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**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Sunday school started this past **Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00 am. Hope to see all our students attend!

**ADULT BIBLE CLASS:** Parents, Adult Bible Class began this past **Sunday, September 8, 2019**. Drop your kids off at Sunday school and then head to the Multi-Purpose room for Bible Class. There are many interesting topics throughout the year and the interactive discussions are very enlightening. Class begins at 9:00 and ends at 9:45.

**CHAPEL:** Each year during our Wednesday morning chapel service an offering is collected. These offerings are directed to four different missions (one for each quarter of the school year). During the first quarter of the school year our chapel offerings will be given to our synod's Hmong Outreach program. Please remind your child of the importance of giving to the work of the Lord!

**BETHEL CLOTHING ORDER:** It's time to get your Bethel apparel! The clothing order will be done online through Sandlot Sports and has a variety of items including youth and adult sizes. The online store will **open on Monday, September 9th and close Monday, September 16th at midnight**. Orders will be ready for pick up in the school office around the first week in October. To place your order, visit

<https://bethel19.itemorder.com> or click on the link on our Facebook page. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Thooft.

**REGISTRATION DAY FORMS:** Many of you still have forms that were taken home on Registration Day that need to be returned. Specific information about these forms was provided in a short first week information note sent home on the first day of school. Please send these forms in tomorrow.

**CEA BACK TO SCHOOL ICE CREAM SOCIAL:** On **Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**, the CEA will host a Back to School Ice Cream School. It will begin at 3:00 PM. There are two sign-up sheets posted on the bulletin board. The first is to RSVP to this event and the second is to sign up for donating items. We hope to see all of our school families for some fellowship and FUN!

**REGISTRATION DAY BILLS:** If you have not paid your book fees in full, you are reminded that monthly payments are expected until your account is paid in full. You will be sent monthly reminders of the status of your account. To avoid interest fees, please arrange to have your account paid in full by **January 1, 2020**. Interest at a rate of 1% per month will begin at that time. All accounts are to be paid by **May 1, 2020**. If there are special circumstances that might impact your payments, please discuss that with Mr. Dast.

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT:** The sixth annual Family Fun Night is **Thursday, September 26** from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Come get to know families with children from preschool-2<sup>nd</sup> grade and enjoy an evening of fun family games. **Please park in the Pine Road parking lot.** The activities will be held outside near the garage area at Bethel weather permitting. Bring your inner child and let the games begin!

**MILK MONEY:** Many of you have paid your milk for the entire year. That is very helpful! You may make changes to your choice of milk on a monthly basis. If your child doesn't take milk now but would like to, s/he can start up at the beginning of the month. Those that haven't paid for their milk either for the month or year will be sent home a reminder. Please pay for your child's milk promptly.

**CEA BUSINESS MEETING:** The CEA will have its first and only business meeting on **Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>** after the church service. Parents are encouraged to attend this meeting and help support the work of the CEA.

**FACULTY INSERVICE:** Your faculty will have its first in service meeting on **Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**. School will let out at noon. Please be on time to pick up your child. Thanks!

**GOOGLE CALENDAR:** Make sure you are linked to our church and school Google calendar. Everything scheduled is on this calendar. Know what is happening as soon as it is announced or changed!

**QUICKSCHOOLS:** Mr. Thoof has sent home information detailing how you can set up your account with **QuickSchools** and stay on top of your child's progress. Make sure that you do! If you need any help, please contact Mr. Thoof.

**STATE TEACHERS' CONFERENCE:** Your faculty will attend the Michigan District Teachers' Conference on **October 9, 10, and 11** in Jenera, Ohio. We will not be in session these days. Enjoy the time off with your student(s).

**GIRLS' CLUB AND BOY PIONEERS:** Boy Pioneer and Girls' Club info was sent home on Friday and is available on our closed Facebook page. 2019-2020 dues are due and our first gathering is a week from today on the 16th at 5:30. PLEASE R.S.V.P. if your child plans to attend!

**SOCCER TOURNAMENT:** Our soccer team will be playing in a tournament this **Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**, at Zion Chesaning (796 Hampton St.). Our first game is at 10:30 AM vs. Salem, Owosso. A schedule of games is attached. Go, Bobcats!

