds' 2011 schedule.

Schoolbelles Annual Winter Sale

Schoolbelles (our school uniform provider) is holding their annual Winter Sale from November 14 – January 5.

The entire stock is 20% - 40% off and the sale prices are available at the retail locations, by phone (888.736.3037), or you can shop online at www.schoolbelles.com. Stock up or take this opportunity to freshen your child's school wardrobe.

Lunch Account Balances

Lunchbox accounts are updated daily on Edline. Please check your child's balance regularly to keep them in the black. Students with more than \$10 in charges may be subject to a detention.

We are working to make e-payments available early next year. More information on this will follow.

From the Principal's Desk

As we enter December we begin the countdown. For some it's merely the countdown to days off and presents, but for the Church we are entering a much greater countdown, the Advent countdown to the coming of our Lord. I hope that through this month, both at home and here at school, we can remember to keep Christ's coming and its infinite significance for us at the forefront of our thoughts.

Nonetheless, we do have regular business to attend to as well, and I want to remind everyone to encourage your son or daughter to keep their academic focus strong as we move into semester exams. For many students those exams will be make or break opportunities, so I urge you to encourage them to take advantage of every opportunity for review and assistance that is available to them prior to exams.

Also too, we are entering into winter, and with winter comes the possibility of severe weather. We will, of course, continue to use all of the available modes of communication to announce delays or closures, including TV and radio announcements and all calls. However, our school webpage will likely be the earliest source for information on closures and delays, as we are able to control that directly ourselves. Both the TV and all-call systems may have some delay as they process through the system. We will always strive to post announcements before 5:30 am.

Let me stress as well that any time that school is open but in your judgment your particular location or circumstance make it unsafe for your child to come in, you absolutely have the school's permission to keep your child at home. We will always strive to make decisions that protect the safety of the student body as a whole, but we can not know the specific conditions that each student may face. We will always accept your judgment if you feel you need to keep your child home.

Finally, this month we begin the first phases of our Annual Appeal. I cannot stress how important the Annual Appeal is to the health of our school. I know that these are difficult economic times, but as they do for you, these economic times make it harder and harder for the school to meet its financial obligations. As a result it is ever more important that we be able to count on the charity and generosity of our community, so when you are contacted, please give as generously as your circumstances allow. Our children must always be our first priority in making economic decisions, and when you help the school, you help them

God bless, and have a holy Advent season.

Richard L. Stewart
Principal

Yearbook Update

Attention Parents & Students:

The 2009/2010 Bishop Brossart Yearbook is almost here! The scheduled ship date received from Jostens is December 25, 2010. Typically, books are shipped prior to that date. Hopefully they will come in before we leave for Christmas break! This year, all current Brossart students will get their yearbook at school. Once they come in, an announcement will be made and students can pick them up from Mrs. Sheehy before and after school. For 2010 Seniors, the yearbooks will be mailed to their homes. Any questions can be directed to Mrs. Sheehy by email: rsheehy@bishoppbrossart.org

Counselor's Corner, Sr. Mary Tereze

College/ Tech School Applications

Seniors should be completing and submitting college applications.

Scholarships

Check college & technical school websites, fastweb, etc. Watch for requirements and DEADLINES! Letters of recommendation will be needed. Seniors should have completed their "personal profile" (BBHS website) and saved it. A copy is given to the person they ask to write a letter (**at least 2 weeks in advance**)! Be sure to indicate the purpose of the letter.

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

The FAFSA should be submitted as soon after January 1st as possible. This form requires figures from your 2010 tax return. The Guidance Office may have some new paper applications in December. Online submission is *highly recommended*. Worksheets for the online application are available in the Guidance Office or you can visit FAFSA on the web at WWW.FAFSA.ED.GOV.

KEES Accounts

You can check your son/daughter's KEES account online at www.kheaa.com. You will need to apply for an ID and password to access their account.

Looking for Career Information??

Check out www.workforcekentucky.ky.gov or www.bls.gov.oco for helpful information on career choices.

Sophomore PLAN Test Results

The results of the PLAN tests were distributed to Sophomores in class. They were instructed to take their results home and share them with their parents. In addition to test scores, the report included a career inventory which might be worth discussing with your son/daughter.

Junior PSAT Test Results

PSAT results will be available in December.

Financial Aid Info Night

...will be held in Hegenauer Hall on January 9th at 6:30 pm.

