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Edition #17 BETHEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER February 4, 2019

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fees and tuition directly to Mr. Dast or Mrs. Virant. Thank you!

CANCELED/RESCHEDULED GAME: As you know basketball games against St. John's were canceled last Tuesday. The new date for our games vs. St. John's is **Thursday, February 14th, starting at 5:30 @ St. John's.**

PINE CAR DERBY: This annual event is coming up on **Saturday, April 13th.** Please see the attached flyer/registration form and sign up as soon as possible. Thanks to Sarah Powers for heading up this annual event.

CEA COFFEE HOUR/HELP NEEDED: The CEA will sponsor the coffee hour on **Sunday, February 10.** Your help is needed. There is a sign up on the front hall bulletin board where you can donate food items. Please help out! Proceeds will go to the CEA treasury. Thanks to Sarah Powers for heading this event.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES: The congregation is collecting gift cards, snack items, microwavable items and etc. for our college and military members (please no canned goods). There are tubs in the church narthex under one of the tables. Please donate to this important project and help our congregation stay connected to these young people! You will have up to this Thursday to bring something in.

MLS TOURNAMENT: Our boys will participate in the MLS large school tournament this coming weekend. Our first game is **Friday, February 8th, at 9:00 AM vs. Trinity.** Our second game will be at 2:50. All "A" team players and students in grades 6-8 (and 5th grade boys playing on the "A" Team) will not have classes for the day. **Preschool through fifth grade will have classes all day as usual.**

THOFT BABY SHOWER: You're invited! Bethel CEA along with Ladies Aid are hosting a baby shower for Zach and Kathryn Thooft. It will be held in the gymnasium on **February 17th at 1p.m.** Please RSVP to **Amanda (989) 280-4706 by February 4th.** Please check your church mailbox for more information! Hope to see you all there!

BAND SURVEY: A survey was sent home over a week ago. In order for us to make appropriate plans that information is VITAL. Yes or no, please fill it out and **return it to school right away.** Thanks!

SUNDAY SCHOOL/BIBLE CLASS: Make sure you plan to have your child in attendance each Sunday at 9:00 AM. Sunday school is just about out of snacks and water. Donations would be appreciated! Adult Bible Class will be held in the MP room at the same time. **Please consider attending on a regular basis!**

CHAPEL: During the third quarter of the school year BLS will support our own Equip for Quality Special Fund. Our offering for this week was **\$26.00.** Our total for the quarter is **\$26.00.** There was no offering this past week since school was closed.

EDUCATIONAL VISION MEETING: A second meeting of this committee had been scheduled for Thursday, January 31st, but was canceled because of no school. This meeting will be rescheduled as soon as possible. Watch for an announcement and plan to attend.

CHILI COOK-OFF: The results are in! Congratulations to Jamiee Crites – This year's champion!

SOME GOOD NEWS: This past **Saturday, February 2nd,** which was Ground Hog Day; Punxsutawney Phil did not see his shadow, so it will be an early spring! ;)

ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS: It has been decided that preschool tuition and school registration fees **can no longer be paid on line.** Those line item options will soon be deleted. Please pay all school and preschool

BOY PIONEERS: The Boy Pioneers have an activity planned for **February 13**. You were to have registered by **Friday, January 25th**, but due to all the stuff going on including bad weather, **you can still register**. Please do so quickly so plans can be made. **Please see the attached flyer for additional information.**

CEA TRIVIA FUNDRAISING NIGHT: Our 1st Annual CEA Trivia Night is on **Saturday, March 2**. Parents, this is replacing our normal fundraiser for CEA that involves selling pizza kits, cookie dough, candy, etc. It is our hope that this becomes an annual event and we get enough support that we do not have to have any other fundraisers this year. If every Bethel family finds at least one team to compete in the Trivia Night it will be a great evening - the more teams, the more successful the event. Teams may register online on the Bethel school website. If trivia is not your thing, please consider helping in some other way that evening. There is a volunteer sign-up sheet in the hallway at school. Any questions regarding this event please contact Jenni Thunberg at thunbergj@bcschools.net. **INITIALLY WE HAD A LOT OF SUPPORT AND INTEREST, BUT THUS FAR THAT HASN'T TRANSLATED INTO ENTERED TEAMS. WE NEED TEAMS! PLEASE PUT TOGETHER A TEAM AND SIGN UP RIGHT AWAY!!!**

