



# BOBCAT BULLETIN

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*God is our refuge and strength; an ever-present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1*

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Sunday school is held each Sunday at 9:00 AM. We hope to see all our students attend. After dropping off their student for Sunday school, parents are encouraged to stay and attend Bible Class in the Multipurpose Room. See you next Sunday! **Please note – the Sunday school is in need of snacks! Please consider donating!**

**CHAPEL:** Our mission offerings for the first quarter will be used for our Synod's outreach to the Hmong people. This past week we collected **\$109.30**. Our total for the quarter is now **\$250.20**.

**MISSION FIELD:** It's easy to think that mission work is for those who are called and paid to do so, but that would be incorrect! God expects all of us to spread His Word and not only in some distant place, but right here in our own back yard. Every day you have the opportunity to spread the word among your friends, coworkers, family, and neighbors. Talk to people about your love of Christ, your school and your church! It's not that hard! If you feel like the seed you planted is taking root, talk to one of Bethel's called workers and we will follow up. As we focus on 50 years on Pine, let's all work hard to ensure the next 50 years!

**BIRTHDAYS:** Happy Birthday to:  
Ashton Irwin            10/30                    Pre.

**BAND:** BLS students in grades 5-8 have attended two meetings on band. Materials have been sent home. We are ready to start soon. All that is left is a commitment from our parents and students. I hope that the interest in band still exists. There was a very positive survey on interest conducted twice in the past. Please return your sign up form **immediately!** We need to assess our numbers, schedule lessons, and get things going in about a week or two. Please watch for additional announcements.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS:** Daylight saving time ends on **Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Remember to turn your clocks **back** an hour before going to bed.

**HOT LUNCH:** Thanks to those that served this past week! Next Wednesday will be a Subway hot lunch. Workers are to provide cookies for desert. Order slips will be sent home on Monday. Aubrey Dean will be here on Tuesday to receive orders. Workers only need to be here by 11:30 on Wednesday to serve. Our workers are scheduled to be **Hartley, Herrera, and Killinger**.

**KROGER REWARDS:** Our school is enrolled in a new program from Kroger to give cash to our school based on your Kroger purchases. A few years back we were enrolled in a similar program from Meijer (now discontinued) which was very good for our school. Please see the attached flyer and if you shop at Kroger, consider designating funds to Bethel. Thanks!

**SCHOOL VISION COMMITTEE MEETING:** Another meeting of this group will be scheduled soon. This group is working to find ways to improve our school, better meet the needs of our parents and our community, improve our school programs, and expand what we offer. Your input is needed. Please consider attending the next meeting and offering your counsel. You should see the announcement of our next meeting shortly.

**COSTUME DAY:** BLS will have its annual Costume Day on **Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**. Most classrooms will celebrate during the afternoon. Room mothers will be sending home information about the parties they are planning. Students are encouraged to bring costumes to school and **not** wear them to school. Time will be given to them to change into their costumes before the party and back into their street clothes after. Choose your child's costume carefully. Keep in mind that we

are a religious school and certain costumes are not appropriate. Students are not allowed to put on make-up as part of their costume at school. Thanks to all our room mothers for helping to make this day fun.

**GIRLS' "B" TOURNAMENT:** Those girls on our basketball team who are in grades 3-6 will participate in the BALL "B" team basketball tournament on **Saturday, November 2, 2019.** It will be held at St. John's on Alp Street. Please see the attached tournament schedule. Our first game will be at 9:00 AM vs. St. John's Saginaw/Hemlock. Go Bobcats!

### **GIRLS' BASKETBALL:**

**Practices:** Practices are from 3:00 to 5:00 unless otherwise noted.

**Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**

Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>

**Games:** (Game times are 5:30 unless otherwise noted.)

**10/29 vs. St. Barts/GS @ Bethel**

**11/2 Girls' B Tournament @ St. John's**

11/5 vs. Trinity @ Trinity

11/12 vs. Tawas @ Bethel

11/15-16 BALL Tournament @ Trinity

11/19 vs. GS Burton @ Bethel

12/6-7 MLS Small School Tournament

12/13-14 MLS Large School Tournament

### **CHOIR SCHEDULE:**

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

**11/10 Pre/K**

11/27 1-8 – Thanksgiving

12/15 Cantate Choir

12/19 Pre-8 – Children's Christmas Service

### **COMING UP:**

**10/31 Costume Day in PM**

**11/1 End 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter**

**Principals' Conference**

**11/3 Day Light Saving Time Ends**

11/6 Report Cards Sent Home

11/11 Faculty In Service in AM, Parent Consultations in PM – No School

11/18 Girls' Club

11/22 MLS Play

11/27-29 Thanksgiving Vacation – No School

12/6-7 MLS Small School Girls' BB Tourney

12/8 Congregational Caroling @ 11:00 PM

12/13-14 MLS Large School Girls' BB Tourney

12/14 Christmas for Kids 9:00 to 12:00 Noon

12/19 Last Day before Christmas Vacation ½ Day  
Children's Christmas Service @ 6:30 PM

12-20-1/5 Christmas Vacation – No School

1/6 Classes resume after Christmas Vacation

1/10 Principals' Conference

1/17 End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

Faculty In Service – Dismiss at Noon

1/19 CEA Business Meeting @ 11:00 AM

1/20-1/24 Lutheran Schools' Week.