Beta Club News

We welcomed 46 new members into Beta at our recent induction ceremony breaking a record for new members and bringing the total Beta membership to 95! We hope all members will continue their commitment to service through their high school career and throughout their lives after graduation helping to make our world a better place.

Brossart students have also been very generous through their giving in the Turkey Bowl. Items collected by Student Council have been donated to help the Little Sisters of the Poor, Echo Soup Kitchen, Brighton Center, a local mentoring program for teens at-risk, Big Brothers and Sisters at Holmes Middle School, and Food for the Poor.

In addition, the Beta Club is involved in a number of holiday activities to make it a more joyful season for all. They are making Christmas boxes for clients of Active Day, sponsoring a family through Catholic Charities, and volunteering at two events with Santa!

Following is a list of the activities planned for December:

- Wed., Dec. 1 Active Day Adult Day Care
- Sat., Dec. 4 Lunch with Santa – City of Alexandria
- Sat. Dec. 11 Lunch with Santa – Campbell Ridge
- Sat., Dec. 11 HONK
- Wed., Dec. 15 Notre Dame Education Center
- Mon., Dec. 21 ECHO Soup Kitchen

May you have a blessed Advent and a Merry Christmas celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, God with us.

- Ms. Glaab

BETA Club

Seniors

Ryan Beck, Ashley Bremke, Chelsie Brewer, Lindsey Brossart, Kristen Campbell, Roslyn Day, Kyle Dorriere, Carmen Enzweiler, Alex Good, Lindsey Griffith, Sarah Hamm, Erin Hertenberg, Becca Kidney, Abbie Kremer, Lauren Kremer, Michael Krutzkamp, Justin Reed, Nicole Ridder, Rachel Schoulthies, Gabrielle See, and Natalie Woeste.

Juniors

Rachel Barnett, Erin Baumann, Kiley Buring, Simon Burkhardt, Lilly Cook, Natalie Fielders, Katie Hagedorn, Ashley Hamberg, Sara Johnson, Abbie Kramer, Kendall Kramer, Abigail Kyle, Sean Meyer, Mary Beth Schack, Craig Schutzman, Elizabeth Smith, Emily Stapleton, Julia Steffen, Linsley Stiles, Dylan Tierney, Alanna VanBenschoten, and Alex Weiglein.

Sophomore

Mackenzie Bertram, Paige Bracke, Natalie Campbell, Shannon Donnelly, Delaney Elam, Emily Greis, Elena Humpert, Cassidy Koetting, Courtney Ledonne, Shelly Neiser, Courtney Neltner, Amanda Pfefferman, Mallory Rolf, Katie Sandfoss, Kaitlyn Sansom, Kaitlyn Schultz, Lauren Seiter, Bridget Sheanshang, and Kelsey Zalac.

BETA Club Continued

Freshmen

Allie Anstead, Emma Aviles, Rachel Barth, Drew Berkemeyer, Courtney Bourgeois, Carmen Brossart, Brittany Burkhardt, Drew Burns, Emily Carmack, Megan Dierig, Jamie Flaucher, Marissa Frommeyer, Sarah Futscher, Abigail Gebauer, Paige Grothaus, Amy Hamberg, Megan Hamberg, Katie Heeg, Kari Hickman, Alex Hinkel, Olivia Johnston, Taylor Koch, Madison Linebach, Jaimie Reis, Scott Sanker, Kayla Schack, Maria Schack, Madison Schneider, Gretchen Trumbo, Carly Weiglein, Heather Whittle, and Becca Williams.

Campus Ministry

December 3, 4, 5	Senior Retreat
7 & 14	Holmes
14	Advent Penance Service
15	March for Life deposit due
23	Bagging - County Market

NOT CHRISTMAS MUSIC BUT A GREAT CHRISTMAS PRESENT!!!

2008 grad, Lee Roessler recently released **Let Love**, his newest album. In addition to his work in our Diocese and parishes all over the country, some highlights of Lee's ministry include Catholic Underground, Chicago & Philly, Re-Charge NY, KY, IA & IL, The National Catholic Youth Conference, ministry to the streets with The Extreme Tour GA – NY. He's played main stage at Ichthus, Spirit Song, Kings Island, The Fest and New Song and Abbey Fest, LA with Matt Maher, 10th Avenue North, Family Force Five, Third Day...Lee has been invited to perform at the National Conference for Catholic Youth Ministers in New Orleans Dec. 9 -12. He also directs Brossart's Liturgical Band.

