



# BOBCAT BULLETIN

Edition #20 BETHEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER February 11, 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!

**LENT:** Lent is coming up fast! Below is a schedule of all the special worship services you will have the opportunity to attend. I hope to see everyone at these services.

**February 26<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday @ 6:30 PM**  
March 4<sup>th</sup> Lent II @ 6:30 PM  
March 11<sup>th</sup> Lent III @ 6:30 PM  
March 18<sup>th</sup> Lent IV @ 6:30 PM  
March 25<sup>th</sup> Lent V @ 6:30 PM  
April 1<sup>st</sup> Lent VI @ 6:30 PM  
April 9<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday @ 6:30 PM  
April 10<sup>th</sup> Good Friday @ 1:00 PM

**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 **\$32.00**. Our total for the quarter is now **\$77.74**.

**HOT LUNCH:** Thanks to those who worked hot lunch last week! Everything was great! Our menu for next

week will include chicken nuggets, tater tots, carrot sticks, celery/peanut butter, and cookies. Our workers are scheduled to be **Wilson, Zube, and Crites**.

**PRESCHOOL CALL:** Mrs. Virant has been issued a new call to be a full time called worker at Bethel. Her additional duties will be to start up a full day 4 yr. old preschool, and to also be the PM Kindergarten teacher of those in our full day Kindergarten program. Please keep Mrs. Virant in your prayers as she deliberates her call.

**KINDERGARTEN CALL:** God willing the voters of our congregation will assemble this coming **Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM** to extend a call to replace Mrs. Mayhew as our half day Kindergarten teacher. This call will continue to be a part time position. Our new part time Kindergarten teacher will teach morning Kindergarten and our Preschool teacher will cover those opting for a full day of Kindergarten. Please keep our congregation and the candidate we call in your prayers.

**TRIVIA NIGHT:** The Bethel CEA will again be hosting a trivia fun night. **The date is Saturday, February 29, 2020.** We are about 3 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). **THE TIME IS GETTING CLOSE – PLEASE SIGN UP AND GET OTHERS TO DO SO. THANKS!**

**TOURNAMENT:** Thanks to the many people who worked to make the BALL Boys' Tournament this past weekend a great success! Your help is greatly appreciated! Thanks especially to the heads of the various committees who did a wonderful job working behind the scenes making things run smoothly. Our

boys played well but were not able to advance in to any of the trophy games. I am hoping they will do better this coming weekend.

**MLS FINE ARTS FAIR:** The deadline for registering for the MLS Fine Arts Fair was this past **Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**. All fees were due today. Thanks to those that have signed up.

**MLS TOURNAMENT:** Our boys "A" team will play in the MLS tournament this coming weekend on **Friday February 14<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**. A tournament schedule is attached to this newsletter. Only students in grades 6-8 will not have school. All other classrooms will have school as usual. This tournament will end the boys' seasons. I hope you have time to take in a game or two. Go Bobcats!

**BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE SURVEY:** I am presently looking into expanding our preschool license to allow us to have afterschool and perhaps before school care next year. It is critical that I receive feedback on you about these potential programs. Please use the following information to take an on line survey right away. Thanks!

<https://forms.gle/xHZ7C8zwKgi1qsWr5>

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**I-SAD TECHNOLOGY:** Our area WELS schools are joining together to host a family night centering around technology and kids. The date is **Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, from 3:00 to 4:00 PM** at St. John's. Please plan to attend. See the attached flyer.

**SPIRIT WEEK:** We will be celebrating school spirit from **February 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>**. All students in Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade are encouraged to join in on the fun!

**Here is the schedule:**

Monday, February 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No School</b>
Tuesday, February 11 <sup>th</sup>	Pajama Day
Wednesday, February 12 <sup>th</sup>	Crazy Sock Day
Thursday, February 13 <sup>th</sup>	College Day
Friday, February 14 <sup>th</sup>	School Colors

**KINDERGARTEN VISITATION DAYS:** Preschool students will visit our Kindergarten classroom on **Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**. I hope everyone has a great time and enjoys the day.

**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!

**BOYS' BASKETBALL:**

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

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

**2/12**

**2/13**

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

**Tuesday, 2/11 vs. St. B/SJ/GS @ Bethel**

**Fri./Sat. 2/14-15 MLS Large School Tournament**

**VOLLEYBALL:** The volleyball season will soon be upon us. I just finished confirming all the match dates and the tournament. Thanks to Pastor Killinger for serving as our coach again this year. He will be assisted by Olivia Lopez, thanks Olivia. There will be three games each evening at each site. The first game always begins at 5:30. Subsequent games will follow without delay so times for 2<sup>nd</sup> and third games are approximates. Make sure you are there early for each game. I don't have a practice schedule yet, but here are the match dates.

**Match Dates:**

**3/6 vs. Good Shep @ Bethel @ 5:30**

**3/6 vs. St. Barts @ Bethel @ 6:30**

3/13 vs. Trinity II @ Trinity @ 5:30

3/13 vs. SJBC I @ Trinity @ 6:30

**3/14 BALL TOURNAMENT @ TRINITY**

3/20 vs. St. J's Sag. @ Bethel @ 5:30

3/20 vs. SJBC II @ Bethel @ 7:30

3/27 vs. St. Luke's @ Trinity @ 6:30

3/27 vs. Trinity I @ Trinity @ 7:30

**Practices:**

**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.

**FYI, adults in the congregation are welcome to visit the bookmobile as well!**

**2/11**

3/3

4/14

5/5

5/26

**BIRTHDAYS:** There are none to report for this week.

**COMING UP:**

- 2/14 **Valentine's Day**
- 2/16 **MLS Foundation Dinner**
- 2-17-21 MAP Testing Window
- 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 "i – Sad Technology & Kids" 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 @ Painterly Pottery on Water Street in downtown Bay City from 4:00 to 6:00 PM
- 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!

