



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: During the third quarter our chapel offerings will be given to our own **Equip for Quality Fund**. This fund is used to purchase things for the school which are not budgeted but necessary. Most recently a lot of money from this fund has been used to upgrade or purchase new technology. This past week we collected **\$40.11**. Our total for the quarter is now **\$274.52**.

LENT/EASTER SERVICES: Please join us for our special church services leading up to the celebration of Easter. All mid-week Lenten services start at 6:30 P.M.

3/17 Lent V

3/24 Lent VI

4/1 Maundy Thursday (6:30 P.M.)

4/2 Good Friday (1:00 P.M.)

4/4 Easter Sunday (10:00 A.M.)

PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT: Open enrollment for BLS 21-22 Preschool sessions began on **Friday, January 15, 2021**. Enrollment is open to the public on a first come first served basis. As of today, there are **six spots still open** in our four year old program and **ten spots still open** in our 3 yr. old program. Help us get the word out!

JACK AND THE BEAN STALK: K-8 will be attending a virtual presentation of **Jack and the Beanstalk**, on **Wednesday, March 17th**. This play will be put on by the students of Martin Luther College.

MRS. FRISKE: Mrs. Friske has received a call to teach grades 1-2 at Good Shepherd Lutheran School in West Allis, Wisconsin. Please keep her in your prayers as she decides where to continue to serve the Lord. I am sure she would appreciate any comments you might like to share. Please feel free to contact her.

SPRING BREAK TRAVEL: Please be advised that if you travel out of state during spring break you will have to watch the COVID positivity test rate for your destination. We do not make internal individual decisions about your child's back to school status. You are to contact the Bay County Health Department before and after your travel. They decide if your travel requires your child to quarantine before returning to school. Please keep us informed as to your child's return to school status. Thanks!

END QUARTER: The end of the 3rd quarter of this school year is **Friday, March 26th**. Please make sure you check on **QuickSchools** or with your child's teacher to ensure everything is on track.

REPORT CARDS: Report cards for the third quarter will be sent home on **Wednesday, March 31st**. There are no formal consultations scheduled for the third quarter, but if you would like to discuss your child's progress please contact your child's teacher and an appointment will be set up.

PLAYGROUND UPGRADE: At our last Board of Education meeting we discussed the recent fundraiser and how that positions us for a playground upgrade. I informed you that we had our eyes on what we thought was a good cost saving option that would allow us to move quickly. Upon investigating this opportunity it was realized that because of new playground regulations and a few other factors, this option will not work for us. At the next meeting of the BOE we will discuss the purchase of new equipment. A subcommittee of the BOE is likely to be formed that will identify a new structure that will meet our needs and is affordable. I hope to be able to present to you before the end of the year a concept and additional details as well as a timeline to get this project done. Stay tuned and once again thanks for all your support!

FACULTY IN SERVICE: School will be dismissed at 12:00 noon on **Friday, March 26th**. Your faculty will have meetings in the afternoon. Please be on time to pick up your child(ren). Thanks!

PENNY WAR: As you likely remember, during Lutheran Schools Week in late January, we had a penny challenge. The money that we raised would be used to support health care providers in our community. We plan to provide them with complementary food items and drinks to thank them for working on the front lines during the COVID Pandemic. Plans are almost in place and we should be following through on this project shortly.

BIRTHDAYS: Happy Birthday to:

Leah Nitz	3/19	Gr. 3
Leighton Schultz	3/21	Gr. 1

PRESCHOOL: We are good to go! Mrs. Virant was visited last week by the agency that licenses our preschool. After a careful review of our program and procedures our license was renewed for another two years. Nice job, Mrs. Virant!

VOLLEYBALL UNIFORMS: The volleyball season is over. Please look over your child's uniform. Make repairs if needed, clean your child's uniform and send it to school right away. Thanks!

BOYS' BASKETBALL: Basketball will get started soon with practices starting next week. Gratefully we have a large group of boys intending to play. Mr. Zach Thooft will coach the A Team and Mr. Steve Powers will coach the B Team. Mr. Powers will be assisted by Jenel Kukla and Christine Jacobs. Thanks to all of our coaches and here's hoping for a great season!

BOYS' BASKETBALL PRACTICES:

Boys' B Practices: All practices are from 5:00 to 6:30 unless otherwise posted

Tue. March 16

Fri. March 19

Boys' A Practices: All practices are from 3:00 to 4:30 unless otherwise posted

Thurs. March 18

COMING UP:

3/26 End 3rd Quarter

Faculty in Service – Dismiss at Noon

3/31 Report Cards Sent Home

Hungry Howies Pizza Day

4/2 Good Friday – Service at 1:00 PM

4/5-9 BLS Spring Vacation – No School

4/12 Classes resume after Spring Break

4/12-23 MAP Testing Window – Grades 3-8

4/23 Principals' Conference

4/28 Hungry Howies Pizza Day

4/30 Sports Team Pictures Day