Lee's song **You Know** is being promoted to radio. Hear it and the single **Let Love** at www.leeroesslermusic.com

The **Let Love** cd (11 songs) can be purchased for \$15 at Brossart from Mrs. Heim or at Country Heart.

SCRIPS + GIFT LIST = \$\$\$ FOR BBHS

The holidays are fast approaching...
If you are in need of gift cards for the holidays, consider using the BBHS Scrip Program so the school can benefit from your purchase. Order form is available at this link: (<http://www.bishopbrossart.org/pdfs/scripsorderform.pdf>) and can be filled out and sent back to school or you can e-mail your order directly to Pat Bremke, the coordinator of the program. Her address is pbremke@insightbb.com or call 635-5543.

Orders can be picked up at school.
Be sure to order before Dec. 10 to guarantee orders will be filled.
Any questions call the school or contact Pat.

Additional information about the program:
<http://www.bishopbrossart.org/pdfs/ScripProgramMarch2010.pdf>

VIRTUS Program Update

Two changes will go into effect on January 1, 2011 to simplify the Safe Environment Program in the Diocese.

1. You will read only bulletins. You will not receive Quarterly modules or Recertification modules.
2. Suspended accounts will be opened for three weeks during December, April and August so you can get caught up. So if you wish to volunteer during the next quarter, reading your bulletins will alert the parish or school that you are available to volunteer.

On December 1st all accounts that have been suspended will be released.

Please check your account. If you have bulletins that need attention, please take care of these in a timely manner. If these are not read, your account will be put in suspension again, and will remain there for a three month period, during which time you will not be able to volunteer.

If you cannot remember your log in, you can email Millie Rawe - mrawe@bishopbrossart.org and she can assist you.

Thank you for your continued stewardship to BBHS.

BBHS Music Department Christmas Potluck Concert

Thursday December 16th - 7:00 in Hegenauer Hall

The BBHS Music Department will present its Third Annual Christmas Potluck Concert on Thursday December 16th at 7:00 PM in Hegenauer Hall! Admission is free, however we ask that you bring a canned good to share in the spirit of giving. All donations will be sent to our friends at Brighton Center!

Come and hear the sounds of our Instrumental Class and Chamber Singers as they perform Jazz, Latin, Rock, and Classical music from artists like Eddie Harris, Rodgers and Hammerstein, and the Trans Siberian Orchestra. Dinner begins at 7:00! Bring your friends and family for a night of fun, fellowship, and good music!



Donation Barrels

We have donation barrels here at school for both coats for St. Vincent dePaul and also for **Toys for Tots**. Drop off your unwanted winter coats or new, unwrapped toys here at school. Donation barrels will be available until Dec. 15th.

Athletic Dept. News

Website: Don't forget to check out the Athletic Website at www.mustangathletics.org for the latest game results, scores, pictures and athletic news. There are links to other sports sites as well as forms and information.

Basketball: The boys varsity open season play with a triple header Tuesday night at St. Henry High school and travel to Silver Grove on Wednesday. The girls varsity takes on Lloyd Memorial Wednesday evening with JV and varsity games.

Green White Night: Thanks to everyone for another successful Green White Night. We sold a lot of season passes, spirit shop items and other things.

Cheerleaders: The football varsity Cheerleaders were honored at Green White Night for their in-game competition Championship against 13 other schools.

Spaghetti Dinner: The 8th Annual Spaghetti Dinner was a huge success setting a record for the dinner. Thanks for everyone's support.

Passes: Season basketball passes for boys are \$30 each, Girls \$30 each and a combination pass for \$50. They will be available at the first home game.

Physicals: You need to get physicals completed prior to the first tryout date to start. You will also need proof of insurance and if this is your first sport there is a \$75.00 participation fee per year. Spring sports begin February 15. Any student athlete who does not have a physical on the first day of tryouts will be sent home. No exceptions.

Baseball: The baseball team is hosting a Euchre Tournament on Saturday, December 4 in Hegenauer Hall. Doors open at 6:30; first game at 7:00. \$20 buy-in includes, food, soft drinks, snacks, desserts and prizes. Please reserve a spot by calling Matt Grosser at school (ext. 128) or e-mailing him at mgrosser@bishopbrossart.org.