**BIRTHDAYS:** Happy Birthday to!  
Evan Lobodzinski 9/14 Pre.

**CROSS COUNTRY AT MLS:**  
Thanks to those representing Bethel and here's hoping you do well. The meet will be held at Wickes Park in Saginaw on **Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 4:30 PM. Here is a schedule of events:  
4:30 Grades 3-4 Half Mile  
4:50 Grades 5-6 Mile Run  
5:15 Grades 7-8 Mile and a half Run  
The exact address is 7449 McCarty Rd., Saginaw, MI 48603. Those participating from Bethel are:

<b>Isaiah Killinger</b>	<b>Gr. 8</b>
<b>Silas Killinger</b>	<b>Gr. 6</b>
<b>Trevor Dean</b>	<b>Gr. 5</b>
<b>Caleb Powers</b>	<b>Gr. 4</b>
<b>Avery Kukla</b>	<b>Gr. 3</b>
<b>Laney Wilson</b>	<b>Gr. 3</b>
<b>Austin Dean</b>	<b>Gr. 3</b>

Thanks to these students for representing Bethel. **Go, Bobcats!**

**SOCCER:** Mr. Stephen Powers has volunteered to be our coach again this year. Bethel is very grateful for his volunteer work with our youth!

**Games:** All games begin at 4:00 PM unless otherwise noted.

<b>9/10</b>	<b>vs. St. Barts @ Bethel</b>
<b>9/12</b>	<b>vs. Good Shepherd @ Bethel</b>
9/14	Tournament @ Zion Chesaning 1 <sup>st</sup> game @ 10:30 AM
9/17	vs. St. John's BC @ Bethel
9/19	vs. Trinity @ Trinity
9/24	vs. St. John's Sag. @ Hemlock @ 4:30
10/1	vs. Burton @ Bethel @ 4:30

#### **CHOIR SCHEDULE:**

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

<b>10/6</b>	<b>Cherub Choir</b>
10/27	Cantate Choir

#### **COMING UP:**

<b>9/13</b>	<b>Principals' Conference</b>
9/16	Girls' Club & Boy Pioneer
9/18	MLS Cross Country @ 4:30 PM
9/20	Faculty In Service – Dismiss @ Noon
9/22	CEA Business Meeting @ 11:00
9/26	Family Fun Night @ 6:00
10/2-4	Camp Timbers
10/8	Class Pictures
10/9-11	State Teachers' Conf. No School
10/18	Grandparents' Day Teacher in Service – Dismiss @ Noon
10/21	Girls' Club
10/24	Pre/K Cookie Bake
10/25	MLS Cardinal for a Day
10/27	Bethel 50 <sup>th</sup> Ann. @ Pine Celebration
10/31	Costume Day in PM

#### **CLASSROOM NEWS:**

**Preschool:** The preschool children will continue getting acclimated to classroom routines and their responsibilities. The Bible lesson is *God Creates Man and Woman*. The children will learn God used his power to make Adam and Eve in a special way; and the first two people God made were perfect. The Memory Treasure and Bible Words to Remember are Psalm 139:14: *I am ...wonderfully made* and Psalm 100:3 *God...made us and we are his*. The children will conclude their theme *I am Special*. They will talk about how they are special, what a friend is, and who is in their family. The letter is A, color red, numbers 1 and 2, and the shape is a circle. Scholastic Book orders are due Wednesday, September 11. Field trip and permissions forms and fees are due Wednesday, September 18 for 4 year olds and Tuesday, September 17 for 3 year olds.

#### **Upcoming Dates**

September 19 Bike Day 3 year olds

September 20 Bike Day 4 year olds  
September 24 Field trip 3 year olds  
September 26 Family Fun Night  
October 7 Field trip 4 year olds

**Kindergarten:** The Kindergarten children have been working hard and are adjusting to being big kids. They especially enjoy being able to play on the big slides and monkey bars at recess. This past week, we learned how God created the world and everything in it in 6 days and on the 7<sup>th</sup> day he rested. This week we will learn how man spoiled God's perfect creation by sinning. We began Letter book C and have learned placement words like top, middle, and bottom. We are also working on identifying the hard c sound /k/ at the beginning of words. We have also been working on our small motor skills like holding a pencil properly, cutting with scissors, and writing our names on a line. In math, we began our chapter on numbers 0-5. We learned the words "match" and "set" along with the number words "one" and "two". We also learned how to count sets of objects with 1 or 2 things in them. This week we will be working on the numbers 3, 4, and 5. In science, we studied words that describe the weather. This week we will be looking at our 5 senses and how we use them to explore the world around us. We will be having Show-n-Tell on Wednesday. Please bring something that begins with the hard sound of /C/ like in cat or that is the color red. I have set up our first field trip of the year. We will be going to Johnson's Pumpkin Farm on Tuesday, September 24. A permission slip will be sent home this week. Our annual Family Fun Night will be taking place on Thursday, September 26. This is for Bethel students and their families in grades Pre-3 through grade 2. More information will be sent home soon.

#### **Memory Work**

Tuesday, Sept. 10 – 3A 1 Timothy 2:3, 4  
Wednesday, Sept. 11 – none  
Thursday, Sept. 12 – none  
Friday, Sept. 13 – 4A Proverbs 3:5  
Monday, Sept. 16 – none

The dates for memory work are the days the children will say their passage to me.

