



## Bethel Lutheran School's Weekly Newsletter

# BOBCAT BULLETIN

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Every word of God is true! Proverbs 30:5

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**WELCOME & WELCOME BACK:** Welcome back to all our returning students. In addition to those returning we also have some new students. I hope everyone works hard to welcome these students and their family members.

**Kindergarten:**

Reid Collicker	Jeff & Darcey Collicker
Harper Doran	Rachel Sweatland
William (Liam) Faulk	Brad & Elizabeth Faulk
Ashton Irwin	James & Alexis Irwin
Milli Long	Jon & Kourtnei Long
Emma Powers	Steve and Sarah Powers
Owen Raushi	Rob & Jessica Raushi
Leah Sobek	Arthur & Cara Sobek
Ella Szostek	Keith and Jamie Szostek

**Grade 1**

Amelia Olvera	Juan & Grace Olvera
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**Grade 2**

Kaylee Lack	Aaron Lack & Theresa Hoffman
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**Grade 3**

Kaylen Janz	Jonathan & Katie Janz
James Lack	Aaron Lack & Theresa Hoffman

**Grade 5**

Grace Janz	Jonathan & Katie Janz
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A special welcome to **Mrs. Nicole Zube** who was hired as our first fulltime Preschool Teacher's Aide! We are happy to have her join our staff! She was installed into her position this past Sunday. **Congratulations Mrs. Zube!**

**Welcome everyone and we hope it is a great year for all of you!**

**PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT:** Preschool enrollment at this time is as follows:

Four year old preschool = 16 (with a waiting list)

Three year old preschool = 11

**K-8 ENROLLMENT:** Once again the Lord has blessed us with an increasing enrollment. Last year there were 62 students attending Bethel grades K-8, this year there are 68. Your staff is very pleased that parents continue to entrust us with their child's Christian education and we will do our best to continue to earn that trust.

**COVID:** We do acknowledge that COVID-19 is still in our community, and as such we will continue to recommend the following:

- **Stay home if sick.** If your child has any communicable symptoms (fever, cough, vomiting, diarrhea, etc), please keep him/her home until 24 hrs after symptoms have resolved. Please check your child's temperature daily and don't send him/her to school if there is a temp above 100.4.
- **Get tested if exposed/symptoms of COVID-19.** Follow Bay County Health Department guidelines regarding quarantine and isolation following a positive COVID test. Please inform Bethel if your child tests positive.
- **Promote hand washing and covering of coughs and sneezes.**
- **Masks** – we do not require masks but you may wear a mask - that is your decision.

- **Clean and sanitize frequently touched surfaces** at least once per day.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Sunday school began yesterday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome even if you didn't officially sign up on Registration Day. Classes start at 9:00 AM. See you this coming Sunday!

**BAND:** Mrs. Amanda Perkins will be our band instructor again this year. Please watch for more information and a startup time shortly.

**BLS REMIND:** If you have not joined our school-wide Remind, or wish to add other parents/grandparents, here are two easy ways to join. Go to this link to sign up: <https://www.remind.com/join/8bah86> or from text the message @8bah86 to the number 81010. You will receive a welcome text from Remind. Bethel School

**FACEBOOK GROUP:** If you are on Facebook and are not already part of our private group, please join us! We post reminders here, as well as share photos of learning and various events at Bethel. Search Facebook for Bethel Lutheran School and ask to join our group!

**CHAPEL:** During our Wednesday morning chapel services in church an offering is taken. Please help encourage your child to develop good stewardship habits by regularly giving to the Lord's work. Each quarter the chapel offerings are given to a different project. During the first quarter of the school year chapel offerings will be given to our local chapter of Christian Life Services. This group helps counsel troubled women choose life for their unborn babies and then supports them. Please encourage your child to give generously and often to the essential cause of LIFE.

**GOOGLE CALENDAR:** It is very important that all parents have access to our church and school Google Calendar. This is your go to place for everything that is happening and if there are changes they will be posted right away. For away sports contests, you will also find addresses that you can use to get to the right location. You were provided a handout about this on Registration Day. If you are still struggling to hook up with us, talk to Mrs. Friske for help.

**BOYS' & GIRLS' CLUB:** This note from the leaders of these two clubs:

**Dues:** Our first fellowship activity will be on **Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 6 pm.** We ask that all participants pay a \$20 per person annual fee to offset costs of materials, snacks, etc. Cash or checks (made out to Bethel Lutheran Boys and Girls Club) can be given to Shannon or Mark Fuhrman.

**Communication:** If you haven't already, please friend request Shannon Krohn Fuhrman on Facebook so I can invite you to our Club's private page. Thanks!