New Coaches: Josh Feldmann will begin this year as the new Head Girl's Basketball Coach. He will bring two new assistant coaches to the program as well with Sarah Garwood and Jeff Schaefer. They open home play with Lloyd Memorial Wednesday evening.

Fall Wrapup:

Football: The boys varsity football team finished with an overall 6-5 record and qualified for the Class A Kentucky Playoffs for the second straight season. They will make the jump to Class AA next season.

Volleyball: Coach Pennie Wiseman's varsity crushed Campbell County to win the 36th District Championship and eventually end up with the best record in school history finishing 25-9.

Boys Golf: The boys varsity golf team won the 10th Region Touchstone All "A" Region Championship beating second place Paris. The Mustangs played in the All "A" State Tournament in Richmond September 11. They participated in the All "A" Region, NKAC and KHSAA Regional.

Girls Golf: The girls varsity golf team also qualified for the Touchstone All "A" State as 10th Region Champions. The Lady 'Stangs advanced as a team to play in Richmond, Ky. Lauren Seiter was medalist for the girls tournament. They also finished play in the NKAC and Regional Tournaments.

Boys Soccer: The boys varsity won the Scott Christian Memorial Tournament and wound up the season with an 11-7-2 record.

Girls Soccer: The girls varsity finished 6-10-2 on the season and made a solid late season run beating Newport Central Catholic in the District and taking Notre Dame to two overtimes in Region play.

Boys Cross Country: The varsity boys cross country enjoyed a great season finishing 2nd in Region play as well as 2nd in KHSAA State Competition. Coach Rob Braun's team had an outstanding year.

The varsity team finished 2nd in the State Meet, 7 points behind St. Henry. Seniors Zac Holtkamp (3rd), Jack Foster (10th), and Freshman Michael Caldwell (11th) lead the team and were specially recognized and awarded medals for being among the top 15 individuals in the State in the Class A Race. Seniors Andy Wolfer and Barrett Kues, Junior Brain Neltner and Freshman Andrew Kramer were members of the varsity team which ran their best race this season, and the best in several years. Congratulations to the team and especially the seniors for the great season!

Zac Holtkamp was selected by the Northern Kentucky Coaches Association as the Runner of the Year in Northern Kentucky—Great Accomplishment Zac! Jack Foster was selected to the First Team, Andy Wolfer 2nd Team, and Brian Neltner and Michael Caldwell received Honorable Mention recognition. Zac Holtkamp was also chosen for the Kentucky Army National Guard Leadership Award out of all the runners in the Class A State Meet.

Girls Cross Country: The girls Cross Country team finished 5th in the Regional meet. Olivia Nienaber and Olivia Johnston both qualified for the State meet. At the State meet Olivia Nienaber placed 10th with the third fastest time ever by a Brossart runner (19:54). She was named Second Team All State. Both Olivias were named to the Northern Kentucky All Region team. Olivia Johnston was named to the Honorable Mention team and Olivia Nienaber to the 1st Team.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICE NEWS

Opinions / Comments!! Contact: 635-2108 Ext. 124

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ANNUAL APPEAL... The informational booklet for this year's campaign will be arriving in your mailbox. This year's goal is \$90,000 and will support TWO of our most important budget needs at BBHS.... General Operations and Tuition Assistance. Please be as generous as you can and more importantly be assured your contribution will mean more than ever to our present BBHS students and families.

FEASIBILITY STUDY.... The BBHS community wishes to thank the individuals and families that participated in our recent feasibility study. The private interviews were conducted to determine the potential support of whether to continue the unfinished construction phase here on campus (estimated between \$8-11million) or to consider an alternate site for a completely new design including sports fields (estimated between \$21-23million). As in every major survey, a very small group represents a relatively large consensus in the final analysis. Our consultant, WRG Associates, is presently preparing the report that will be presented to diocesan officials in early December. Upon their review, the diocese will determine the next step.

MUSTANG MONTHLIES... NOVEMBER WINNERS INCLUDE: (\$25 Each) Delores See, Patricia McGarr, Bill & Judy Rawe, Ed Schroeder, Jim & Connie Stadtmiller and Tony & Char White. Next drawing will be Monday, December 6th at the PTU Meeting.

