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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 **\$33.85**. Our total for the quarter is now **\$139.50**.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE: Our annual Children's Christmas service will be on **Thursday, December 19, 2019 starting at 6:30**. All students are to report to their individual classrooms around 6:00 PM. There will be practices up to the time of the service.

CHRISTMAS ON THE ROAD: Students in grades 1-8 will be putting on a revised version of our Children's service at two of our senior citizen homes across the street on **Wednesday, December 18th** in the afternoon. Permission slips are being sent home today. Please return the signed slips right away.

CHRISTMAS VACATION: Bethel School will be on Christmas break from **December 20th through January 5th**. There will be no school on these days. Classes will resume on **Monday, January 6, 2020**.

CANTATE CHOIR: Please note the Cantate Choir will not be singing in church this **Sunday, December 15** as scheduled. Thank you for your understanding and flexibility!

BAGGING CANDY: The Board of Education will be bagging candy to be distributed to students after the Children's service on **Wednesday, December 18th, starting at 6:00 PM!** Extra help would be appreciated.

CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS: The CEA will again sponsor Christmas for Kids this coming **Saturday, December 14th, 2019**. Elizabeth Figley and Jamiee Crites are heading up this activity.

MLS GIRLS' TOURNAMENT: Congratulations to our girls' basketball team! They took second place at the MLS tournament this past weekend. Their season is now concluded. Thanks to our coaches and players for another great year. The trophy is in my classroom window. Great job, Bobcats!

FREE THROW CHAMPION: For the second year in a row Ashlynn Szostek won the free throw championship at MLS this past weekend. She won a gift certificate and plaque. Congratulations, Ashlynn!

SCHOOL SURVEY: The School Vision Committee has prepared an online survey. Please complete this short survey before Christmas vacation. This information is needed for future planning which is currently being discussed on several levels within Bethel's leadership. Your input is essential! Please take a few minutes to fill out a short, three question survey. You can access it on our Bethel Lutheran School Facebook page, by typing in this URL or by using the QR code here. <https://forms.gle/7JjZHRsWYRacqynZ9>



CHRISTMAS CAROLING: About 30 people showed up last night to help bring Christmas joy into the hearts of our homebound and assisted living members. They are so happy to see us and enjoy the time we spend with them. Please plan ahead for next year and make certain to save time for this important Christmas tradition that brings joy into the hearts of those unable to experience it as so many of us do.

HOT LUNCH: Thanks to those that served this past week! Our menu for **Wednesday, December 11th** will include hot dogs, corn, apple slices, and cookies. Our workers are scheduled to be **Zube, Crites, Dahn.**

BOOKMOBILE: The Bay County Bookmobile will start servicing Bethel on **Tuesday, January 21st**, in the afternoon. They will come about every three weeks after until school is out. I hope our students take advantage of this free service!

TOURNAMENT MEETING: There was a meeting of those who volunteered to work on the Boys' tournament in February. A nice group attended and I found a volunteer to head up each area of responsibility. Thanks to those that attended! They will now begin making plans and searching for volunteers to work the whole tournament long. Please say yes when you are contacted.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL: Another season is in the books! This past weekend the girls' basketball team completed their season with a 2nd place finish at the MLS tournament. It was a fantastic way to end our season. The girls worked extremely hard and I am very proud of how much they improved over the course of the season. Most importantly the girls displayed their faith by their actions through their sportsmanship and teamwork. I would like to extend a big thank you to Coach Jessica Killinger for her work with our program this year. Thank you also to the parents for their support of our basketball program and to the players for their hard work and dedication this season. Go, Bobcats! --- Coach Thooft.

BIRTHDAYS: Happy birthday to:

Crue Cornejo	12/10	Pre.
Ada Figley	12/9	Gr. 4
Avery Kukla	12/12	Gr. 3
Oliver Kotewa	12/14	Pre.
Reid Collicker	12/15	Pre.

BOYS' BASKETBALL:

B - Practices: (Practices are from 3:00 to 4:30)

- 12/9
- 12/12
- 12/16

A - Practices: (Practices are from 4:30 to 6:00)

- 12/9
- 12/12
- 12/16

Games; (All game nights will begin at 5:30 unless

otherwise noted.)