**REGISTRATION DAY FORMS:** Many of you still have forms that were taken home on Registration Day that need to be returned. Specific information about these forms was provided in a short first week information note sent home on the first day of school. Please send these forms in tomorrow.

**REGISTRATION DAY BILLS:** If you have not paid your book fees in full, you are reminded that monthly payments are expected until your account is paid in full. You will be sent monthly reminders of the status of your account. **To avoid interest fees, please arrange to have your account paid in full by January 1, 2022.** All accounts are to be paid by **May 1, 2022.** If there are special circumstances that might impact your payments, please discuss that with Mr. Dast.

**CEA BUSINESS MEETING:** The CEA (Christian Education Association) will have its first of two business meetings on **Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>** after the church service. The other will take place in January. Parents are encouraged to attend this meeting and help support the work of the CEA. We will meet in the Multipurpose room.

**PARENT/STUDENT DIRECTORY:** Your copy of our parent/student directory will be sent home shortly with your oldest child. If you do not receive it, please check with your oldest child. If there still is a problem, stop in at the office for another copy.

**FACULTY INSERVICE:** Your faculty will have its first in service meeting on **Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**. **School will let out at noon.** Please be on time to pick up your child. Thanks!

**BIRTHDAYS:** Happy birthday to:  
Gehrig Wilson                    9/16                    Pre.

**SOCCER:** Thanks to **Christine Jacobs and Jenel Kukla** for serving as our coaches this year. We all look forward to watching our team play and are hoping everyone has a great time on the field. Go Bobcats!

**Practices:** Practices are on Sundays and Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:30 PM.

**Games:**

- 9/17 vs. St. Bart's @ St. Bart's @ 4:00 PM**
- vs. Trinity @ St. Bart's @ 5:00 PM**
- 9/21 vs. SJBC @ St. Bart's @ 4:00 PM
- vs. St.Johns -Hem./Sag@ St. Bart's @ 5:00 PM.
- 9/24 vs. Chesaning @ Chesaning @ 4:00 PM
- 9/28 vs. St.Johns-Hem./Sag. @ Bethel @ 4:00 PM
- 10/2 Tournament @ St. Bart's – Times TBD**

Addresses for away games are posted on Bethel's Google Calendar.

**CROSS COUNTRY:** There are three different opportunities this year. The traditional meet that we have attended is the MLS Cross Country meet. This year it will be on **Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>**, at Wickes Park in Saginaw starting at 4:30 PM. Please consult our Google Calendar for an exact address because there are two different entrances to this park. Students in grades 3-8 may compete. There are no fees and everyone is responsible for their own transportation. I need to pass along the names of our students right away so let me know who is going.

Also this year we have been invited to two other meets which will both be held at the Devires Nature Conservancy near Owosso. **The dates are September 15<sup>th</sup> and October 13<sup>th</sup> both starting at 5:00 PM.** Again 3-8 graders are invited. There is a cost for students to enter these new meets. Information about these events was handed out at the Stop and Drop event on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Let me know if your child wants to enter by tomorrow, September 14<sup>th</sup>. Entry fees will be covered from the Extra Curricular fee you paid at Registration

Day. Again check our Google calendar for the exact address.

**COMING UP:**

- 9/15 Cross Country at Owosso @5:00 PM
- 9/17 Principals' Meeting**
- 9/22 MLS Cross Country Meet
- 9/23 Family Fun Night - Pre through Grade 2
- 9/24 Faculty In Service – ½ Day – Dismiss @ Noon
- 9/26 CEA Business Meeting after church in MPR
- 9/24 Faculty In-service – Classes Dismiss @ Noon
- 10/4-15 School Play Fund Raiser
- 10/5 Class Pictures in AM
- 106-8 State Teachers' Conference – No School
- 10/11-22 MAP Testing Window
- 10/13 Cross Country @ Owosso @ 5:00 PM
- 10/15 Faculty In-service – Classes Dismiss @ Noon
- 10/29 Costume Day

**MLS NEWS: Registration for the 2021 Jr. Cardinal Flag Football is now open!** The MLS Jr. Cardinal Flag Football League will operate through the MLS Football program and is open to boys from a WELS/ELS church or school, grades 1-5 (2021-22 school year). Players will be coached by MLS football coaches and members of the JV/Varsity football teams. The season will run from September 15 to October 23. **Deadline to register is September 14 at midnight.** There is a \$45 players fee for this league. Practices are conducted on Wednesday evenings from 5:45-6:30 p.m. For more information and to register, visit [www.mlsem.org/flagfootball](http://www.mlsem.org/flagfootball)