**Grades 1-2:** Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! We have been busy getting into our routines for this year. We have started Super Kids (reading) and will be starting math this week. Your child's Bible History binder will be coming home this week. Please keep this binder at home. Each week, I will let you know what stories we are working on so you can read them with your child at home. Please take advantage of this! The stories have activities and questions on the back as well as prayers and work perfectly for family devotion time. Scholastic Book flyers are coming home this week. Please order online using code Q4X4B. September Reading Logs are also being sent home! Color in a symbol for each 10 minutes your child reads or is read to. Send this back to school at the end of the month for a prize. Please check your child's homework

folder for additional information about what we are learning, especially upcoming spelling words and Memory Treasures.

**Grades 3-5:** It was a great first week last week! This week we will have a more regular daily schedule every day. On Monday, the students will be assigned their spelling pages and words for the week. The spelling pages will be due and we will take the word test on Friday. On Wednesday, hymn #478 *With the Lord Begin Your Task* is due. On Friday, memory work will be due. Please help your child stay on top of their daily work and study for their weekly work. Last week a reading log was passed out to each student. The goal for each student is to read 520 minutes in the month of September (that averages out to about 20 minutes a day). Each student who reaches their goal at the end of the month will receive a prize. This will go on for each month of the school year. 5th grade parents please watch for Camp Timbers forms being sent home this week; ***we are still in need of a female chaperone.*** Please return Camp Timbers forms as soon as possible. Our classroom is also in need of paper plates if anyone would like to donate some for lunchtime use. Blessings on your week!

**Grades 6-8:** My room is off to a great start! I enjoyed my first week and I hope my students did also. I am trying to ease into the school year. It will take a bit longer to get up to speed but the time spent working on routine, work ethic, expectations, and etc. is very important for smooth sailing down the road. I already had to miss a day of school because of one of my other hats. Thanks to Mrs. Drayer for serving as my sub so that I could attend the league athletic directors' meeting. I will be missing again this Friday to attend a principals' conference. All assignments and grades are posted on ***QuickSchools*** as things happen. Please keep an eye on things! We have enough tissues, everyone brought in the proper amount right away. We will need paper plates and napkins. Please send what you can ASAP.

#### **MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY:**

**POMS COACH NEEDED:** MLS is looking for an interested individual or individuals to lead our pom pon squad for this school year. If you are interested and have some experience with coaching or participating in poms or dance, or know someone who is, please contact Athletic Director Karl Schmugge at school (989-793-1010, ext. 238) or by email (kms@mlsem.org).

#### **JR. CARDINAL CROSS COUNTRY INVITATIONAL:**

On September 18, 2019 we invite your school to participate in this year's Jr. Cardinal Cross Country Invitational, open to grades 3-8.

- Location: Wickes Park, located at 7492 McCarty Road in Saginaw.
- Start Time: 4:30 p.m.

If you are interested in participating, please contact your principal or MLS cross country coach, Seth LaBair. [sml@mlsem.org](mailto:sml@mlsem.org)

**JR. CARDINAL FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE:** The MLS Jr. Cardinal Flag Football League will operate through the MLS Football program and is open to boys from a WELS/ELS church or school, grades 1-5. Players will be coached by MLS football coaches and members of the JV/Varsity football teams. The season will run from September 11 to October 19. Cost is \$45 and the registration deadline is September 10, 2019. Visit [www.mlsem.org/flagfootball](http://www.mlsem.org/flagfootball) for more information and to register.

**SEMINARY JR. CARDINAL NIGHT:** The Seminary Jr. Cardinal program at kicks off on September 6th with Jr. Cardinal Night! Please join us for the first home football game of the 2019 season as your MLS Cardinals take on the St. Charles Bulldogs. Remember to wear your red and white MLS gear and bring your cheering voice! Before the game kicks off, make sure to stop by and have some fun with us at the Jr. Cardinal table! Stop just inside the ticket gate to play some games, win some prizes, and take a couple pictures with MLS athletes and Conrad the Cardinal. You can also enter your name to be selected to compete in a contest at halftime for a grand prize! If you're already a Jr. Cardinal, just bring your card from last year. You'll simply need to verify your information at the table. Not a Jr. Cardinal yet or have new Jr. Cardinals in the family? No problem! Signing up is free! If they're available, we'll have the 2019-2020 Jr. Cardinal tee shirts waiting for you!

**MLS FOUNDATION HOMECOMING TAILGATE:** Join us under the big tent on October 4, before the homecoming football game for food, fellowship, and fun! Dinner starts at 5:00. Tickets are \$10 for age 11 and up, \$7.50 for Kindergarten - age 10 and free for a preschooler. Please reserve your tickets by October 1. Visit [www.mls-foundation.org/events/](http://www.mls-foundation.org/events/) or call 989.793.7511 for tickets and more information.