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| 2/26 | <b>Soup Supper</b>   | <b>Herrera, Crites</b>      |
| 2/29 | Trivia Night         | Thunberg, Wilson            |
| 3/22 | Coffee Hour          | Wilson, Crites              |
| 4/11 | Easter for Kids      | Figley                      |
| 4/24 | 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.

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| Mother/Son Event | Thunberg, Killinger, Figley |
| Pine Car Derby   | Powers                      |

**CLASSROOM NEWS:**

**Preschool:** Welcome back! I hope everyone enjoyed their long weekend. This week the 4 year old preschool class will study the Bible lesson *Jesus Raises Lazarus*. They will learn Jesus brought

Lazarus back to life. The Bible Words to Remember are John 11:25: *The one who believes in me will live, even though they die.* The 3 year olds will study *Jesus Teaches Peter to Trust*. They will learn Jesus taught his friends to trust in him in times of trouble. The Memory Treasure is Psalm 50:15: *Call upon me in the day of trouble.* The theme this week will be *Treats for My Sweet*. The children will learn about the symbols of Valentine's Day and review ways of showing kindness and caring. The letter is Q, the number 14, the color is pink, and the heart shape. The February Scholastic book order is due Wednesday, February 12. You can order online using code *J6CQC*. The children are also able to participate in the School Spirit Week dress up days. Everyone is looking forward to the fun. On Thursday and Friday each class will also have the opportunity to exchange valentines and participate in some special activities. Next Monday and Tuesday, February 17-18 will be parent teacher conferences. If you have not signed up yet please use the link that was sent to via Remind.

**Upcoming Dates**

- February 17-18 -Parent Teacher Conferences
- February 24 - Kindergarten Screening Begins
- February 29 - Bethel Trivia Night
- March 2 and 4 - Kindergarten Visitation Days
- March 13 - Field Trip -MLS Play
- March 22 - Sing in church

**Enrollment for 2020-2021 Preschool**

- 4 Year Old - 11 openings
- 3 Year Old - 12 openings

**Kindergarten:** Welcome back! I hope you enjoyed your long weekend. This week in Word of God, we will be learning about showing love to one another. We have finished all of our Meet the Super Kids units. We will now be starting on The Super Kids Club units. Each of these books will focus on two letters instead of just one. The children will also be reading longer stories and spelling and writing more words. The sight word for this week is the word *we*. We will also be focusing on the *-ub* word family. Show and Tell for this week will be things that begin with the letter B. In math, we will continue to work on identifying 2-d shapes. Friday is Valentine's Day. On that day the children can bring in their valentines for their classmates if they so choose. We will NOT be having a Valentine's Day party. We will be having a 100th Day of School party instead. As of right now, the 100 day of school will be on Monday, 2-17. I will be sending home a separate note about the 100<sup>th</sup> day party later this week. This week is Spirit Week! During the week, the students are invited to show their school spirit by participating in some dress up days at school. Each day's theme is posted on the classroom wall by the coats. At the end of the week, the classroom with the most school spirit based on participation for the special days will receive the School Spirit Award. The Kindergarten classroom is the defending champion!

**Memory Work:**

Wednesday, February 12 – 13A Ephesians 4:32

Thursday, February 13 – none  
Friday, February 14 – 1A Proverbs 3:5

**Grades 1-2:** This week, second grade will be taking a math test on Wednesday. First and second grade will be testing on their science chapter all about how matter changes. Please have your child complete the vocabulary review by then as well as studying the terms and concepts listed in your child's Homework Folder. Please remember to send your child's Valentine's Day boxes in on Friday! I hope everyone is having fun designing and making them! I will only be in for a half day on Friday, due to the MLS basketball tournament. Mrs. Fuhrman will be subbing in the afternoon. Thanks to her and to our moms who are helping with our Valentine's Day party that day! Please place Scholastic book orders online using code Q4X4B. Looking ahead, our 100th Day of School should still be on Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. To celebrate this year, we are going to dress up like we are 100 years old. 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 enjoyed the long weekend! This week is Spirit Week so please check the other portions of the newsletter with what is going on this week. On Wednesday, hymn #499 *Children of the Heavenly Father* will be due. On Friday, memory work and spelling unit 18 will be due. All three grades will have a math test this week and all three grades will be finishing up our first chapter in science. With the MLS tournament on Friday I will not be in the classroom, a big thank you to Mrs. Oblender for subbing in our classroom that day. I am looking forward to the kids showing their school spirit! Blessings on your week!

**Grades 6-8:** Welcome back everyone! I hope my kids enjoyed the long weekend which included a combined conference/snow day on Monday. I hope everyone observes spirit week this week and grades 6-8 can claim the Spirit Stick until next year. Students in my room will not have school on Friday because of the MSL tournament. It will be a very short week with a lot to do. Since my room will not have school on **Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**, if any students want to bring in valentines or a treat for their classmates, they can do so on **Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**. I am not planning a formal party.

#### **MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY:**

**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! 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 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.