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Edition #16 BETHEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER January 13, 2020

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

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**SURVEY RESULTS:** Thanks to the 20 families that filled out the online survey about BLS! I thought you might like to see some of the results.

### What would better help meet your needs?

- 46% transportation help
- 46% full day Kindergarten
- 33% full day Preschool
- 33% before school care
- 44% after school care

### What programs would better meet community needs?

- 64% full day Kindergarten
- 46% full day Preschool
- 73% before school care
- 91% after school care

### What things are important to you? (Answered as either important or very important)

- 91% Christian education
- 91% Small classroom sizes
- 91% Strength of curriculum
- 81% Extra-curricular programs
- 91% Family atmosphere

Your responses are helpful to the School Vision Committee, Board of Education, and Church Council as we work to improve our school.

**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 **\$35.06**. Our total for the quarter is now **\$234.45**.

**HOT LUNCH:** Thanks to those who worked hot lunch this past Wednesday! Everything was great! Our menu for this coming Wednesday will include **spaghetti, rolls, salad, and cookies**. Our workers are scheduled to be **Killinger, Krohn, and Kukla**.

**END 2<sup>ND</sup> 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!

**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!

**CEA MEETING:** Thanks to all those who attended the CEA meeting yesterday. It was a lively group and a lot was accomplished. The CEA does a great job of supporting the school and its programs. Please check out the CEA upcoming events section later in this newsletter for updates as well as all events planned for the rest of this year.

**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

**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 are on sale in the school office 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 and a reward will be given to the room that recruits the most! Check with Mrs. Virant for details.

**TRIVIA NIGHT:** The Bethel CEA will again be hosting a trivia fun night. **The date is Saturday, February 29, 2020.** We are about 6 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). Advertisement posters will be posted around the building. A poster is also attached to this newsletter.

**TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE:** All those who 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 is only one month left before we are on deck. Please watch this newsletter for an announcement of a possible wrap up meeting.

**BOYS' "B" TOURNAMENT:** Due to worries about the weather, the "B" tournament scheduled for this past weekend was postponed. The same schedule of games will be played this coming **Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**, at the same times, at the same place – Trinity.

**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!

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

**REPORT CARDS:** Report card for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter will be sent home on **Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>.** 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:** Happy birthday to:  
Jacob Krohn 1/17 Gr. 4

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

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**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.

**Friday, 1/17 vs. St. John's BC @ Bethel**  
**Saturday, 1/18 Boys "B" BB tourney @ 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:** 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:**  
1/14 **Grades 1-2 Trip to Planetarium**  
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
- 1/20 Girls and Boys Club @ Ports. Town. Fire. S.
- 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!

<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/Daught. Dance	Thunberg, Killinger, Figley
5/3	Confirmation	Willard & Co.
5/29	Awards Presentation	Faculty
5/31	Church Picnic	Willard & 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:** This week preschool will conclude the theme *Snow Friends*. They will learn about Antarctica and some of the animals found there: penguins, seals, sea lions, and whales. The letter is N, the number 12, the color is white, and the octagon shape. The four year olds will study the Bible lesson *Jesus Calms the Storm* They will learn the disciples learned that Jesus has power over all things. The Bible Words to Remember are Matthew 28:18 *Jesus...said, "All authority on heaven and earth has been given to me."* The three year olds will study *Jesus is Baptized by John*. They will learn that God said that Jesus is his Son. The memory treasure is Matthew 3:17: *A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son."* The Scholastic January book order is **due Wednesday, January**

**15.** You may order online using the code *J6CQC*. Enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year begins Wednesday, January 15. If you are in need of an application or have any questions see Mrs. Virant.

**Kindergarten:** This Friday marks the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of the school year. We are half way through our school year. Report cards will be coming out on Wednesday, January 22. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress, please speak to me and we can set up a conference time. Our lessons in Word of God this week will be Jesus Being Baptized and Changing Water into Wine. The children will be finishing their Letter book F. They have been learning about periods and question marks and how they affect sentences. In art class they created "Blotter Bugs" by mixing 2 primary colors together. In math, the children are working on identifying how many tens and ones in a number and writing numbers 0-100. Show and tell for this week is things that begin with the letter F. Our sight word for this week is the word "this". Please be sure to return the permission slip and money if your child will be going bowling on the afternoon of the 24. We need to inform the Bowling Alley the week before so they can enter names and have a sufficient number of shoes on hand. Blessings on your week!

**Memory Work:**

- Tuesday, January 14 – 5A Galatians 4:4
- Wednesday January 15 - none
- Thursday, January 16 – none
- Friday January 17 – 6A 4<sup>th</sup> Petition

**Grades 1-2:** This week we have a field trip to the Delta Planetarium on Tuesday. We plan to leave shortly after 10:00 in order to be on time for check in at 10:15. We will be back to school before lunch. Thank you to our drivers and chaperones for this event. Please return any bowling or Breakfast with a Buddy RSVPs this week. Scholastic book orders were sent home last week. Please order online using code Q4X4B. Please check your child's graded papers and QuickSchools to see if there is anything that needs to be corrected and returned to school. The end of the quarter is this Friday. If your child brings any redos home this weekend, please return them Monday so the report card can be updated accordingly. Check your child's homework folder for additional information about what we are learning, especially Memory Treasures and Spelling words.

**Grades 3-5:** I hope everyone was safe during the storm this weekend. All three grades will have a test in Math this week. On Wednesday, hymn #234 *Praise to the Almighty* will be due. On Friday, Spelling unit 14 and Memory Work will be due. Friday is a half day due to faculty in-service this week. Please note that Friday is also the end of the 2nd quarter. Last week a number of items were sent home relating to Lutheran Schools Week. Please turn in any documents that need to be filled out and mark your calendars for these special events. Blessings on your week!

**Grades 6-8:** The first week after the holiday break was certainly busy and it will stay that way through the first week of February. I hope you are watching this newsletter for all the announcements. This is the last week of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. There will be tests in social studies and science this week. I am not quite sure of the dates yet. Please encourage your student to finish strong. Keep an eye on QuickSchools for details. Parents are reminded to turn in permission slips for Lutheran Schools Week which include bowling, breakfast with a buddy, and the purchase of tickets for Dr. Slime. I hope everyone is planning to participate in all these special events.

### **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, 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](http://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. - 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)