



Bethel Lutheran School's Weekly Newsletter

BOBCAT BULLETIN

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In the beginning God created the heavens and
the earth. Genesis 1:1

CHAPEL: Our mission offerings for the second quarter will be sent to the Christian Life Resource Center in Saginaw. This agency counsels women against abortion and then serves as a support group when they choose life. Encourage your child to bring an offering each Wednesday. The offering this past week was **\$20.25**. Our total for the quarter is now **\$64.73**.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING: It's been a very unusual and stressful year. It's easy to see all the challenges in front of us and forget that our gracious God has been with us all the way. In spite of it all we are truly blessed! So enjoy this time of the year with your family but also set aside time to reflect on the many blessings that you have. If you feel comfortable, join us for our annual Thanksgiving Eve church service starting at 6:30 PM. **God's blessings on your holiday celebrations and Happy Thanksgiving everyone!**

THANKSGIVING VACATION: Thanksgiving vacation for BLS will be from **Wednesday, November 25th** through **Sunday, December 6th**. Classes will resume on **Monday, December 7th** with a full day of classes.

MR. THOOFT: Mr. Thoofft has received a call to teach and be principal at Divine Grace in Lake Orion, Michigan. Please keep Mr. Thoofft and his family in your prayers as he deliberates where best

to serve. Mr. Thoofft would appreciate your comments! You are encouraged to contact him.

GOOGLE CALENDAR: Your staff has been fielding a lot of questions about our school calendar. There have been several changes and updates as of late, but you can easily stay on top of things by adding our Google School Calendar to your devices. It is updated regularly! Please contact Mrs. Friske for help if you need it.

CALENDAR CHANGES: Due to the impact of COVID in our area and our concern for the safety of our families **there have been additional calendar changes.**

Summary:

Changed from a half day to a full day of school:

Thursday, December 17, 2020

Add in as a half day of school:

Friday, December 18, 2020

Remove from calendar as days of school:

Monday, November 30, 2020 through Friday, December 4, 2020.

Monday, January 4, 2021 through Friday, January 8, 2021.

CHRISTMAS VACATION: BLS Christmas vacation has been extended. Classes will let out on Friday, December 18th, at noon and will resume on **Monday, January 11, 2021** with a full day of classes.

LIVING CHRISTMAS CARD: Bethel will be hosting a "Living Christmas Card" on its parking lots on **Saturday and Sunday, December 5 and 6 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM.** This is an outreach event for our community. We hope you take the time to drive through. Contact Pastor Killinger if you are willing to help out in any way.

OPEN ACCOUNT STATEMENTS: Statements for those that have open accounts will be sent home a bit early this month since we will be on Thanksgiving vacation when the end of the month arrives. A note has been included reminding those with open accounts that interest will begin in January 2021. Please remember to make your monthly payment. Thank You!

CLASSROOM CHRISTMAS PARTIES AND STUDENT EXCHANGE OF GIFTS: Classroom teachers will assist in the exchange of student names for their classroom Christmas parties. Check in with your child for his/her exchange name. We ask parents to assist in the purchase of gifts for their child's exchange name. It is recommended that you spend from \$5.00 to \$7.00 per gift. Room parties will be held on the morning of **Friday, December 18th**. Please send your child's exchange gift that morning.

PIZZA DAY: Our next Hungry Howies Pizza day has been moved to **Wednesday, December 9th**. It was originally scheduled for Wednesday, December 2nd, but due to our extended Thanksgiving vacation it had to be moved. Order forms will be sent home on Monday, December 8th.

SPORTS: Normally boys' basketball practices would start in about a week, but due to COVID practices are not allowed until December 8th. That may also change! You will be informed when we can begin to practice. To ensure family cohorts are not broken and we can safely return to school, please note that there will be no practices of any kind during Christmas vacation

BOYS' BASKETBALL: Boys' basketball will begin as soon as conditions permit. **Mr. Thooft** will coach the "A" team. **Steve Powers** will coach the "B" team and will be assisted by **Christine Jacobs**

and **Jenel Kukla**. Thanks to all our volunteer coaches for working with our boys. Please watch your Google calendars and this newsletter for updates on game dates. There are a lot of moving pieces right now and I believe there are likely to be many changes.

Practices:

There is nothing to report at this time

Games: Start time of games is 5:30 unless otherwise noted.

Tue. 1/12 vs. Trinity @ Bethel
Fri. 1/15 vs. Zion/Chesaning @ Bethel
Tue. 1/19 vs. Trinity @ Trinity
Fri. 1/22 vs. St. John's BC @ St. John's
Sat. 1/23 MALL B Tourney @ Trinity
Tue. 1/26 vs. St. B/GSM/SJS @ Bethel
Fri. 1/29 vs. Tawas @ Bethel "B" only
Tue. 2/2 vs. St. B/GSM/SJS @ St. John's BC
Fri. 2/5 St. Luke's @ TBD "A" only
Fri/Sat 2/12-13 MLS Large School Tournament
Fri/Sat 2/19-20 MALL Tourney @ TBD

BIRTHDAYS: Happy Birthday to:

Mason Bargouthy	11/25	Pre.
Logan Szostek	11/25	Gr. 7
Justin Krohn	11/29	Gr. 3
Hayden Dahn	12/6	Gr. 5

COMING UP:

11/25-12/6 Thanksgiving Vacation – No School

12/5 Living Christmas Card @ Bethel

12/6 Living Christmas Card @ Bethel

12/7 School resumes after Thanksgiving Vacation

12/9 Hungry Howies Pizza Day

12/18 Last Day before Christmas/Room Parties
Half Day – Dismiss at Noon.

12/19 to 1/10 – Christmas Vacation – No School

1/11 School resumes after Christmas Vacation