1/22 Report Cards Sent Home

1/26 Lutheran Schools' Sunday  
Chili Cook off

1/27 Map Testing Window begins

**CEA SPONSORED EVENTS:** The CEA has decided to sponsor more events this year to help create school family bonding and fun for all. Below is a tentative list of what is being planned as well as those heading up these various events. Obviously there is a lot of work for these events, so contact those listed if you are willing to help. Put these events on your calendar and plan to attend! Thanks!

<b>11/23 Board Game Night</b>	<b>Herrera, Crites</b>
12/8 Coffee Hour	Crites, MacDougall
12/14 Christmas for Kids	Figley, Crites
2/9 Coffee Hour	Powers, Killinger
2/22 Trivia Night	Thunberg, Wilson
2/26 Soup Supper	Herrera, Crites
3/22 Coffee Hour	Wilson, Crites
4/11 Easter for Kids	Figley
4/25 School Plays	Faculty
5/3 Confirmation	Willard and Co.
5/29 Awards Presentation	Faculty
5/31 Church Picnic	Willard and Co.

The CEA is also likely to be sponsoring the following events but no firm date has been chosen. Watch for future announcements and volunteer to help with those heading these events up.

Mother/Son & Father/Daughter Events: Thunberg,  
Killinger, Figley  
Pine Car Derby Powers

### **CLASSROOM NEWS:**

**Preschool:** Thank you to all the families who came to the cookie night last Thursday. We hope you enjoyed your time making treats with your child. This week the preschoolers will conclude their theme *On the Farm*. They will learn about harvesting crops, the grazing of animals, and also pumpkins. The children will review the letters D, E, F; colors black and orange, numbers 5 and 6; and the triangle shape. The Bible lesson for the 4 year olds is *The First Passover*. The children will learn God saved his people through the blood of a lamb. The Bible Words to Remember are 1 John 1:7 *Jesus...purifies us from all sin*. The 3 year olds will study *Joseph Becomes a Ruler in a Faraway Land*. They will learn God made Joseph a ruler in Egypt. The Memory Treasure is Romans 8:28: *God works for the good of those who love him*. On Wednesday and Thursday there will be special activities for their pumpkin parties. No costumes please. The November Scholastic Book order is coming home this week. Those planning on ordering, please place your order by Wednesday, November 6. You can order online using the code: J6CQC.

**Kindergarten:** Thank you to everyone who came to the “Cookie Decorating Night”. I hope everyone had fun. This week we will also have another fun day. On Thursday, Oct. 31, instead of having a costume day, we are having our special pajama/slipper day. On that day, the children can wear their pajama/slippers to school. In Word of God the children will learn how God took care of the Children of Israel after they left Egypt. This week we will continue to work on our unit on the letter D. The children have begun to blend letters sounds together to form simple words. They are also learning how to differentiate between the beginning and ending sound in a word. I have also enclosed a list of words that we have been learning to read in school. Please practice reading these words at home. In math, the children continue to explore numbers. So far they have learned how to write the numbers 0-10 in number and word form. They have also learned how to count backwards and identify number order. This week, our sight word will be “said” and our color will be brown. Show-n-Tell will be things that are brown or begin with the letter D.

**Memory Work for the Week:**

Tuesday, October 29 – 3A The 4th Petition

Wednesday, October 30 - none

Thursday, October 31 – none

Friday, November 1 – 4A Psalm 119:105

Monday, November 4 - none

**Grades 1-2:** We enjoyed our trip to MLS for Cardinal for a Day! This week Wednesday, the first graders will be taking a math test on subtraction concepts. This Thursday is Costume Day. Your child may bring his/her Halloween costume to school that day and wear them for our party at the end of the day. Thanks to our room moms for helping organize the fun. The end of the first quarter is this Friday. Please return any redo assignments as soon as possible, at the latest by Monday. Please check your child’s homework folder for Memory Treasures and this week’s spelling words.

**Grades 3-5:** Last week was a busy week in our classroom and this week brings another busy week. If any fifth grade students are considering band, please bring the band forms back to school as soon as possible. On Wednesday hymn #399 *To God Be the Glory* will be due. On Friday we will take our memory work quiz and spelling unit 7 word test. The spelling unit 7 workbook will also be due on Friday. In Christ Light we will continue our study of Joseph this week. Third grade will have a math test over chapter 3 and subtraction in the middle of the week. All three grades will be working on multiplication in math at some point this week. In language arts all three grades have begun working on their personal narrative papers and will continue that work this week. Please help your child stay on top of their daily and weekly work. On Thursday this week we have our Costume Day party. Thank you to the room moms for planning activities for us. Last week a sheet was sent home with information about the *Remind* app. If you have not done so, please

sign up to so that you can receive information about upcoming events at school and in our classroom. Please also note that the end of the first quarter is on Friday. Blessings on your week!

**Grades 6-8:** Cardinal for a day last Friday was a lot of fun! After several weeks of a lot of “extras” this next week should be a bit more normal, with only one special event. On Thursday students in my room will take the afternoon off to celebrate Costume Day. Thanks to all my room mothers for planning a party. It won’t be long until we start practicing for our Children’s Christmas Service – can you believe it? I will be out of town most of Friday to attend a Principals’ Conference. Thanks to Mrs. Drayer for serving as my sub. There are tests this week in social studies, science, and math. Please watch QuickSchools carefully for test dates and grades. This coming week is the last week of the quarter. I hope everyone works hard and finishes strong. It was great to celebrate 50 years on Pine with everyone yesterday. I was happy to see all of my students attend!