



# BOBCAT BULLETIN

Edition #9 BETHEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER November 12, 2018

*In Christ Alone: by Grace alone, by Faith alone, by Scripture alone*

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**ALL A's:**  
Carly Krohn Grade 8

**HOT LUNCH WORKERS:** We are trying to adjust and we need help. We want to keep the costs down and eliminate waste. When you work a hot lunch, give Amanda, Aubrey or me feedback. Was too much food purchased? Were there any other notable items? As the year goes on we want to work to get quantities right, we want you to have the supplies you need, and make your job as easy as possible. **Also, we cannot keep leftovers at school. Workers are free to take home left over food, or it will have to be thrown out.**

**HOT LUNCH:** Thanks to those who served hot lunch this past Wednesday! Next Wednesday will be a special holiday hot lunch. The menu will include turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, rolls, and pumpkin pie. Our workers for Wednesday are scheduled to be **Seifferly, Szostek, and Thunberg.**

**THIS NEWS LETTER WILL COVER A TWO WEEK PERIOD. YOUR NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE PUBLISHED ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2018.**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Make sure you plan to have your child in attendance each Sunday at 9:00 AM. After dropping off your child how about attending Bible Class in the multipurpose room at the same time?

**CHAPEL:** During the second quarter of the school year BLS will support Michigan Lutheran Seminary. Our offering for this week was **\$26.50**. Our total for the quarter was **\$26.50**.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION MEETING:** A new date has been found for a meeting of the Early Childhood Committee. The date is **Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 PM. If you would like to participate in this committee please plan to attend.

**HONOR ROLL:** BLS has an honor roll for students in grades 6-8. Congratulations to those students who have made honor roll for the first quarter of this school year! I hope everyone tries his/her best to make this list each quarter.

**ALL A's and B's:**

Heidi Dahn Grade 6  
Alivia Kukla Grade 6  
Isaiah Killinger Grade 7  
Kyle Krohn Grade 7

**CHRISTMAS EXCHANGE NAMES:** Your child's teacher will facilitate the exchange of student names for Christmas gifts to be given when individual classrooms have their room Christmas parties on December 21<sup>st</sup>. This will be done before Thanksgiving break. Please ask your child for his/her exchange name and assist in purchasing a gift. It is suggested that you spend around \$5.00.

**BEAUTY AND THE BEAST:** This Friday our entire school will attend **Beauty and the Beast** at MLS. We will be leaving around 8:00 AM and returning by 12:00. Students will have lunch at school as is normal. Thanks to all those who have volunteered to drive.

**GIRLS' BB TOURNAMENT:** The girls will play in their first tournament this coming **Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**. It is a one day tournament in Vassar. The address is 220 Athletic Street, Vassar MI. Please note the address given is for an entire complex on which sits several schools. The Middle School is in the back corner! That's all I know, hope you can figure it out.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Happy birthday to:  
Chloe Szostek 11/22 Pre.  
Logan Szostek 11/25 Gr. 5

**THANKSGIVING VACATION:** Thanksgiving vacation this year will be from **November 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>**. There will be no school on these days. Classes will resume after Thanksgiving break on **Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup>**. God's blessings on your Thanksgiving celebration!

**THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE GRADES 1-8 SING:**

Our congregation will have its annual Thanksgiving Eve church service on **Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>** starting at 6:30 PM. All students, Grades 1 to 8, will be singing for the service. Please make plans to attend!

**BOYS' BASKETBALL:** The boys' basketball season is coming up fast. I still don't have a complete schedule of games, but I can pass along a little information. Mr. Thoofit will be coaching our "A" team this year, and Steve Powers will be coaching the "B" team. Thanks to these two men for volunteering. All practices will be from 3:00 to 5:00 unless otherwise noted. Both teams will practice on the same dates and times.

**Practices:**

12/10

12/13

12/17

12/20

**GIRLS' BASKETBALL:**

**Practices:**

11/15 3 to 5

11/20 3 to 5

11/26 3 to 5

11/29 3 to 5

12/3 3 to 5

**Games:** (Game time 5:30 PM unless otherwise noted)

11/13 vs. Emanuel Tawas @ Bethel

11/17 BALL TOUREY @ CENT. ELEM. In VASSAR

11/19 vs. St. Paul's Frankenlust @ Bethel

11/27 vs. GS Bur. @ Gloria Dei, Grd Blanc@4:30 PM

11/30 vs. St. John's Sag./Hem. @ Bethel

12/7-8 MLS SMALL SCHOOL TOURNAMENT

12/14-15 MLS LARGE SCHOOL TOURNAMENT

**CLASSROOM NEWS:**

**Preschool:** As we prepare for the Thanksgiving holiday, the preschool classes will conclude the theme *Sleep Tight*. This week the letter will be H and the number 8. They will also talk about bedtime routines, sleepovers, dreams, and ways they can be a helper. The four year olds will be wrapping up their study of the Israelites as they enter the Promised Land with *God Gives His People Jericho*. The memory treasure is 1 Corinthians 10:31: *Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God*. The three year olds will learn about young Samuel in *God Speaks to Samuel*. They will learn that Samuel showed his love for God by obeying God, his parents and Eli. The memory treasure is Colossians 3:20: *Children obey your parents*. The four year olds will also be going to see "Beauty and the Beast" on Friday, November 16. The children will be picking names for their Christmas party

gift exchange. The children will also begin preparations for the Children's Christmas service; a copy of their song and recitation will be coming home next week. Please help to review their part at home as they prepare for the service. Have a relaxing and blessed Thanksgiving Break!