TRIVIA VOLUNTEER SIGN UP: Have you signed up to help out on Trivia Night? We need teams! We need help!

HONOR ROLL: Congratulations to those in the 6-8 grades that made honor roll for the 2nd quarter.

All A's:

Carly Krohn Gr. 8

All A's and B's:

Hunter Seifferly Gr. 8

Kyle Krohn Gr. 7

Heidi Dahn Gr. 6

Alivia Kukla Gr. 6

HOT LUNCH: There was no hot lunch this past week due to the weather. Once again last week's menu and workers will be skipped and we will proceed forward with the regular schedule. Our menu for this coming Wednesday will include chicken noodle soup, crackers, salad, rolls, and brownies. Our workers are scheduled to be **Zube, Beutel, and Crites**.

PRESCHOOL OPEN ENROLLMENT 2019-2020:

Bethel Lutheran Preschool has begun accepting enrollments for the 2019-2020 school year on **Tuesday, January 15, 2019**. Please help us get the word out. If you know of a prospect, please contact either Mrs. Virant or myself.

MLS FINE ARTS FAIR: Michigan Lutheran Seminary will host its annual Fine Arts Fair on **Saturday, March 2, 2019**. Our students are encouraged to enter. This year the sign up process is on line and to be done by

parents. The deadline to enter is **Monday, February 18th**.

BIRTHDAYS: Happy birthday to:

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| Zach Beutel | 2/2 | Gr. 2 |
| Ian McGehee | 2/4 | Gr. 2 |
| Nolan Moreno | 2/4 | Pre. |
| Chloe Crites | 2/5 | Gr. 4 |
| Jacob Szostek | 2/9 | Pre. |

BOYS' BASKETBALL:

Practices:

2/4

2/7

2/11

Games: Game time is 5:30 unless otherwise noted.

2/5 vs. St. B./GS/St. John's @ Bethel

2/8-9 MLS Large School Tournament

2/12 vs. Trinity @ Trinity

2/14 vs. St. John's @ St. John's

2/15-16 BALL Tournament @ Tawas

SPIRIT WEEK: Spirit week for this year will be from **February 11th to the 15th**. Please note the following schedule;

2/11 Pajama Day

2/12 Crazy Day

2/13 Formal Dress Up Day

2/14 Favorite Sports Team Day

2/15 Bethel Clothing Day

VOLLEYBALL: Our season begins in about a month.

Practices:

Wed. 2/20 3:00 to 5:00

Thur. 2/21 3:00 to 5:00

Wed. 2/27 3:00 to 5:00

Thur. 2/28 3:00 to 5:00

Matches:

Fri. 3/8 vs. Trinity I @ Trinity @ 5:30

vs. St. John's BC II @ Trinity @ 6:30

Sat. 3/9 BALL TOURNAMENT

Tue. 3/12 vs. St. Luke's @ Immanuel

Frankentrost @ 5:30

vs. Trinity II @ Immanuel Frankentrost

@ 7:30

Fri. 3/15 vs. Tawas @ Tawas @ 5:30

vs. St. John's BC I @ Tawas @ 6:30

Fri. 3/29 vs. GS/SJS @ Bethel @ 5:30

vs. St. Barts @ Bethel @ 7:30

CLASSROOM NEWS:

