

Always be prepared to give an answer. - 1 Peter 3:15

Welcome Back! We are excited to have our school children and families back along with some new faces for the 2022-2023 school year! Join me in welcoming those returning students as well as some of our new students:

PreK-3:

Chandler Asel
Warren Collicker
Camila Costilla
Colton Couturier
Eli Fleischmann
Ivy Fleischmann
Avery Grady
James Hurley
Atlas Kerkau
Iris Nordstrom
Brielle Parish
Bowen Rouse
Jace Vallender
Opal Welton

Kindergarten:

Reese Clark
Rosalind Greenwood
Skylar Heinz
Izobel Irwin
Eliza Kent
Dylan Kramer
Alivia Phillips
Teagan Shorkey
Lilly Shenberger
Lucas Vallender
Olive Welton
Gehrig Wilson

PreK-4:

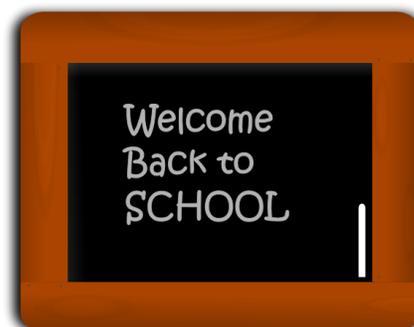
Ella Albrecht
Oakleigh Ball
Wesley Beyer
Katherine Doyen
Lilah Foster
SkyLynn Grumbley
Aurora Longley
Lincoln MacDonald
Lillian Olvera
Luca Reed
Abigail Vanness
Noah Vernon
Adam Weiler Jr.
Aubriana Wheeler

Grade 3:

Keiran Kent

Grade 5:

Nicklas Vanness



Enrollment: Once again the Lord has blessed us with an increased enrollment. Our preschool enrollment is 28 students (14 in PreK-4 & 14 in PreK-3). Our K-8 enrollment is 75 students this school year, up from 68 students last year. ***Thank you to all the parents and families who support our school and who place a priority on Christian education!***

Education Sunday: Education Sunday is Sunday, September 11th. This Sunday is an opportunity to thank our Lord for providing us with the school and christian education that we are able to provide. There will be a picnic and games following the service.

Church Picnic: The church picnic will follow the Education Service with food and games. If you are interested in donating dessert items for the church picnic, **please check the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the gym.**

Sunday School & Bible Class: With the beginning of the school year brings the start of Sunday School and Bible Class. Those programs will begin Sunday, September 11th. If you are interested in signing your child up for Sunday School or seeking more information, please talk to Pastor Killinger.

Mission Program: Our first quarter mission offering is going to support Christain Life Resources. They are an organization which provides Biblical-based counsel to individuals and families on life and family issues. This is a great opportunity for children to contribute to the mission work of our church and synod.

Peterson Food Shower: The Peterson family has moved into their new house! We are hoping to help stock the pantry at their new house. If you would like to donate non-perishable food items, there will be boxes located across from the church mailboxes.

Registration Day Forms: There are still forms that were taken home on Registration Day that need to be returned. Specific information about these forms will be provided the first week of school. Please send in these forms as soon as possible.

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. Monthly reminders of the status of accounts will be sent out. *To avoid interest fees, please arrange to have your account paid in full by January 1, 2023.* If there are special circumstances that might impact your account, please discuss that with Mr. Thooft.

Playground Update: We are still in the process of updating our playground equipment. **We have a tentative date of October 15th & 16th for delivery and installation of the new play structure. Many hands are needed to get this project finished and any volunteer help is appreciated for that weekend.** Come out and help us finish off our playground project!

Band: Mrs. Amanda Perkins will be our band instructor again this year. Please watch for information related to the startup of band coming shortly.

Soccer Game Early Dismissal: Due to the length of the drive to Owosso for Friday's soccer game, **soccer players are dismissed at 2:00.** The game time is 4:00 at:

HUGH PARKER SOCCER COMPLEX
1177 FARR ST
OWOSSO, MI 48867.

Remind Group: If you have not joined our school-wide Remind group please contact Mrs. Friske to get signed up. Remind is a great way for us to get announcements out to all the school families in a timely way.

Facebook Group: If you are on Facebook and are not already a part of our private school group, please join us. We post reminders in the group as well as share photos of school events that are going on at Bethel. Contact your child's teacher to join the group.

Popcorn Fridays: Popcorn Fridays are back again this year! Bags of popcorn will be sold for \$0.50. Our first Popcorn Friday will be Friday, September 16th. Thank you to Kristi Rouech for organizing our Popcorn Fridays!

MLS Cross Country: The MLS cross country meet for grades 3-8 will be held on Wed., Sept. 21st @ Wickes Park in Saginaw. Look for further information about sign up in future newsletters. 3rd and 4th graders will run a ½ mile course at 4:30. 5th and 6th graders will run a 1 mile course starting around 4:40 and the 7th and 8th graders will run 1 ½ miles around 5:00. If your child is interested in participating please let Mr. Thooft know as soon as possible.

Owosso Cross Country: Grades 3-8 are also invited to participate in the Owosso Cross Country Meets. Dates for these meets are Sep. 14th and 29th at 5:00. Students are not required to participate in both meets. The meets will be held at DeVries Nature Conservancy (address is 2635 N. M-52). Please contact Mr. Thooft for sign-up information.

Girls' Basketball Open Gym: There will be an open gym time for all girls' basketball players interested in sharpening their skills and getting ready for the upcoming season. Open gym will be from 3-4:30 on:

Thursday, Sept. 15

Thursday, Sept. 22

Thursday, Sept. 29

For questions related to open gym, contact Coach Paul Wilson.

Birthdays: Avery Grady - PreK-4 - September 11th

Upcoming Singing Schedule Dates:



- 09/11 - Grades 1-8 (Education Sunday)
- 10/02 - Cantate Choir
- 10/16 - Cherub Choir
- 10/23 - PreK/Kindergarten
- 11/06 - Cantate Choir
- 11/23 - Grades 1-8 (Thanksgiving Service)

Soccer Game Schedule (Games begin at 4 unless otherwise noted):

- 09/09 - vs Salem @ Owosso
- **09/16 - vs SJBC @ Bethel (Hugh Parker Soccer Complex, 1177 Farr St, Owosso, MI 48867)**
- 09/20 - vs St. B's @ Kawkawlin
- **09/23 - vs Trinity @ Bethel**
- 09/27 - vs Zion @ Chesaning
 - vs Sag/Hem @ Chesaning (5:00 start time)
- 10/01 - Tournament @ TBD



Soccer practices are Sunday and Wednesday from 6:00-7:30 unless otherwise noted. Please check the separate soccer schedule from Reg. Day for exact dates.

Thank you to Christine Jacobs, Jenel Kukla and Jessica Raushi for serving as our coaches this year! Go Bobcats!

Coming Up:

- 09/09 - MALL League Meeting
- 09/11 - Education Sunday/Church Picnic
- 09/14 - Salem Cross Country Meet @ DeVries Nature Conservancy
- 09/16 - Principals' Conference
- 09/21 - MLS Cross Country Meet @ Wickes Park, Saginaw
- 09/22 - Family Fun Night
- 09/23 - ½ Day of School (Faculty In-Service)
- 09/25 - CEA Meeting (After Church)
- 09/29 - Salem Cross Country Meet @ DeVries Nature Conservancy

Google Calendar: If you have not, please check out our Google calendar for the latest dates of events. It is important that you have access to our Google calendar because that is the primary way to know when events are happening at Bethel. If you need assistance with setting up access to the Google calendar, please contact a staff member.

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