

SCHOOL CONNECTIONS

Bethany Lutheran School
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MISSION: "By the power of God's spirit, the mission of Bethany Lutheran School is to train, equip, and support witnesses for His kingdom."

NO BUSING HOME ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 15TH.

Chapel

Chapel will be celebrated on Wednesday, January 13, 2010, at 8:48 a.m. and led by Pastor Rossow. All are invited to attend.

Chapel money for this quarter will be going to "Phil's Friends". This is the young man who started an organization to bring care packages to cancer patients and their families while receiving treatment. Donations, as well as chapel money is being collected. The list of items to be collected is attached to the "Connections" or can be found on the bulletin board outside the School Office.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Happy New Year! I hope this past Christmas break allowed for some relaxing time with your family and friends. As much as I enjoyed my break, I have to admit it was good to get back to school and a routine. Without the structure of a school day I can easily sleep just a little too long and eat just a little too much. I am certainly a person who needs and works well with order and structure in my life!

Hopefully, everyone received and read the letter from Mrs. Fiene informing us of her retirement. It certainly will be a change for Mrs. Fiene after forty three years of teaching here at Bethany. And yet, an exciting change! I have already talked with her about several volunteer opportunities. I can promise you, we will continue to see her smiling face up and down the halls of Bethany Lutheran next school year.

I also want to ease everyone's mind and let you know that we are already busy seeking a highly qualified teacher to fill our second grade vacancy. I will keep you informed as progress continues.

As we begin 2010 together, I do ask that you carefully read the ENTRANCE and DISMISSAL PROCEDURES listed below. It's a new year and time for fresh starts and clean slates!!

SCHOOL OFFICE NEWS

Have You Noticed The New Carpeting in the Narthex?

Over the Christmas break, and before the Holiday Church services, new carpeting was laid in the Narthex and Sanctuary. And, because it is new carpeting, there are some new entrance and usage rules that we would like to share with our school families.

- All students and parents, with the exception of early morning band students, need to enter the building through "Door Number 3" (the school entrance door).
- All students, with the exception of those leaving early for appointments or games, need to be dismissed through the PAC along with the rest of the student body.

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- All events taking place in the PAC, such as basketball games, practices, or musical practices and events, need to have everyone enter and leave through the PAC doors, “Door Number 2”.
- The Narthex is not a meeting room and therefore we are asking that no food or beverages be brought to the area.
- Also, we are asking, please do not use the stairs as seating while waiting for students.

We know that with the school the Narthex has a high volume of traffic and we are trying to preserve and protect the new carpeting as much as possible, and would appreciate your cooperation.

Preschool and Kindergarten Registration for 2010-2011

Registration for Preschool and Kindergarten took place on Saturday, January 9, 2010. We will continue to accept registrations until the classes are full, and then if need be, add names to a waiting list. If you would like more information regarding our Preschool and Kindergarten programs, please stop by the School Office.

School Spelling Bee

Students in grades four through eight will be taking a 50 word test during the course of the week to determine winners for this year's spelling bee. Words will be read and sentences given to determine two winners and a runner up from each of the grade levels. The school bee will be given after chapel January 27. Students from private and parochial schools in DuPage County will compete at Timothy Christian School in Elmhurst in early February. The winners of that bee will compete with public school winners at Lisle Junior High School. The Chicagoland Bee will be held later this spring.

Vision and Hearing to Take Place—January 12th

The DuPage County Health Department will be at Bethany on Tuesday, January 12th, to conduct “Vision and Hearing Screenings” for the following grades—

Vision	Preschool, Kindergarten, 2, 8
Hearing	Preschool, Kindergarten, 1, 2, 3

Both tests will be given to new students to the school this school year

Those Kindergarten students who had vision test conducted by a physician and turned in their forms will not be tested.

If any parents have concerns about their children who will not be tested, please let the School Office know and we can add them to the list.