Preschool: I hope everyone has enjoyed their days off this week. Thank you to the children and families who came to sing on Sunday, January 27. They did a wonderful job praising the Lord with their song. This week the children will begin their theme *In the Mail*. They will be learning about what mail is, envelopes, stamps, and mailboxes. The letter is P, the number 13, the heart shape, and the color pink. The Bible lesson for the 4 year olds is *Jairus'*

Daughter. They will learn Jesus used his almighty power to help Jairus. The memory treasure is John 14:19: *Because I live, you also will live.* And *Jesus Walks on the Water.* They will learn Jesus taught his disciples to put their trust in him for help during times of trouble. The memory treasure is Psalm 50:15: *Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you.* The 3 year olds Bible lesson is *Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man.* They will learn Jesus forgave the man's sins and made him able to walk. The memory treasure is 1 Peter 5:7: *(God) cares for you.* And the lesson *Jesus Feeds More than 5,000 People.* The children will learn Jesus fed more than five thousand people with one lunch. The memory treasure is The Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer: *Give us today our daily bread.* During the week of February 11-15, the students are invited to show their school spirit by participating in some dress up days at school. Watch for more details. At the end of the week the classroom with the most school spirit based on participation in the special days will receive the School Spirit Award. February 18-19 will be parent/teacher conferences. Sign-up sheets will be put out for you to mark the time that works best for you. Enrollment for the 2019-2020 Preschool year has begun. Applications are available from Mrs. Virant. At this time there are still **15** openings in the 4 year old class and **13** openings in the 3 year old class.

Kindergarten: Wow! What a week. The children had a lot of fun last week celebrating Lutheran Schools Week. Thank you parents for driving and helping out at Sky Zone and also for bringing your child to sing on Sunday. Because of all the snow/cold days my lesson plans are way off and I am not quite sure what we will be getting to this week. I do know we will be finishing up our Letter E book. We will also be starting a new chapter in math on sorting. There will be no Show and Tell until further notice. The last day to hand in Book-It sheets for January will be Monday, Feb. 4. A new Book-It sheet for February will be handed out then. Please be sure that when we do make it back to and it is above 10 degrees that your child has the proper outdoor gear. We want to be able to have fun playing on all of the snow hills. Have a great week!

Grades 1-2: I hope everyone enjoyed the recent snowfall and stayed safe and warm with our chilly temps. We will be jumping right back in where we left off. First graders will finish up chapter 7 on telling time in math this week, testing on Thursday. Second grade will finish chapter 7 on money and test early the next week on Tuesday. We are in need of more paper plates for our classroom. Please send some in if you are able. Look for February reading logs to come home this week. Please check your child's homework guide for other information about what we are learning in class, especially spelling words and Memory Treasures.

Grades 3-5: What a crazy week! I hope everyone was able to stay warm and safe! We will be settling back

into the classroom routines after a crazy few days of weather. Hymn #234 *Praise to the Lord the Almighty* will be due on Wednesday. We will have a new spelling unit that will be due on Thursday; we will also have our word test that day. On Friday, memory work will be due. Third and Fourth grade will continue their work with division and fifth grade will continue with their data and graphing chapter in math. In science we will be studying the properties of matter and language arts we will be continuing our writing units. If your child is planning to participate in the MLS Fine Arts Fair, please make sure to sign up before the deadline. Sign up for the Fine Arts Fair is done online through the MLS website. Please help your child stay on top of their daily and weekly work. Blessings on your week!

Grades 6-8: We are going to make a run at it. I hope everyone enjoyed all the free time last week. I can't remember a time when school was closed for weather related reasons five days in a row. There have been many years with many snow days, but not in a row. I hope everyone is ready to do their best to do a little extra in the weeks ahead to get back on track. Things will be a bit different regarding our regular routine. Tests will be handled differently, and classes will be moved around and adjusted. We will also begin our second of three standardized testing cycles this week. Please keep a close eye on **Engrade**. Because of the basketball tournament this week my room will not have class on Friday. I hope everyone takes in a game or two and supports our team.