- Tuesday, 1/7 vs. Trinity @ Trinity**
- Friday, 1/10 vs. Tawas @ Bethel – A only**
- Friday, 1/17 vs. St. John's BC @ Bethel
- Saturday, 1/18 B Tournament @ Trinity
- Tuesday, 1/21 vs. St. Barts/SJ/GS @ St. John's BC
- Friday, 1/24 vs. Trinity @ Bethel
- Tuesday, 1/28 vs. Tawas @ Tawas – A Only
- Tuesday, 2/4 vs. St. John's BC @ St. John's
- Fri./Sat. 2/7-8 BALL Tourney @ St. John's BC
- Tuesday, 2/11 vs. St. B/SJ/GS @ Bethel
- Fri./Sat. 2/14-15 MLS Large School Tournament

CHEERLEADING PRACTICES:

- 12/9 3:00 to 4:30
- 12/12 3:00 to 4:30
- 12/16 3:00 to 4:30

CHOIR SCHEDULE:

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

- 12/19 Pre-8 – Children's Christmas Service
- 1/26 Pre-8 – Lutheran Schools Sunday
- 2/16 Cherub Choir
- 2/26 Cantate Choir

COMING UP:

- 12/16 Pre K/K Caroling
- 12/18 Travel Christmas Service
- 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
- 1/12 CEA Business Meeting @ 11:00 AM
- 1/15 20/21 Preschool enrollment begins
- 1/17 End of 2nd Quarter Faculty In Service – Dismiss at Noon
- 1/20-1/24 Lutheran Schools' Week.
- 1/20 Bowling in PM
- 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!

2/9	Coffee Hour	Powers, Killinger
2/29	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 those heading these events up.

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

CLASSROOM NEWS:

Preschool: In preschool this week the children will conclude the theme *Five Super Senses*. This week they will learn about their senses and how they gather information about the world. The children will focus on the senses of taste and smell. The letter is K, the color green, the number 10, and the star shape. The four year olds' Bible lessons are *The Shepherds* and *The Wise Men*. They will learn the shepherds showed their joy by telling others about the Savior and God used a star to lead the wise men to the Savior. The Bible Words to Remember are Acts 4:20 *We cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard* and Psalm 119:105 *Your word is...a light on my path*. The three year olds' Bible lesson is *God Leads the Wise Men to Jesus*. The children will learn that God put a special star in the sky to lead the wise men to Jesus. The Memory Treasure is Luke 11:28: *Hear the Word of God*. The December Scholastic Book order is **due today, Monday, December 9**. You may order online or send in the form. Please make checks payable to *Scholastic Book Clubs*. Books will arrive before Christmas break.

Kindergarten: In Word of God this week, we will be learning about God's faithful prophet Elijah. Please keep working with your child on their Christmas recitation and song. They are doing an awesome job. The children will be finishing their unit on letter T. In it they will be reading stories about 3 best friends named Tic, Tac, and Toc and the trouble they get into. Keep practicing those word lists that I have been sending home. Our sight word for this week will be the word "you". There will be no Show and Tell until after the Christmas break. In math the children will continue to work with numbers 11-19. In science, we are exploring the lights in the sky and how they are important to us. If you have not done so, please be sure to return the permission slip to go caroling with the Preschool class across the street at Brookdale on December 16. We will be leaving around 9:15 am. Have a blessed week.

Memory Work:

Tuesday, December 10 – 7A The 1st Commandment
Wednesday, December 11 – none
Thursday, December 12 – none
Friday, December 13 – 9A Mark 16:15
Monday, December 16 – Review Christmas Memory #1-9

Grades 1-2: This week we will have a science test on Tuesday. Please help your child study for this test by

completing the Vocabulary Review sheet and reviewing the concepts listed on our Homework Guide. We will begin Christmas practice in earnest this week. Please make sure your child is working on his/her parts for the service at home as well. December book orders are being sent out. Please place orders by Friday so that the order will arrive by the last day of school. Order online using code Q4X4B. Field Trip forms are being sent home today. We will be going caroling at the nursing homes next week on December 18. We will also be going to the planetarium on Monday, January 14. Please return the first form by Monday, December 16 and second form and money by December 19. Please check your child's Homework Folder for more information about what we are learning, especially Memory Treasures and spelling words.

Grades 3-5: Christmas is fast approaching! This week will start our Children's' Christmas Service practices and therefore a change in some of our daily classroom routines. On Wednesday, the first two verses and the refrain of the song "His Name is Jesus" will be due. On Friday, we will take our spelling unit 12 word test and the unit 12 workbook will be due. Memory work will also be due on Friday. On Tuesday, all three grades will have a math test. On Wednesday, 4-5th grade will be taking their Midwest map quiz. In language arts all three grades will be continuing to study verbs. Please help your child stay on top of their daily and weekly school work. Please do not bring any Christmas party name exchange gifts until next Wednesday. Blessings on your week!

Grades 6-8: The weeks before Christmas are not just busy at home but school also. I try to my best to keep things somewhat on schedule but the extras always take up time and things get off course a bit. Most of my kids are doing well in preparing their parts for the children's service, but extra work at home is helpful. We are soon to end units in science and social studies. I don't plan to start new ones until after Christmas. I hope parents are helping their children shop for our student gift exchange at school. The party is the last day of school before Christmas vacation, December 19th. You should see something from my room mothers on party details soon.