7th & 8th GRADE OPEN HOUSE... A very special thanks to everyone who assisted the school during our Open House in October. Our guests were indeed grateful for the "green carpet" treatment as indicated by their wonderful comments and expressions to the faculty, staff, coaches and students alike during the activity. A fantastic job by everyone!

8TH GRADE VISITS.... District 8th graders visited BBHS on November 9th and 11th. During their 3-hour stay they participated in group activities, visited BBHS students in various classes and joined our seniors for a special pizza party. Again, it was a great day for all and a rewarding experience for our guests.

DIOCESAN PLACEMENT EXAM.... The Diocesan Placement Exam for incoming freshmen will be held Saturday, DECEMBER 11 from 9:00 a.m. – 12 Noon in Hegenauer Hall. A \$20.00 registration fee is required. Results of the test will serve as the basis for the seven academic scholarships at BBHS. **VERY IMPORTANT NOTE** – According to current diocesan guidelines, students may take the Placement Exam at any high school they wish, but will only be eligible for merit scholarships based on the test from the school at which they take it. The Placement Exam will be held the same day and time at all schools. For more information feel free to call BBHS at 859-635-2108.

EMERALD GALA..... WOW! What a "GROOVIN" time at this year's event on Saturday, November 19th. We all owe a very special THANKS to this year's chairperson, MARK BAUMANN for a flat-out, great effort that included a small but powerful committee that included Sandy Decker, Sherrie Foppe, Cathy Gerde, Ann Greely, Darren Hackworth, Ron Heiert, Nancy Icard, Amy Kyle, Jamie Parks and Bill & Janice Walz. The committee extends its deepest appreciation to the wonderful people at St. Philip's Parish who provided BBHS with a "first class" facility and the hospitality to match. Special thanks to Pastor, Rev. Robert Rottgers, Sister Dolores Gohs, Teresa Frilling, Dan & Juanita Schultz, Brenda Steelman and John Garlich for all their support. Thanks to everyone who provided gift items and other donations of time, talents and treasure for our live and silent auctions, our wonderful sponsors, Emcee John Popovich of WCPO-TV, and our great friends Jack Nelson and Rob Kuper at Nelson's Tents. Thanks to Charlie Parker of Jack's Catering for the excellent dining experience. For those of you that missed the event, you missed "The REMAINS." And you missed a very entertaining segment with our good friend Todd Schafer along with Jenny Lovelace. Last but not least, our BBHS students can take a bow after their performance before, during and after event. Our kids, under the watchful eye of Mrs. Greely, returned 1,807 SOLD raffle tickets before the event and earned an "early dismissal" from Mr. Stewart for the Thanksgiving holiday break. And speaking of the raffle, congratulations to Joe & Pat Bremke and their family, winners of the \$5,000 Grand Raffle. Next month, we'll announce the financial results of the gala. But today, we take a deep breath and say "THANK YOU" to everyone for making this "GROOVIN" gala a tremendous success.

CORPORATE MATCHING GIFTS... Many local companies offer dollar for dollar matching gifts to non-for-profit organizations such as Bishop Brossart High School. Check with your company HR dept. to see if your employer offers such a program. It is just another way to raise funds for our school. Your gift will go a long way in paying for school expenses.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT... SAVE THIS DATE..... WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2011

Appearing together for the first time ever TWO
of the most respected sports broadcasters in the country....

Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame broadcaster
MARTY BRENNEMAN
and...
the "Voice of the Kentucky Wildcats"
TOM LEACH

Share Marty & Tom's inside thoughts and stories related to the many legendary members of the Cincinnati Reds and the BIG BLUE. Relive the "Glory Days" of the Big Red Machine, the "Nasty Boys", Sparky and the "Ol' Lefthander", Kentucky's SEVEN NCAA Basketball championship teams, Coach Rupp and Caywood Ledford...and many more stories leading up to Joey Votto's MVP award and the transition to Coach Calipari and Joker Phillips in Wildcat Country.

Seither Sports Center 7:30 p.m. LIMITED SEATING (ONLY 750 TICKETS SOLD)

Pre-Sale BBHS Tickets: \$20.00 / Adults \$10.00 / Students BBHS! Get your tickets NOW!

Purchase Pre-Sale tickets for Christmas.

Event will be promoted to the General Public.....

\$25.00 / Adults \$15.00 / Students

Includes hors d'oeuvres

Proceeds benefit the BBHS General Operation and Tuition Assistance funds.

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