



# BOBCAT BULLETIN

Edition #18 BETHEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER January 27, 2020  
*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 chapel offerings for the third quarter will flow into our school's Special Fund which is used to purchase unbudgeted items for the school. This past week we collected **\$20.14**. Our total for the quarter is now **\$20.14**.

**HOT LUNCH:** Thanks to those who worked hot lunch this past Friday! Everything was great! Next week we are now back on the normal Wednesday hot lunch. This coming Wednesday will be a Sub Way hot lunch. Order forms were sent home today to be returned tomorrow morning. Our workers are scheduled to be **Richard, Rouech, and Szostek**.

**MLS FINE ARTS FAIR:** Students in grades 3-8 have an opportunity to participate in the annual MLS Fine Arts Fair. The date of this year's fair is **Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**. All our third through eighth grade students are encouraged to participate. Students can receive extra credit for doing so. All the necessary parent information is attached to this newsletter. This year the

sign up process is all online (a link can be found on the MLS home page and in the attached documents). The only thing you will need to send to school is the \$3.00 fee per entry. Online registration opens up on **Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**. The deadline to enter is **Sunday February 9<sup>th</sup>**. Entry fees must be submitted to school no later than **Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**. Remember if your child enters multiple events it is \$3.00 for every entry. Please encourage your child to participate – thanks!

**LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK:** What a great week! I would like to thank my entire staff for all their hard work and sharing the responsibility for planning and executing all of the various events. I would also like to thank all those who donated and/or worked and all those who participated. A special thanks to this year's faculty coordinator – Mr. Thooft.

**BLOOD DRIVE:** Thank you to everyone who participated in our blood drive. We were able to collect 29 successful units to help those in need! This was just shy of our hospital partner goal of 31 successful units. Thanks again to all who helped to make this blood drive a success.

**HONOR ROLL:** Congratulations to students in grades 6-8 that made Honor Roll for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter!

**All "A's and B's"**

Heidi Dahn	Gr. 7
James Krohn	Gr. 6
Kyle Krohn	Gr. 8
Alivia Kukla	Gr. 7
Connor McGehee	Gr. 6
Ashlynn Szostek	Gr. 8

**TRIVIA NIGHT:** The Bethel CEA will again be hosting a trivia fun night. **The date is Saturday, February 29, 2020**. We are about 5 weeks away from our 2nd Annual CEA Trivia Night. Parents, this is replacing our normal fundraiser for CEA that involves selling pizza kits, cookie dough, candy, etc. It was successful enough last year that we did not have to have any other fundraisers and if every Bethel family finds at least one team to compete in the Trivia Night it will be a great evening - the more teams, the more successful the event. Teams may register online on the Bethel School Website. This is the link to sign up. <https://forms.gle/f8N5eJQdAk9BS5379> If trivia is not your thing, please consider helping in some other

way that evening. There is a volunteer sign-up sheet in the hallway at school. Any questions regarding this event please contact Jenni Thunberg at [thunbergj@bcschools.net](mailto:thunbergj@bcschools.net).

**VEBA MEETING:** I will be participating in a teleconference with the WELS VEBA Commission on **Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, starting at 1:30 PM**. I will not be available to assist you with any of your concerns after that time. I will be happy to help you before my conference or the next day. Thanks!

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

**PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT BEGINS:** Enrollment for the 2020-21 preschool year began 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!

**FACULTY IN SERVICE:** The next Faculty In Service is on **Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**. Your faculty will meet in the morning and then head over to St. John's to work on the tournament. **There will be no school on Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>.**

**PASTOR/TEACHER CONFERENCE:** There will be no school on **Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**. Your faculty will attend a Pastor/Teacher conference in Saginaw.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Happy birthday to:

Mr. Thooft	1/28	
Kody VanDenBoom	1/29	Gr. 1
Parker Sweetman	2/1	Pre.

**BOYS' BASKETBALL:**  
**B - Practices:** Practices are from 3:00 to 4:30 unless otherwise noted

1/27  
 1/30  
 2/3

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

1/27  
 1/30  
 2/3

**Games;** All game nights will begin at 5:30 unless otherwise noted.

**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 Tourny @ 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.

1/27  
 1/30  
 2/3

**CHOIR SCHEDULE:**  
 (Cantate = Grades 4-8; Cherub = Grades 1-3)

2/16 Cherub Choir  
 2/26 Cantate Choir  
 3/4 Cherub Choir  
 3/18 Cantate Choir  
 3/25 Cherub Choir

**BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE:** The bookmobile will be at school from 1:30 to 2:15 on the dates listed below.

2/11  
 3/3  
 4/14  
 5/5  
 5/26

**COMING UP:**

2/7 Faculty In Service 8:00 to 12:00 Noon  
 NO SCHOOL – TOURNAMENT WEEKEND  
 MLS Open House  
 2/9 Registration Dead Line – MLS Fine Arts Fair  
 2/10 Map Testing Window Begins  
 2/10 Pastor/Teacher Conference – NO SCHOOL  
 2/14 Valentine's Day  
 2/16 MLS Foundation Dinner  
 2/24 Girls' Club @ Bethel @ 3:00  
 2/25 Hearing Testing Grades K, 2, and 4  
 2/26 Ash Wednesday – CEA Soup Supper  
 2/29 CEA Trivia Night  
 3/1 Effects of Tech on Children presentation at St. John's on Alp 3:00 to 5:00 PM  
 3/2 Kindergarten Visitation Day One  
 3/4 Kindergarten Visitation Day Two  
 3/5 Literacy Night – Storyteller 6:30 to 7:30 PM  
 3/6 Principals' Conference  
 Basketball/Cheerleading Pictures Day in PM  
 3/7 MLS Fine Arts Fair  
 3/8 Day Light Savings Time Begins  
 3/13 MLS Children's Theater  
 BALL League Meeting  
 3/16 Boy Pioneer & Girls' Club  
 3/20 End Third Quarter  
 Faculty In Service – Dismiss @ Noon  
 3/25 Report Cards  
 3/30-4/3 – Spring Break – No School!

