



BOBCAT BULLETIN

Edition #21 BETHEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER February 17, 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 26th Ash Wednesday @ 6:30 PM
March 4th Lent II @ 6:30 PM
March 11th Lent III @ 6:30 PM
March 18th Lent IV @ 6:30 PM
March 25th Lent V @ 6:30 PM
April 1st Lent VI @ 6:30 PM
April 9th Maundy Thursday @ 6:30 PM
April 10th 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 **\$40.04**. Our total for the quarter is now **\$117.78**.

HOT LUNCH: Thanks to those who worked hot lunch last week! Everything was great! Our menu for next week will include sloppy joes, potato chips, bananas, and ice cream. Our workers are scheduled to be **Dahn, Dean, and Figley**.

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: Yesterday the voters met to issue a call for our new Kindergarten teacher. Mrs. Jessica Killinger was chosen. Please keep Jessica in your prayers as she deliberates on her call.

COLLIN NITZ: One of our students, Collin Nitz (third grade), will be spending from four to six weeks in Cincinnati for Proton Radiation Treatments. We ask that you keep Collin and his family in your prayers. In addition to that there is much you can do. Please read the attached flyer and consider generously helping out. Thanks!

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. **THE TIME IS GETTING CLOSE - PLEASE SIGN UP AND GET OTHERS TO DO SO. AS OF RIGHT NOW THERE ARE ONLY THREE TEAMS, AT LEAST FIFTEEN ARE NEEDED THANKS!**

BOX TOPS: Jaime Krohn, our Box Top program coordinator has provided new information about this ongoing program. You can Google the Box Top program for complete information as well. Please see the attached app flyer. Thanks for your support!

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS: There has been some confusion about this program and others have just found out about it. Therefore, another information sheet has been attached to this newsletter. I hope this helps. Please consider supporting Bethel School when you shop at Krogers!

MLS CHILDREN'S THEATER – PAN: Our school will be attending the MLS Children's Theater presentation of Pan on **Friday, March 13, 2020** starting at 9:00 AM. Permission slips were sent home today. Please respond right away!

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 from 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 afternoon centering around technology and kids. The date is **Sunday, March 1st, from 3:00 to 4:00 PM** at St. John's. Please plan to attend.

KINDERGARTEN VISITATION DAYS: Preschool students will visit our Kindergarten classroom on **Monday, March 2nd and Wednesday, March 4th**. 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!

BIRTHDAYS: Happy birthday to:

Meadow Gustafson 2/17 Pre. 4

BOYS BASKETBALL: This past weekend the boys' A team went 2-2 and finished fourth in the MLS tournament. Both the A and B teams showed tremendous growth and improvement over the course of the season. I would like to thank the players, parents and families for their support of our teams and program throughout the season. Go, Bobcats! --- Coach Thooff.

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 2nd and 3rd games are approximates. Make sure you are there early for each game.

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: All practices will be from 3:00 to 4:30 PM unless otherwise stated.

2/24

2/27

3/2

3/5

CHOIR SCHEDULE:

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

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!**

3/3

4/14

5/5

5/26

COMING UP:

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 | Soup Supper | Herrera, Crites |
| 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: We are approaching the end of February. How fast the month has gone. Monday and Tuesday, February 17-18 will be parent-teacher conferences. The 4 year olds will study the Bible lesson *The Rich Man and Poor Lazarus*. They will learn the rich man loved earthly things instead of loving God. The memory treasure is Hebrews 13:16: *Share with others*. The 3 year olds will study *The Good Samaritan Helps a Hurt Man*. They will learn Jesus taught people to love and help others.. The memory treasure is Galatians 5:13: *Serve one another in love*. The children will begin a new theme *Teddy Bear Games*. They will learn about the differences between teddy bears and real bears, what teddy bears are made of, why children like teddy bears, and bear book characters i.e. Winnie the Pooh, Paddington, etc. The

letter is R, the number 14, the color is pink, and the heart shape.

Please note the upcoming dates:

- February 17-18 Parent-Teacher Consultations
- February 24 - Kindergarten Screening Begins
- February 29 - Bethel Trivia Night
- March 1 - i-sad Technology Presentation at St. John's
- March 2 and 4 - Kindergarten Visitation Days
- March 5 - Literacy Night
- March 13 - Field Trip -MLS Play
- March 22 - Sing in church
- April 24 - Vision and Hearing Screening
for 2020-2021 Kindergarten
students

2020-2021 enrollment update:

- 10** openings 4 year old class
- 12** opening 3 year old class

Kindergarten: Happy 100th Day of School! It has finally arrived. The Kindergarten class started out the day by making a list of 100 blessings God has given to us. We designed two pictures – one using 100 dots and the other using 100 stickers. We graphed 100 M&Ms and made a chain out of 100 links. We also made necklaces with 100 beads. We went on a school wide scavenger hunt looking for the numbers 1-100. To top off our day, we shared 100 cookies with rest of the school. Please check out the bulletin board outside of the classroom to see some of the samples of our day. Now for the rest of the week, in Word of God we will be learning how Jesus fed 5000 people with 2 fish and 5 loaves of bread. The children will be working on Letter books B and R. They will be reading 2 stories about the Super Kids new clubhouse. The sight word for this week is the word *no*. In math, we will be finishing our chapter on 2-dimensional shapes. Show and Tell for this week will be things that begin with the letter B. This week is also the beginning of the Lenten season so please be sure to take the opportunity on Wednesday evenings to meditate on the Lord's Passion.

Memory Work:

- Tuesday, February 18 – none
- Wednesday, February 19 – 3A the 4th Petition
- Thursday, February 20 – none
- Friday, February 21 – 4A The Doxology

Grades 1-2: Today we are celebrating our 100th Day of School! Ask your child about all the fun activities we did today! Please place Scholastic book orders online using code Q4X4B. I will be submitting the order on Friday. Looking ahead, first grade will be taking a math test on chapter 9- *measurement* the beginning of next week. Check your child's homework folder for additional information about what we are learning, especially Memory Treasures and spelling words.

Grades 3-5: It is hard to believe we are halfway through the month of February already! With a number of students ill recently I hope everyone is over the sickness and back to full strength. On Wednesday hymn #385 *Chief of Sinners Though I Be* will be due.

On Friday, memory work will be due as well as spelling unit 19. In math, all three grades will be starting units on interpreting and displaying data. In science, all three grades will be finishing chapter 1 on living things. Please help your child stay on top of their daily and weekly work. Blessings on your week!

Grades 6-8: Another busy weekend with my boys participating in the MLS Tournament! Their season is now over. They showed a lot of growth this year. Now it's on to volleyball. We have a nice sized group of people participating. Practices will start up next week. This week will be a bit busy with tests. There was a geography test today and there will also be test in English for grades 6 and 7 and a science test later in the week for all grades. A number of students still need to bring in their slips for the technology presentation. Slips were also sent home today for the MLS Children's theater production of Pan. Please send your child's slip and money back right away.

MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY:

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!