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Edition #15 BETHEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER January 6, 2020

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

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LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK: Our school's annual celebration of Lutheran Elementary Education will be from **January 20 to 26**. Below is a schedule of events.

Tue. Jan. 21	Breakfast with a Buddy Day
Wed. Jan. 22	Game Day and at night Dr. Slime
Thur. Jan. 23	Blood Drive
Fri. Jan. 24	Special Pizza Hot Lunch/Bowling
Sun. Jan 26	Capstone Sunday Service & Chili Cook-off

A LOT OF STUFF: There is a great deal of information coming home today on Lutheran Schools Week and Basketball. Please make sure you ask your child to see all the forms and information. Please send back the requested forms and money quickly so that our planning can go forward. **There isn't much time before things start happening!**

DR. SLIME SHOW: A show by Dr. Slime will take place on **January 22, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.** Dr. Slime is a crazy scientist who educates and entertains through eye-catching science demos. A fun evening for the whole family! Tickets go on sale in the school office on a first come first served basis today, January 6th at **\$2.00 per person**. Please join us for this fun event.

PRE TO 8 BOWLING: Another event during Lutheran Schools Week is a bowling outing. All students in the preschool through grade 8 are invited to participate. Permission slips are being sent home today and should be returned with payment right away.

BREAKFAST WITH A BUDDY: Students and their favorite adults are invited to join us for a light breakfast of pastries, fruits, juice, and coffee on **Tuesday, January 21 from 8:00-8:45**. Due to limited space, only one adult per child please. Please return the RSVP slip by **Wednesday, January 15**. Please sign up on the front bulletin board if you are able to help or provide food for this special event.

BLOOD DRIVE: As part of Lutheran Schools Week, Bethel will be hosting a blood drive on **Thursday, January 23 from 1:00 to 7:00 PM**. Sign up to donate and recruit others to as well. There is a school contest. Students will be given a reward if our school meets a goal set for number of donations. Students are encouraged to recruit donors. See the attached flyer for additional information.

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 **\$32.75**. Our total for the quarter is now **\$199.39**.

HOT LUNCH: Thanks to those that served the Wednesday before Christmas. Our menu for this coming Wednesday will include tacos, carrot sticks, and ice cream, .Our workers are scheduled to be **Fuhrman, Hartley, and Herrera**.

CEA MEETING: The second business meeting of the year is scheduled for **Sunday, January 11th** beginning right after church in the Multipurpose Room. Please plan to attend and help promote our school and school activities.

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE: All those that volunteered to work on the basketball tournament that Bethel is hosting at St. John's BC on **February 7th and 8th** are reminded to be working on getting their responsibilities covered. There is only one month left before we are on deck. Please watch this newsletter for an announcement of a possible wrap up meeting.

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!

BOYS' "B" TOURNAMENT: Our boys' B team will be playing in a tournament this coming **Saturday, January 11th**. **Their first game will be at 11:30 against St. John's BC at Trinity's gym.** Go Bobcats! A tournament bracket is attached to this newsletter. Please note that the date here listed is a change of date from previous announcements regarding this tournament.

PRINCIPALS' CONFERENCE: I will be attending a principals' conference on **Friday, January 10th**. Thanks to Mrs. Fuhrman for being my sub.

PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT BEGINS: Enrollment for the 2020-21 preschool year will begin on **January 15, 2020**. Enrollments will be taken on a first come first served basis. Please do what you can to promote our preschool with your family, coworkers, friends, and acquaintances. Help us with this great community and outreach program. Thanks!

END 2ND QUARTER: The second quarter of this school year will end on **Friday, January 17, 2020**. Make sure your child is working hard until the end!

FACULTY IN SERVICE: There will be a faculty in service on **Friday, January 17th**. There will be a half day of school with classes being dismissed at 12:00 noon.

