



# BOBCAT BULLETIN

Edition #14 BETHEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER December 16, 2019

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

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**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 18<sup>th</sup>** in the afternoon. Please return the signed slips right away.

**LAST DAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS VACATION:** This week Thursday will be our last day before Christmas. We will start the day with our last Christmas service practice and then have our room Christmas parties. School will be dismissed at noon.

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

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

**GREAT NEWS FROM MRS. VIRANT:** I am happy to report that Mrs. Virant will continue to serve Bethel as our Preschool teacher. She has returned her call to North Dakota and will remain here at Bethel. Thanks, Mrs. Virant for the nice Christmas present for all of Bethel.

**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>



**SUNDAY SCHOOL/BIBLE CLASS:** 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.

**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 **\$27.14**. Our total for the quarter is now **\$166.64**.

**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 HOLIDAY SERVICES:** As is the case every year, there are multiple opportunities for you to properly celebrate the Christmas season by attending special services at Bethel. Please plan to attend these services with your family.

- 12/19 Children's Christmas Serv. @ 6:30 PM
- 12/24 Christ. Eve Candle Light Serv. @ 6:30 PM
- 12/25 Christmas Day Service @ 10:00 AM
- 12/31 New Year's Eve Service @ 4:00 PM

**HOT LUNCH:** Thanks to those that served this past week! There will be a special holiday menu for

**Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**, consisting of turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, rolls, and pumpkin pie. Our workers are scheduled to be **Dean, Figley, and Friske**.

**BOOKMOBILE:** The Bay County Bookmobile will start servicing Bethel on **Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**, 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!

**BIRTHDAYS:** Happy birthday to:

Blake Clark	12/26	Pre.
Emma Figley	1/3	6
Taylor Thunberg	1/5	2
Heidi Dahn	1/5	7
Kameron VanDenBoom	1/5	Pre.

**BOYS' BASKETBALL:**

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

**12/16**

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

**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:**

**12/16 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:** The Bible lesson this week is *God Keeps Jesus Safe*. The children will learn that God kept Jesus safe from wicked King Herod. The Memory Treasure is Psalm 91:11: *He will command his angels ...to guard you*. The letter this week is L. Thank you to all the 4 year old parents who helped chaperone for Christmas caroling at Brookdale on Monday. Thursday morning will be the final practice for the children's Christmas service, and in the evening the children will share the news of our Savior's birth in the Christmas service. The children participating in the Christmas service are to meet in the classroom **by 6:00 pm**. This will give them time to go through the song, recitation, and get lined up for going into church. The children will be sitting in the reserved pews at the front of the church during the service. Following the service please pick your child up in the classroom. **The children are participating in a worship service and therefore no flash photography or videotaping is requested.** Wishing everyone a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas and blessed New Year!

**Kindergarten:** This week we will be very busy practicing for our Christmas service and finishing all of the units we have been working on. We will also have the chance to share the Christmas message with the residents of Brookdale Assisted Living on Monday. There will be no assigned memory work for this week

but please keep reviewing the Christmas recitation and song. In Word of God, the children will be learning about the birth of John the Baptist and Jesus. The children have finished Letter Book T and will be doing review sheets. Please make sure that your child does some reading practice over break. Our sight word for this week will be the word "that". There will be no Show and Tell for this week. In math, the children will finish their chapter on counting and writing the numbers 15-19. On Thursday morning we will be having our big group practice and Christmas party. The children may bring their gift exchange then. The night of the children's Christmas service we will meet in the Kindergarten classroom between 6-6:15pm. Please have your child use the restroom before you drop your child off. After the service is over, the children will be waiting for you in the classroom. I hope everyone has a safe and joyous Christmas!

**Grades 1-2:** This week will be a busy week. We will still be working on our Super Kids unit this week and so we will have a spelling test on Thursday this week. We will be hard at work preparing for our Christmas service. Wednesday we will be sharing parts of our service over at two of the nursing facilities across the street. If you haven't returned your child's permission slip for this, please do so ASAP. Please remember to send in your child's permission slip and money for the planetarium field trip by December 19. Please send in your child's gifts for the gift exchange on December 19. Thanks to our parents who are helping to put together our Christmas party. We appreciate you! I wish you all a joyous Christmas season as we celebrate our Savior's birth and a restful break from school.

**Grades 3-5:** It is the week of children's' Christmas service! The kids have been working very hard on the service and we will be putting the finishing touches on it this week. With this week being a short week we will not have spelling or memory work. On Wednesday, verses 3 and 4 of the song "His Name is Jesus" will be due. Please do not have your child bring in their Christmas party gift exchange name until Wednesday at the earliest or Thursday. A reminder that Thursday is a half day with our Christmas party in the morning and children's Christmas service in the evening at 6:30. Please have your child be in our classroom by 6:00. I pray that you and your family have a blessed celebration of our Savior's birth! Blessings on your week and Christmas celebration!

**Grades 6-8:** The last week before Christmas! It will be busy! There certainly will be a lot of Christmas in this week with practices every day as well as taking our service on the road. Thanks to my room mothers for taking care of all the details for Christmas room party this coming Thursday. Please remember that we dismiss at noon on Thursday. I would like my students to report to my classroom between 6:00 and 6:15 on Thursday evening. We will have a short practice before the service. I will be trying to finish up

units/chapters in science, social studies, English, and math before the break. I don't intend to start something new hoping everyone will have a restful break without the worry of homework. Merry Christmas to everyone and a Happy New Year! I look forward to worshipping with all of you at the many extra services that are scheduled during the holiday season.

**THANK YOU:** Thank you to all those who remembered your school staff at this time of year with your greetings and gifts. Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated!

***MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY NEW YEAR,  
AND GOD'S BLESSINGS ON YOUR  
HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS!***