**Kindergarten:** This week in Word of God, the class will learn how Jesus used his almighty power to heal two young people and how we are to show love to one another. Letter book S has been completed and Letter book L will be started this week. The children will continue to work on identifying the beginning, middle or ending sounds in words. They will also be learning about the l blends – cl, gl, and sl. A new list of words will also be coming home this week. Please be sure to practice them with your child. In math, the children have been doing very well adding two groups together. They will now learn how to do subtraction phrases. In science the class has finished its unit on natural resources and has begun a new one on the weather. This week's sight word is "I" and the color word is "white". Show and Tell for this week will be things that are white or begin with the letter S. Have a safe and blessed Thanksgiving!

**Memory Work:**

Tuesday, November 13 – none

Wednesday, November 14 – 12A John 14:19

Thursday, November 15 – none

Friday, November 16 – 12B John 11:25

Monday, November 19 – none

Tuesday, November 20 – 13A Ephesians 4:32

**Grades 1-2:** Because of the short weeks this week and next, we will be taking our spelling test next Monday. We will also recite the Memory Treasures on Tuesday of next week. Please keep your child's homework binder until next Tuesday. With the cold weather, please make sure your child has a winter coat, hat and gloves at school **every day**. When it snows, please send your child's snow gear (snow boots, snow pants, etc) in a reusable shopping bag. This makes it easier to keep track of everything. Please place Scholastic Book orders online using code Q4X4B and continue to read and color in reading logs for November. Don't forget Grades 1-8 are singing in church for the Thanksgiving service on Wednesday, November 21. I wish everyone a blessed Thanksgiving with family and friends!

**Grades 3-5:** This newsletter covers the next two weeks. This week the song *The Lord of Harvest* is due on Wednesday. On Thursday, spelling unit 9 will be due. On Friday, memory work is due. On Friday we will be leaving for the MLS play at 8; please make sure your child is to school on time so we can get to MLS promptly. 4th grade will have a math test over chapter 4. A note will be sent home this week with information about our next field trip, Career Day at the Bay Arenac ISD. Please return this permission slip by next week before Thanksgiving. The week of 11/19-11/23 our

class will have no spelling or memory work because of the short week, but hymn #610 *Now Thank We All our God* will be due on Wednesday. 3rd graders will have a test over chapters 2-3 in social studies. Please note that the students sing in church on Wednesday evening at 6:30 for the Thanksgiving Eve Service. Blessings on your weeks ahead and your Thanksgiving celebration!

**Grades 6-8:** The last days before Thanksgiving break will be very busy. A couple of things are the MLS play on Friday and the girls' tournament on Saturday. There is a lot of subject matter to try to finish before our break so that I can send home my students with very little to do on vacation. Friday is the deadline to get a book approved for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. Please make sure your child does this on time. I will soon be sending home a Christmas exchange name so that you can include shopping for your child's exchange gift on Black Friday. Parent consultations went well. Thanks to all of you that attended and offered helpful comments. I will also be handing out Children's Christmas Service information very soon. My students have narrator parts this year. Make sure you check in with your child and assist in his/her preparation. There will be a few tests to get in before the break. There will be unit tests in math for all grades and at least one more science and social studies test. I hope the girls have a great tournament this weekend. Go, Bobcats! Happy Thanksgiving to everyone!

- 12/9 CEA Coffee Hour – Crites
- 12/15 Bethel Fellowship Spirit Hockey Game @ 7:00
- 12/21 Last Day of school before Christmas Vacation  
½ Day  
Children's Christmas Service @ 6:30 PM
- 12/22-1/6 Christmas Vacation
- 1/7 Classes Resume after Christmas Vacation
- 1/11 Principals' Conference
- 1/13 CEA Business Meeting @ 11:00 AM
- 1/15 2019-2020 Preschool Enrollment Begins
- 1/18 BLS End 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter  
Faculty In Service – ½ Day
- 1/21-25 – Lutheran Schools Week
- 1/23 Report Cards Sent Home
- 1/27 Lutheran Schools' Sunday  
Chili Cook Off
- 1/29 MAP Testing Window Begins

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

**CHOIR SCHEDULE:**

(Cantate = Grades. 4-8; Cherub = Grades 1-3)

- 11/18 Cantate Choir**
- 11/21 Grades 1-8 Thanksgiving**
- 12/9 Cantate Choir
- 12/21 Pre-8 Children's Christmas Service
- 1/27 Pre-8 Sing – Lutheran Schools' Sunday

**GIRLS' CLUB:** Please note the following meeting dates of the Girls' Club. All gatherings are at Bethel from 3:00 to 4:15 PM

- Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**
- Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> Caroling
- Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>
- Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>

**BOY PIONEERS:**

- Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> Caroling**

**COMING UP:**

- 11/12 Faculty In Service in Am – Parent Consultations in PM - No School**
- 11/16 MLS Beauty and the Beast**
- 11/17 BALL Girls' Tournament @ Vassar**
- 11/19 Girls' Club @ Bethel @ 3:00 PM**
- 11/21 Thanksgiving Eve Church Service @ 6:30**
- 11/21-23 – BLS Thanksgiving Vacation – No School**
- 11/29 Early Childhood Committee Meeting – 6:30 PM
- 12/1 Christmas for Kids
- 12/2 Congregational Caroling