



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

HOLIDAY CHURCH SERVICES: In addition to our regular church services Bethel will have several special holiday church services. Please plan to attend!

**12/24 Christmas Eve Candle Light Services at
6:30 & 8:00 PM**

12/25 Christmas Day Service at 10:00 AM

12/31 New Year's Eve Service at 4:00 PM

CHAPEL: Our mission offerings for the second quarter will be sent to the **Christian Life Resource Center** in Saginaw. Encourage your child to bring an offering each Wednesday. The offering this past week was **\$41.50**. Our total for the quarter is now **\$106.23**.

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, 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.

MR. THOOFT: I have good news to report this morning! Mr. Thooft has returned his call to Divine Grace in Lake Orion and will be staying here at Bethel. I am sure all of you join me in a prayer of thanks that Mr. Thooft will not be leaving. He is an important part of a great staff here at Bethel and I hope and pray a big part of Bethel's future. Make sure you express your personal thoughts to him as soon as you can

BLS FACEBOOK K-8 SCHOOL GROUP: BLS recognizes that there is a need for parents to interact about school related matters such as asking for various types of help, transportation, date and time reminders, as well as posting of school events and activities for all to enjoy and share. BLS also desires to use the same space to communicate with you! Rather than using various other platforms for school news and bulletin board like items, BLS respectfully requests that all K-8 families use our already existing BLS Facebook K-8 School Group for school related matters. This positive space is a perfect place for everyone to connect. It is a place for all of us to show support for each other and our school as well as help assimilate our new families into our school and

congregation, BLS will continue to use our BLS Facebook K-8 School Group for longer announcements and as a way to share photos of school events. BLS would like to encourage all K-8 parents to request to be part of this group and use it exclusively for all BLS matters going forward. If you are not already a part of our private BLS Facebook K-8 School Group you may request access by searching Bethel Lutheran School and asking to join. Thank you!

SANITIZER WIPES: You have been great about keeping our costs down and building clean by providing sanitizing supplies. Our original supply of sanitizing wipes is almost gone. It would be great if when you are shopping you could pick up some sanitizing wipes and donate them to school. All rooms could use some but the supplies for Mr. Thooft's room are almost totally depleted. If each child could bring at least one container periodically we should be in great shape. Thanks!

PRINCIPALS' CONFERENCE: I will attend a Principals' meeting on **Friday, January 8th**. Please note that I will be unavailable to help you.

SNOW DAYS: Normally Bethel Lutheran School does not list itself separately when school closes because of winter weather; we follow the lead of the Bay City Public Schools. When they are closed due to the weather we are closed. Due to the BC Public School System doing virtual learning right now, they are likely not list themselves as closed because of weather. As long as the BC Public school system remains virtual, Bethel will post an individual weather related closing message. When the BC school system resumes in person instruction and has weather closing announcements we will return to following their lead and not make a separate announcement.

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS: Thanks to those of you who participate the Kroger community rewards program and have chosen BLS to receive the proceeds you have earned. This past week we received a check from Kroger in the amount of **\$37.52**. Please talk to your local Kroger store if you would like to participate in this program and

designate BLS as the recipient of the proceeds you earn.

OPEN ACCOUNTS: For those that have open Registration Day Accounts, please be reminded that your next statement which will be sent home in early January will include interest. Please be sure to make regular monthly payments.

PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT: Open enrollment for BLS 21-22 Preschool sessions will begin on **Friday, January 15, 2021**. Enrollment is open to the public on a first come first served basis.

SPORTS: To help ensure smaller family cohorts are not broken during the holidays so that we can safely return to school, please note that there will be no practices of any kind during Christmas vacation. **Bethel's gym will be closed!**

GIRLS' BASKETBALL UNIFORMS: The girls' basketball season is over. Parents, if you have a girl on our team, please look over your child's uniform, make any necessary repairs, and then clean the uniform and send it to school right away. Thanks!

BOYS' BASKETBALL:

Practices: Because of current COVID restrictions and our BLS back to school safely policy, there will be no basketball practices for now, practices will begin in January.

Mon. 1/11 A Team 3:00 – 4:30
B Team 4:30 – 6:00

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

Tue. 1/12 vs. Trinity @ 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:

Reid Collicker	12/16	Pre.
Blake Clark	12/26	K
Emma Figley	1/3	Gr. 7
Isabella Wagner	1/3	Pre.
Kameron VanDenBoom	1/5	K
Taylor Thunberg	1/5	Gr. 3
Heidi Dahn	1/5	Gr. 8

COMING UP:

- 12/18 Last Day before Christmas/Room Parties
Half Day – Dismiss at Noon.**
- 12/19 to 1/10 – Christmas Vacation – No School**
- 12/24 Christmas Candle Light Services at 6:30
& 8:00 PM**
- 12/25 Christmas Day Service @ 10:00 AM**
- 12/31 New Year’s Eve Service @ 4:00 PM**
- 1/11 School resumes after Christmas
Vacation – full day**
- 1/11-1/22 MAP Testing Window
- 1/15 Open Enrollment for 21-22 Preschool
Classes Begins
- 1/17 CEA Business meeting @ 11:00 AM
- 1/22 Faculty In Service ½ Day - Dismiss at Noon
End 2nd Quarter
- 1/25-29 Lutheran Schools Week
- 1/27 Report Cards Sent Home
Hungry Howies Pizza Day

MERRY CHRISTMAS/HAPPY NEW YEAR: It has been a pleasure to serve all our families with a Christian education during these somewhat stressful times. 2020 has been a year to remember. I am sure everyone is looking forward to a break from it all and the joy that this time of year brings. Your staff here at Bethel would like to wish all of you a most blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We would also like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to those of you that have remembered us with personal holiday greetings and/or gifts. Your kindness is very much appreciated. Have a relaxing holiday break with your family and friends. Be refreshed in body and spirit. We look forward to school resuming on January 11, 2021.