REPORT CARDS: Report card for the 2nd quarter will be sent home on **Wednesday, January 22nd**. Please return only your child's signed envelope. If you have any questions or would like a consultation please contact your child's teacher. S/he will be happy to meet with you.

BIRTHDAYS: There are no birthdays to report for this week.

ATTENTION BOYS' BASKETBALL FAMILIES: Please note that there is a mistake in the church event calendar relating to boys' basketball practice times. The boys' B team WILL NOT practice from 4:00-5:30 and boys' A team from 5:30-7:00. **The boys' B team WILL practice from 3:00-4:30 and the boys' A team will practice from 4:30-6:00 as we have done with**

previous practices. Please check the updated Google calendar for practice times. My apologies for the mistake. --- Coach Thooft.

BOYS' BASKETBALL:

B - Practices: Practices are from 3:00 to 4:30 unless otherwise noted

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1/13

1/16

A - Practices: Practices are from 4:30 to 6:00 unless otherwise noted.

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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

Saturday, 1/11 B Tournament @ Trinity

Friday, 1/17 vs. St. John's BC @ Bethel

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: Practices are from 3:00 to 4:30 unless otherwise noted.

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CHOIR SCHEDULE:

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

1/26 Pre-8 – Lutheran Schools Sunday

2/16 Cherub Choir

2/26 Cantate Choir

3/4 Cherub Choir

3/18 Cantate Choir

3/25 Cherub Choir

COMING UP:

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

1/21 Breakfast with a Buddy

1/22 Report Cards Sent Home

Game Day/Dr. Slime

1/23 Blood Drive

1/24 Bowling

- 1/26 Lutheran Schools' Sunday Service
Chili Cook off
- 1/27 Map Testing Window Begins
- 2/7 Faculty In Service 8:00 to 12:00 Noon
NO SCHOOL – TOURNAMENT WEEKEND
- 2/10 Pastor/Teacher Conference – NO SCHOOL
- 2/26 Ash Wednesday – CEA Soup Supper
- 2/29 CEA Trivia Night

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: Welcome back! I hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas Break. The Bible lesson this week for the three year olds is *Young Jesus Visits the Temple*. The children will learn Jesus always obeyed his Father in heaven and his parents on earth. The memory treasure is Colossians 3:20: *Children, obey your parents*. The Bible lesson for the four year olds is *The First Miracle*. The children will learn Jesus used his almighty power to change water into wine. The Bible Words to Remember are Jeremiah 29:12 *Pray to me, and I will listen to you*. This week the children will begin the theme *Snow Friends*. The children will learn about the Arctic climate and some of the animals found there such as polar bears, snowy owls, walrus, Arctic foxes, and Arctic reindeer. The letter is M, the number 11, the color white, and the octagon. The January Scholastic Book order is due Wednesday, January 15. You may order online using the code *J6CQC*. Please note the children will be singing in church on Sunday, January 26. There are a number of activities being planned for the Lutheran Schools week (January 20-26) please take note of the special notes that are being sent home with your child over the next few days. Enrollment will begin for the 2020-2021 school

year on January 15. If you are in need of an application or looking for more information regarding the preschool program, please speak with Mrs. Virant. Preschool meets on Tuesday and Thursday for children who are 3 years old by September 1 and on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for children who are 4 years old by September 1.

Kindergarten: Welcome back! I hope everyone enjoyed their time off. I want to thank everyone who remembered me and my family with cards and gifts. Your thoughtfulness is most appreciated. I just want to remind the children to be sure to bring boots, snow pants, hats, and gloves to school. As long as it is above 10 degrees, we will be going outside for recess. This week in Word of God, our lessons will be on The Wise Men visiting Jesus and Jesus going to the temple as a boy. We will be starting our unit on letter F and meeting our Superkid Frits. A new story book entitled "Gifts" will be coming home on Friday. Please have your child read it to you. In math, the children will be working on numbers 20 and beyond for the next few weeks. In science we will be studying the 3 states of matter – solid, liquid, gas. The sight word for this week will be the word "me." Show and Tell for this week will be your favorite Christmas present. Have a great week!

