



BOBCAT BULLETIN

Edition #9 BETHEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER November 11, 2019
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!

CHAPEL: Our mission offerings for the second quarter will be used to support the WELS effort to stop abortions. Our chapel offerings will be sent to the Pregnancy Counseling Center in Saginaw. Please support this important mission. This past week we collected **\$31.10**. Our total for the quarter is now **\$31.10**.

BIRTHDAYS: There are none to report for this week but I want to make a correction. Last week in listed the wrong date for JoyAnna Szostek. Her birthday was on 11/7, not 10/7. Happy Belated Birthday JoyAnna!

BAND: Lessons will begin on **Monday, November 18**. All band students must have their instruments by then. Lessons will be for half hour increments starting at 11:00 AM and after our lunch break going until 2:15. BLS has a total of 9 students in grades 5-8 who will be participating.

HOT LUNCH: Thanks to those that served this past week! Our menu for this week will include chicken nuggets, tater tots, carrot sticks, celery and peanut

butter, and cupcakes. Our workers are scheduled to be **Powers, Raushi, and Richard**.

BOOKMOBILE: The Bay County Bookmobile is coming. The Bookmobile will be stopping at school once a week starting in either December or January. Students can check out books to read. If you want your child to be able to use this service, make sure s/he has a library card.

REGISTRATION DAY BILLS: Please be reminded that regular monthly payments are to be made if you have not paid all your Registration Day fees. Please take a close look at the statements I have been sending home and make sure you are doing that. If you need special considerations, please contact me. Also, there are only two months left in the calendar year. **As of January 1, 2020, all open accounts will be charged a 1% monthly fee.** Please make regular payments now and avoid the upcoming interest.

TOURNAMENT HELP!!!!: Bethel will be hosting the BALL Boys' basketball tournament on **February 7th and 8th, 2020**. A lot of help is needed such as ticket sales, running clock, scorebook, concession workers and the like. Some already signed up on Registration Day, but much more help is needed. **A signup sheet has been placed on the bulletin board of the front hall and/or you can contact me.**

HALF DAY FRIDAY: Because our girls' basketball team will play a midafternoon first round tournament game, **there will be a half day of school this Friday, November 15th. Classes will dismiss at 12:00 noon!**

BALL TOURNAMENT - EARLY DISMISSAL: The girls' BALL basketball tournament will be held this Friday and Saturday. Their first game is **Friday, November 15th at 3:15 PM. BLS will let out all students on Friday at 12:00 noon.** Let's use the unexpected free time to attend the girls' first game and cheer them on! Go Bobcats! A tournament bracket is attached to this newsletter.

MLS PLAY: Grades 3-8 will attend a play at MLS on **Friday, November 22nd**. Permission slips have been sent home. Please return your slip and fee ASAP. Many drivers will be needed!

HONOR ROLL: Congratulations to those students in grades 6-8 that made first quarter honor roll! |

hope all 6-8 graders try hard to make honor roll in second quarter.

All A's

Heidi Dahn Gr. 7
Alivia Kukla Gr. 7

All A's & B's

James Krohn Gr. 6
Kyle Krohn Gr. 8
Connor McGehee Gr. 6
Hayden Powers Gr. 7
Ashlynn Szostek Gr. 8

SCHOOL VISION COMMITTEE MEETING: A meeting date has been chosen! The next meeting of this group is scheduled for **Monday, November 18th, at 6:30 PM.** 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.

THANKSGIVING: BLS will not have school on **November 27, 28, and 29.** School will be out for Thanksgiving vacation. Bethel Church as a special Thanksgiving Eve church service on **Wednesday, November 27th, starting at 6:30 PM!** Please plan to attend this service with your family and have a blessed Thanksgiving celebration!

BOARD GAME NIGHT A fun event is coming up soon. Bethel will have "Board Game Night" on **Saturday, November 23rd, starting at 6:00 PM.** Thanks to Amanda Herrera and Jamie Crites for organizing this event which is being sponsored by the CEA. Please contact one of these individuals if you are willing to help, and then set the night aside and plan to attend.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL:

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

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

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)

11/27 1-8 – Thanksgiving

12/15 Cantate Choir

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

COMING UP:

11/18 Girls' Club

Educational Vision Meeting @ 6:30 PM

11/22 MLS Play

11/23 Board Game Night

11/27-29 Thanksgiving Vacation – No School

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

12/8 Congregational Caroling 5:00 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 2nd 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!

