



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

WELCOME BACK: Welcome back everyone. I hope you had a great spring break. Sorry about the last minute inconvenience of not having school last week. As our original spring break began to come to an end and into the weekend it quickly became evident that a number of families and some staff were having health problems. After careful discussion with the BOE, it was decided that it would be best to extend Spring Break and allow other possible health situations to come to a head and that is exactly what happened! Our number one goal this past year was to keep our children in face to face instruction for the entire year. It was at Thanksgiving and Christmas and it is now our hope that the extra time off will clear the air, prevent COVID from spreading amongst our school community, and keep our doors open. Thanks for your understanding and help!

DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN: As you know there is a resurgence of COVID in our community. These next few weeks are very critical. Make sure you take no chances when sending your child back to school. Watch for COVID symptoms, check temperatures, and don't send your child to school if you have any doubts. Err on the side of caution! As stated above our goal has been and continues to be to protect one another and keep our doors open. Have you read the COVID policy we sent home lately? It might be a good time to review it. Thanks for your help and understanding.

CHAPEL: For the last quarter of the school year our chapel offerings will be used to support Martin Luther College. This is the college that trains our future pastors and teachers. This past week we collected **\$36.10**. Our total for the quarter is now **\$36.10**. Please remember to encourage your child to participate each Wednesday as part of our Wednesday morning Chapel routine.

PRINCIPALS' CONFERENCE: I will be out of town this coming **Friday, April 23**, to attend a principals' conference. Thanks to my sub Mrs. Drayer for filling in.

MR. THOOFT/MRS. VIRANT: I am happy to announce that **Mr. Thooft has decided to return his call to Bangor, Wisconsin and will remain our grades 3-5 teacher.** Thanks, Mr. Thooft! I am also happy to announce that **Mrs. Virant has decided to return her call to Duluth, Minnesota and will remain our Preschool teacher and director.** Thanks, Mrs. Virant! I hope all of you take the time to thank them personally. Include in your prayers our fellow WELS Lutherans in Duluth and Bangor as they continue to search for teachers to fill their vacant positions.

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 **three spots still open** in our four year old program and **nine spots still open** in our 3 yr. old program. Please help us get the word out!

CONFIRMATION/EXAMINATION SUNDAY: Our 8th graders will be examined and confirmed into communicant membership on **Sunday, May 2nd**. Please plan to attend this important service and welcome the following BLS students into communicant membership:

Logan Crites

Heidi Dahn

Alivia Kukla

Hayden Powers

Congratulations to these great young people!

HONOR ROLL: Congratulations to those students in grades 6-8 that made Honor Roll for the 3rd quarter:

All A's

Heidi Dahn Gr. 8

Trevor Dean Gr. 6

James Krohn Gr. 7

Alivia Kukla Gr. 8

Connor McGehee Gr. 7

All A's & B's

Hayden Powers Gr. 8

Olivia Rouech Gr. 6

Lillianna Szostek Gr. 6

Logan Szostek Gr. 7

MAP TESTING: Students in grades 3-8 will take their third round of computer based standardized testing starting this week. The last testing window starts today, **April 19th**. Please make sure your child avoids missing school and in so doing making up testing.

MLS LATE NIGHT: Grades 6-8 have been invited to MLS for their annual lock in – which this year will be a lock out (most activities will be held outside if at all possible) due to COVID. The date is **Friday, April 23rd**. 6-8 graders were given additional information on this event today.

BIRTHDAYS:

Happy Belated Birthday to:

Austin Dean 4/15 Gr. 4

Irelyn Sweetman 4/15 Pre.

Easton Jacobs 4/15 Gr. 4

Avaree Fuhrman 4/16 Gr. 3

Happy Birthday to:

Landon Zube 4/21 Gr. 3

Trevor Dean 4/21 Gr. 6

Zoe Shenberger 4/22 Gr. 3

Caleb Powers 4/22 Gr. 5

GYM CAPACITIES: Please note the following:

- Small gyms (Bethel, Christ Shields, and Salem Owosso) will continue to allow only 2 spectators per player
- Large gyms (Trinity, St. John's BC, and Emanuel Lansing) will allow 4 spectators per player.

BASKETBALL: Since we were out of school this last week, didn't practice, and were likely to be down a number of players it was decided to cancel our first basketball game at home against Owosso this past Friday. That game will not be made up. Also, St. Luke's Vassar has decided to pull out of competition for boys' basketball. Both games have been removed from this newsletter list and from our Google calendar. I hope we don't have to cancel any other games. Finally it was just decided that **Bethel will not play an A Game against St. Barts/GSM/STJS this Tuesday, April 20th**. There will **only be a B game** starting at 5:30 PM

BOYS' BASKETBALL:

Boys' Games:

Tue. 4/20 vs. St.B/GSM/SJS @ Trinity B only

Tue. 4/27 vs. St. John's BC @ St. John's A&B

Fri. 4/30 vs. Emanuel @ Lansing A only

Tue. 5/4 vs. Trinity BC @ Trinity A&B

Fri. 5/7 vs. Zion Chesaning @ Bethel A&B

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

Monday, 4/19

Wednesday, 4/21

Thursday, 4/22

COMING UP:

4/19-30 MAP Testing Window – Grades 3-8

4/23 Principals' Conference

- 4/28 Hungry Howies Pizza Day
- 4/30 Sports Team Pictures Day
- 5/2 Examination/Confirmation Sunday
- 5/7 Faculty in Service ½ Day – Dismiss @ Noon
- 5/28 MALL Track Meet @ Garber – No School
- 5/31 Memorial Day – No School
- 6/2 MLS Track Meet – Grades 5-8
K-4 Bethel Fun Day
- 6/3 Records Day – ½ Day – Dismiss @ Noon
- 6/4 Last Day – ½ Day – Dismiss @ Noon
End of 4th Quarter
Report Cards Sent Home
Awards Day
Closing Service @ 11:00 AM

MLS SUMMER CAMPS: Information is no w available for Michigan Lutheran Seminary summer camps. Visit www.mlsem.org/summercamps for details on dates, times, and prices. You can also register for camps as well. We will not be offering any overnight camps this year. Camps offered include: basketball, volleyball, football, and fine arts. Registration will open on **Monday April 19** at 8:00 a.m. and run through midnight on **May 23**. Space at the camps will be limited due so social distancing requirements so don't wait until the last minute to register! Contact Michael Priebe at mdp@mlsem.org with any questions.