Memory Work:

Tuesday, January 7 – 3A Matthew 4:10
Wednesday, January 8 – none
Thursday, January 9 – none
Friday, January 10 – 4A Ephesians 6:1

Grades 1-2: Welcome back! I hope everyone has had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas break. Thank you all for the wonderful presents and goodies! They are much appreciated! This week we will be back to our normal routine. In math we will begin by reviewing what we had learned prior to the break. First grade will test on Wednesday on Subtraction strategies, including fact families. Second grade will continue working on two-digit subtraction and test on Friday. Please check your child's graded papers and Quick Schools to see if there is anything that needs to be corrected and returned to school. The end of the quarter is a quick two weeks away. If you have not yet returned the field trip slip for our upcoming field trip to the planetarium, please do so ASAP. Please look for a January reading log to come home today. Check your child's homework folder for additional information about what we are learning, especially Memory Treasures and Spelling words.

Grades 3-5: Welcome back! I hope everyone had a refreshing and relaxing break and celebration of our Savior's birth. We are back at it this week with our regularly scheduled classes. On Friday, Spelling unit 13 will be due and we will take our word test. Memory Work will also be due on Friday. Both third and fifth grade will be finishing up units in Math and will be taking their chapter tests over that material next week. All three grades will be taking a quiz on verbs on Thursday. There will be a number of notes and

handouts coming home this week. Most of these announcements are related to our upcoming celebration of Lutheran Schools' Week. Please take note of these announcements, check the newsletter and Google calendar for information relating to Lutheran Schools' Week. Blessings on your week!

5:30 p.m. Registration starts at 1:30 p.m. To register for the open house, please visit www.mlsem.org/openhouse

Grades 6-8: Welcome back! It was a very nice holiday break with great weather. I am ready to go and I hope my students are also! Thanks again to all those who remembered me and my family with greetings and gifts. They were deeply appreciated. The upcoming weeks are going to be very busy with basketball, Lutheran Schools Week and the end of the 2nd quarter. There are about two weeks left in the quarter, I hope everyone does his/her best. A book report is due this coming Friday. A lot of extra stuff was sent home today mostly pertaining to Lutheran Schools Week. Please fill out and return forms and money right away. It will be difficult to keep on top of things without your cooperation. Please follow the Google Calendar in addition to this newsletter.

MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY:

JR CARDINALS POMS CLINIC: Members of the MLS poms team would like to invite all girls from grades K-6 to a poms clinic on **January 19, 2020**. Each participant will be taught an age appropriate routine and get to perform that routine during halftime of the varsity basketball game on January 24. The cost of the clinic is \$30.00. The registration deadline is on **January 9, 2020 at midnight**. Each participant will receive a t-shirt that will be worn on the night of the performance and a light snack will be provided. They will also have the choice between a set of poms or a hair bow. There is an option to purchase the hair bow if you already have poms from a previous clinic. To register visit www.mlsem.org/junior-poms-clinic

REWARDS PROGRAM: Every year MLS is excited to welcome new students into the MLS family! This year we want to thank you by giving any new students who apply early a reward! Prospective students who submit an online application by January 31, 2019 will receive a gift card, upon registration in August, to the Cardinal's Nest, which can be redeemed for great MLS apparel or other MLS merchandise. Apply by December 31, receive a \$50 gift card. Apply by January 31, receive a \$25 gift card. It is the goal of the MLS admissions department to get 65 applications this year, so please encourage anyone thinking about attending MLS to please apply. Visit www.mlsem.org/apply to apply.

MLS WINTER OPEN HOUSE: Michigan Lutheran Seminary invites all students - especially 5th-8th graders - families, schools, churches to spend part of a day on campus learning about MLS at the upcoming winter open house. The open house takes place on **Friday, February 7, 2020** and runs from 1:30 p.m. -