**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>2/9</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>	<b>Powers, Killinger</b>
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
5/1	Daddy/Daughter Dance	Thunberg, Killinger, Figley
5/3	Confirmation	Willard & 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 Event	Thunberg, Killinger, Figley
Pine Car Derby	Powers

**CLASSROOM NEWS:**

**Preschool:** The children had a lot of fun last week celebrating Lutheran Schools Week participating in the various activities. Thank you for bringing your children to sing in church on Sunday. The children did a wonderful job. This week preschool will conclude their theme *Scribbles and Splats*. They will be learning about different types of art i.e. painting, sculpture, collage and also how to care for art supplies. The letter is O, the number 12, the color is white, and the octagon shape. The three year old's Bible lesson is *Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man*. They will learn Jesus forgave the man's sins and made him able to walk. The memory treasure is 1Peter 5:7: *[God] cares for you*. The four year old's will study *The Woman with a Strong Faith* They will learn the woman showed that she had a very strong faith. The Bible Words to Remember are Proverbs 3:5 *Trust in the LORD with all your heart*. Enrollment for the 2020-2021 Preschool year began January 15. Applications are available from Mrs. Virant. At this time there are **12** openings in the 4 year old class and **13** openings in the 3 year old class. Just a reminder the openings are filled on a first come first serve basis.

**Kindergarten:** Last week was a fun week with all of the activities that were planned for Lutheran Schools Week. Thank you to all of the parents who allowed your children to participate and helped out with the activities. This week we will be back to a more normal consistent schedule. In Word of God this week, the children will learn how Jesus used his almighty power to catch fish and call his disciples. Last week we began Letter book H. In it we will meet our last Superkid, Hot Rod. He likes to build things that go fast. The class will also be working on writing sentences about a picture they draw. By the way, it's okay if they misspell some words. We are not working on spelling. We are working on hearing the individual sounds in a word. For example, the word neigh has 5 letters but only 2 sounds (/n/ and /a/). In math, the children have finished

their chapter on numbers to 100 and started on sorting things by shape, color, or size and graphing them. Show and Tell for this week will be things that begin with the letter H.

**Memory Work:**

Tuesday, January 28 - none  
 Wednesday, January 29 – 9A Romans 10:17  
 Thursday, January 30 – none  
 Friday, January 31 – 10A The 2<sup>nd</sup> Petition

**Grades 1-2:** A big thank you to everyone who helped out with Lutheran Schools Week last week! We had a fun week! This week we will be back to our normal routine. Second graders have a math test on money on Tuesday. Check your child's homework folder for additional information about what we are learning, especially Memory Treasures and Spelling words.

**Grades 3-5:** Thank you to everyone who helped and participated in our celebration of Lutheran Schools Week last week! What a blessing our Lutheran Schools truly are. We will settle into a more regular schedule this week. All three grades will have a Math test this week. We will have a new round of stories in Reading and finish up our study of adjectives for all three grades. In science we will be learning how living things are classified. On Wednesday, hymn #562 *I Love to Tell the Story* will be due. On Friday, Memory Work and Spelling unit 16 will be due. Blessings on your week!

**Grades 6-8:** That sure went fast! The planning for Lutheran Schools Week started in June of 2019. There was a lot of work behind the scenes for a long time and then it is over so fast. It was a lot of fun! Thanks to everyone! It will be nice to get back into a routine, but that too won't last long. After this week there are two weekends of back to back tournaments with a pastor/teacher conference and faculty in service in between. Congratulations to all my students that made honor roll. I hope more of my students try to make it this quarter. There was a science test today, but other than that there are no major tests scheduled for this week. I don't know if anyone has noticed, but we haven't had a snow day this year! It has been nice not to have to adjust for that.

**MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY:**

**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, 2020** 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 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](http://www.mlsem.org/apply) to apply.

**MLS FOUNDATION DINNER & AUCTION:** Gather your friends on February 16 and join us for a fun evening of support for MLS at the foundation's dinner and auction! Discounted tickets are available through January 31. We also need donated auction items to make this event a success. Visit our website for details and to get your tickets. <https://mls-foundation.org/events/dinner-auction/>

**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. - 5:30 p.m. Registration starts at 1:30 p.m. To register for the open house, please visit [www.mlsem.org/openhouse](http://www.mlsem.org/openhouse)

**MLS SCIENCE & FINE ARTS FAIR:** MLS is pleased to announce that it will host the Science and Fine Arts Fair once again! It will take place on Saturday, March 7th from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. This year we would like to invite parents and students to consider staying to enjoy all of our added special features: a coffee and donut table, Science and Fine Arts Fair t-shirts for sale, face-painting, drawing table, math/science game stations, "Bird Feeder" snacks and lunch, photo opportunities, contests and more! Registration opens January 19, 2020 on the Michigan Lutheran Seminary website: [mlsem.org](http://mlsem.org). The deadline for registration will be Sunday, February 9th at midnight.