11/23 Board Game Night	Herrera, Crites
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 children who were able to sing and play the hand bells in church on Sunday. They did a great job praising their Lord. This week the Bible lesson for the 4 year olds will be *God Gives His Commands*. They will learn God wanted his people to obey his commands. The Bible Words to Remember are Luke 11:28. *Blessed...are those who hear the word of God and obey it.* The Bible lesson for the 3 year olds is *God Speaks to Samuel*. They will learn 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 preschool children will conclude their theme *Once*

Upon a Time. This week they will learn most fairy tales begin with “once upon a time” and end with “happily ever after”. They will also share their favorite fairy tale. The letter is H, the color brown, the number 8, and the rectangle shape. Thank you, parents for attending parent teacher conferences this week. It is a pleasure sharing what your child is doing in preschool. Blessings on your week.

Kindergarten: This week in Word of God, the class will learn how God was with the Children of Israel as they entered the Promised Land. Please note that because of having no school on Monday, memory work will be said on Wednesday and Friday this week. Letter book S has been completed and Letter book L has been started. 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 should also have come home. 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 L.

Memory Work:

Tuesday, November 12 – none
Wednesday, November 13 – 8A Revelation 2:10
Thursday, November 14 – none
Friday, November 15 – 9A 1 Corinthians 10:31
Monday, November 18 – none

Grades 1-2: Thank you for meeting with me regarding your child’s progress today! This week we will be back to science as we begin chapter 8: The Sky. We will be learning about the sky, the earth’s movement, the moon, stars and planets. On Wednesday, first graders will take a math test on chapter 4: Organizing and Using Data. Second grade is beginning to work on adding two digit numbers in math. We will begin regrouping ones as tens, which is a difficult concept for some. Please provide your child extra support with this, if needed. Even though we have a shortened week, we will still take our spelling test on Friday and recite Memory Treasures Friday too. Please check your child’s homework folder for Memory Treasures and this week’s spelling words.

Grades 3-5: Thank you to everyone for returning their signed report card envelopes! MLS play permission slips were sent home last week; please return them as soon as possible. Hymn #417: *I’m but a Stranger Here* will be due on Wednesday. On Friday, memory work will be due and spelling unit 9 will be due along with our word test. Please take special note that we will dismiss school at noon on Friday due to the BALL Girls’ Basketball Tournament. In math, fifth grade is continuing to work with dividing numbers while fourth

and third grade are continuing their work on multiplication. All three grades will begin learning about verbs this week. In social studies, fourth and fifth grade will end their look at the Southeast region of the United States and transition to looking at the Midwest while third grade will continue to learn how communities have changed over time. Blessings on your week!

Grades 6-8: This will be a short week, but it will be packed with stuff. There are tests coming up in science and social studies and we are finishing up units in math for most grades. Don’t forget to get your permission slips in for the MLS Play coming up soon. I will need drivers as well. I hope all my students use the free time on Friday to attend the girls’ basketball tournament and cheer on our team. The first round game should be exciting. All my students should have picked out a book to read for the second quarter. As soon as they do, it should be brought to me for approval. Check in with your child on that. My kids are serving as narrators for the upcoming Children’s Christmas service. They have big parts. I will be sending home a copy of the service this week. Make sure your child practices regularly at home. Thanks!

MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY:

MLS FALL PLAY: Turn the game of “Clue” into a play and you get “**Murder’s in the Heir!**” Who did it? You decide during intermission! This murder mystery with a comedy twist will be presented Friday and Saturday, November 22 and 23, at 7:00 PM and Sunday, November 24, beginning at 2:30 PM. Tickets will be available online starting October 21 at 10 a.m. by visiting www.mlsem.org/fall-play. Tickets are \$10 for adults, and \$5 for children up to 8th grade.

LIGHT UP A STUDENTS LIFE: During the holiday season, the MLS Foundation sponsors a special giving program to benefit MLS and its students. Contributions will support the Foundation’s ongoing financial assistance to the students who attend MLS now and in the future. Donors to the ***Light Up A Student’s Life*** program have an opportunity to make a gift in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special person. These gifts will be recognized by the lighting of a large Christmas tree that will be located in the commons. For a \$10 contribution, a white light ornament will be placed on the Christmas tree with the name of the individual being remembered or honored. A special Christmas card will be sent to the family or honoree recognizing your caring gift to MLS and its students. Please visit mls-foundation.org/luas/ for details.