CHOIR SCHEDULE:

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

2/10 Cherub Choir
 2/17 Cantate Choir Sings
 3/6 Cantate Choir – Ash Wednesday
 3/13 Cherub Choir Sings
 4/14 Cherub & Cantate Sing
 4/19 Cherub & Cantate Sing

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, February 18th
 Monday, March 18th
 Monday, April 15th

BOY PIONEERS: Please note the following meeting dates for Boy Pioneers:

February 13, 2019 @ Duncans @ 3:30

COMING UP:

2/9 Thooft Diaper Party @ Governor's Quarters
2/10 CEA Sponsored Coffee Hour – Powers
 2/11-15 Spirit Week
 2/13 Classroom Pictures for Yearbook
 Boy Pioneers @ Duncans @ 3:30 p.m.
 2/17 Thooft Baby Shower
 2/18-19 Preschool Parent Consultations
 Girls' Club

- 2/22 BLS Faculty In Service – ½ Day
- 2/25 Pastor/Teacher Conference – No school
- 3/1 BLS Team Pictures & Principals' Conference
- 3/2 CEA Trivia Night
MLS Fine Arts Fair
- 3/4&6 Kindergarten Visitation Day
- 3/6 Ash Wednesday CEA Sponsored Soup Supper
- Herrera
- 3/8 Ball League Meeting
- 3/22 BLS End of 3rd Quarter
Faculty in Service ½ Day
- 3/27 BLS Report Cards Out
- 3/31-4/5 BLS Spring Break – No School
- 4/12 Principals' Conference
MLS Lock In
- 4/13 Pine Car Derby
- 4/19 Good Friday Special Pizza Hot Lunch
School dismisses after Church Service
- 4/22 Easter Monday – No School
- 4/24 Eighth Day Career Day at BAISD
- 4/29 Spring MAP Testing Window Opens

MLS BOOSTER CLUB 3 on 3: The MLS Booster Club will be hosting its annual 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament on March 30, 2019 at the MLS gymnasium. Age divisions include 5-8 grade boys and girls. Entry fees are \$75 per team. There is an early bird price of \$65 if you register before **March 3, 2019**. Registration deadline is **March 24, 2019** at midnight. To register, visit www.mlsem.org/3on3

MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY:

MLS FOUNDATION DINNER & AUCTION: You are cordially invited to the MLS Foundation's Cardinal Carnival Dinner & Auction at 4:00 p.m. on **Sunday, February 10,** held at the DoubleTree in Bay City. Tickets are \$40 per person when prepaid by January 31. For details, to purchase tickets, or to donate items, contact the MLS Foundation. Visit mls-foundation.org/events/dinner-auction/, email foundation@mlsem.org, or call 989-793-7511.

MLS BOOSTER CLUB VOLLEYBALL - SAVE THE DATE: MLS will once again be hosting the Booster Club Adult Volleyball Tournament on campus. Cost is \$65.00 per team. Look for more information in the coming months. The dates for the tournament are:
Coed Tournament: Sat., Feb 23, 2019 - 9:00 am
Men's/Women's: Sunday, Feb 24, 2019 - 1:00 pm

YOU'RE INVITED: Michigan Lutheran Seminary cordially invites you to celebrate the ministry of Prof. Marcus Bode. Prof. Bode is currently serving in his forty-third year of public ministry in the WELS, thirty-four of which have been on the MLS campus. A service of thanksgiving to the Lord will be held in the MLS Chapel on **Tuesday, February 12 at 10:00 a.m.** honoring the wishes of Prof. Bode, this service will be a shortened service of Word and song with a brief reception after the service.

MLS SCIENCE & FINE ARTS FAIR: Michigan Lutheran Seminary is pleased to announce that it will once again be hosting the Science and Fine Arts Fair. It takes place on **Saturday, March 2** at MLS. For more information about the day and to sign up please visit www.mlsem.org/SFAF. The deadline to sign up is **February 18, 2019**.