



# BOBCAT BULLETIN

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**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.

**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 this **Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, starting at 5:30 @ St. John's.**

**PINE CAR DERBY:** This annual event is coming up on **Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**. Please register as soon as possible. Thanks to Sarah Powers for heading things up.

**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!

**THOFT BABY SHOWER:** You're invited! Bethel CEA and 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!

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

**MILK MONEY:** It is nearly mid-February and I know part of the problem has been all the missed days, but very few people have paid their milk money for the month of February. Please send your money to school in the morning. Thanks!

**BOY PIONEERS:** The Boy Pioneers have an activity planned for **February 13**. Please contact Mark Fuhrman to register. His contact information was sent home last week.

**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](mailto: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!!!**

**FACULTY IN SERVICE:** The next scheduled faculty in-service is on **Friday, February 22, 2019**. Students will be dismissed at noon. Please be on time to pick up your child. Thanks!

**HOT LUNCH:** Another snow day and another skipped menu and workers. My guess is some of you are feeling pretty lucky! We will move on to the next scheduled entry on our hot lunch schedule. Our menu for this coming Wednesday will include chicken nuggets, tater tots, carrot sticks, celery with peanut butter, and cupcakes. Our workers are scheduled to be **Dahn, Dean, and Figley**.

**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. Please see the attached flyer and enter now. The deadline to enter is **Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Happy birthday to:  
Meadow Gustafson 2/17 Pre.

**BOYS' BASKETBALL:**

**Practices:**

2/11

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

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 11<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup>**. 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 SEASON STARTING SOON:** If your student has signed up to play volleyball, please note that our first practice is next week, Wednesday February 20th, from 3-5 pm. Please remember to bring kneepads to practice. If you do not have kneepads, you can purchase youth volleyball kneepads at most sporting goods stores or online for usually around \$15-\$20. No specific brand or style is required, as long as they are meant for volleyball [not skateboarding pads, etc.] Thank you, and we'll see you at practice soon! - Pastor Killinger

**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:** Happy Valentine's Day! The children will conclude the theme: *In the Mail*. The children will be learning about the US postal system including FedEx, and UPS and also talking about Valentine's Day. The numbers are 13 and 14, the letter is Q, the heart shape, and the color pink. The four year olds Bible lessons are *Jesus Walks on Water* and *Jesus and the Ten Sick Men*. They will learn Jesus taught his disciples to put their trust in him during times of trouble and Jesus healed the ten sick men. The memory treasures are Psalm 50:15 *Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you* and Psalm 118:1 *Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever*. The three year olds Bible lessons are *Jesus Feeds More Than Five Thousand People* and *Jesus Teaches Mary and Martha*. We will learn Jesus fed more than five thousand people with one lunch and Jesus says that hearing his Word is most important. The memory treasures are: The Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer *Give us today our daily bread* and Luke 11:28 *Hear the word of God*. Next Monday and Tuesday, February 18-19 will be parent/teacher conferences. A schedule of the conference times will be coming home with your child this week. Thank you to the parents who volunteered to help with the Valentine's parties this week.

**2019-2020 enrollment update:**

15 openings in the 4 year old class

13 openings in the 3 year old class

**Kindergarten:** This week in Word of God, we will be learning more parables that Jesus taught. In art class, we will be making Valentine bags. We will finally be finishing Letter book E and begin working on Letter book H. In it the children will be meeting their last Superkid, Hot Rod. The sight word for the week is the word *she*. In math, they will continue to work on sorting things by color, shape, and size. Show and Tell for next week will be things that begin with the letter H. Thursday is Valentine's Day. On that day the children

can bring in their valentines for their classmates if they so choose. We will NOT be having a Valentine's Day party. We will be having a 100th Day of School party instead. I will be sending home a separate note about the 100<sup>th</sup> day party when the day gets closer. This week is Spirit Week! During the week, the students are invited to show their school spirit by participating in some dress up days at school. Each day's theme will be posted outside of the classroom door. 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.

**Memory Work:**

Tuesday, February 12 – 9A Matthew 6:33  
 Wednesday, February 13 – 9B Matthew 22:37  
 Thursday, February 14 – none  
 Friday, February 15 – 10A 1 Peter 5:7  
 Monday, February 18 – none

**Grades 1-2:** I hope everyone stayed safe and warm during our ice days this past week. Assuming we have a full week of school this week, we will do our best to catch up- especially in reading and writing. We will take spelling tests from this past week this Tuesday. New spelling words are being sent home. We will take this new spelling test this coming Monday instead of Friday. First graders will take their math test on telling time on Tuesday. Second grade will finish chapter 7 on Money and test on Thursday. Thank you to those who have sent in paper plates. We should be good again for a while. We will exchange valentines in the afternoon on Friday, February 15th. Please look for a list of names in your child's binder. Please also check your child's binder for new Memory Treasures for this week.

**Grades 3-5:** What a crazy last two weeks it has been! Hopefully we can get back settled into classroom routines this week. On Wednesday, hymn #234 *Praise to the Lord the Almighty* will be due. On Thursday, unit 16 in spelling will be due. This unit was assigned last week, but because of the short week last week it will be carried over to this week. We will take our word test on Thursday. On Friday, there will be combined memory work from last week and this week. We will be finishing up the fifth grade writing story unit this week and continuing the third and fourth grade writing a personal narrative unit. Although Valentine's Day is on Thursday, we will pass out valentines on Friday afternoon. Please plan to have your child bring their valentines on Friday. This week is spirit week with the BALL tournament this weekend. Check the newsletter for what is going on each day. Let's show our school spirit! Please help your child stay on top of his or her weekly and daily work. Blessings on your week!

**Grades 6-8:** Have you had enough? This certainly has been quite a winter. I hope things settle down soon. I have been making adjustments to our schedule every day on **Engrade**. Make sure that you and your child check in during bad weather days and

keep up with the changes. I am encouraging my students to take home any and all known uncompleted assignments and long term assignments so that they can make good use of bad weather days. One thing for sure that students should be working on during weather break days is their third quarter book report. I will make adjustments to assignments so that we can get back on track and make up some time. There are a number of tests coming up. I will try to post assignments well in advance for a while so parents and students can properly prepare and make good use of their time. This is the last week of basketball. There are two away games on Tuesday and Thursday and then the BALL tournament in Tawas on Saturday. The boys' season really went fast. Next up is volleyball!

**CHOIR SCHEDULE:**

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

**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 18<sup>th</sup>**  
 Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>  
 Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>

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

**February 13, 2019 @ Duncans @ 3:30**

**COMING UP:**

**2/11-15 Spirit Week**  
**2/13 Classroom Pictures for Yearbook**  
**Boy Pioneers @ Duncans @ 3:30 p.m.**  
**2/17 Thoof 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Grade Career Day at BAISD  
4/29 Spring MAP Testing Window Opens

**MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY:**

**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**

**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](http://www.mlsem.org/SFAF). The deadline to sign up is **February 18, 2019.**

**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](http://www.mlsem.org/3on3)