Tryouts For The Lutheran Schools Week Musical

On Tuesday, March 9th, we will present a musical evening to celebrate Lutheran Schools Week. Preschool through grade 5 will participate in this program. This year we will be performing the musical Are We There Yet? The speaking parts for this musical are open to members of the Christus Choir. Auditions for the speaking parts will be held **Friday, morning, January 15nd at 7:15 AM** in Mrs. Bolt's room. Students wishing to audition must **bring their permission form to the audition.** Permission forms will be sent home by the classroom teachers. Once the parts are selected the rehearsals for those parts will be on Wednesday and Friday mornings beginning January 28th through March 5th. All rehearsals begin at 7:15 AM. Hopefully, if we work hard, these will be the only rehearsals we need outside of school.

Bethany Lutheran School PTL to host Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction

We are all excited for Bethany's 2010 Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction! Our PTL auction committee is hard at work planning this fundraising event scheduled for Saturday, March 13, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. Ticket information will be forthcoming.

Please come and enjoy a delicious dinner catered by Leona's, socializing with teachers, staff and other Bethany families, as well as the opportunity to shop for many items at a discount. We especially welcome new families and those that have not been able to attend this event in the past. For those of you that attended in previous years, we warmly welcome you back!

This event is a volunteer run event, so we need your help to make this successful! If you are interested in helping, there is an informational meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 12 at 2:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room/Lunch Room. If you are unable to attend the meeting but would still like to help, please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside of the School Office. Don't forget, this a wonderful opportunity to earn your volunteer hours!

We are also accepting silent auction donations at this time. If you have goods or services to donate, please turn them into the School Office and attach a Donor Information Form to the item(s). Donations must be received by March 1 in order to be included in the event materials.

The money that is raised from this event will be used to replace outdated laptops with new notebooks that the entire school can utilize. If you have questions, please email Aimee Walsh at awalsh@bethanylcs.org.

Love and Logic Parent Education Workshop

Plan on attending "Becoming a Love and Logic Parent" workshop on Thursday, February 25, 2010 from 6:30p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Bethany will be welcoming Love and Logic authority Bryan Blackford for this wonderful event. Learn how to DISCIPLINE kids without losing their love, SET limits without ordering or arguing and OFFER choices to your kids that will make YOU deliriously happy. Babysitting will be available.

FYI—State Transportation Reimbursement

Just a reminder—the State of Illinois is not issuing reimbursement for student transportation to and from school. For those of you who filled out the forms and are wondering where the checks are, there will be no checks.

Preschool Parent/Teacher Conferences

Three and Four Year Old Preschool families will have conferences on Tuesday, Jan., 19th. There will be no preschool class on that day. You will be receiving your conference time from your teacher this week.

New Boxtops Contest Begins.....

Starting today we are beginning a new Boxtops for Education contest running through February 15th. The class with the highest percentage of boxtops per student will win a special treat for their classroom. The kindergarten class won the last contest and received pizza for their class during their Christmas party.

Look closely on all your packaging because it seems they are making the boxtop symbols smaller and smaller. We don't want those valuable boxtops to wind up in the recycling.

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Also, check out the Boxtops for Education website www.boxtops4education.com for valuable \$1.00 off coupons for many of the “boxtop” products. Attached to this School Connections is a complete list of products that carry the boxtop symbols. There may be some products you use that you didn’t realize have boxtop symbols on them. Each boxtop for education symbol is worth 10 cents in cash to Bethany.

School Connections Assembling

Beginning February 1st, the “Connections” will not be sent home in paper form only via e-mail. We will have to have a time a month when special forms such as market day, outside sports camps, DuPage Childrens Museum information, etc. are collated and sent home. The School Office will be contacting those parents who have signed up to assemble the “Connections” with a new schedule.

We will decide on a week for this to be done and any additional fliers or forms to be sent home will need to be in the Office by that day. We will not be sending papers home every week and most information will need to be conveyed via the “Connections” going out to families via the e-mail.

School Connections Assemblers

January 11 th	Elise Calhoon
January 19 th (Tuesday)	Teresa Rogers
January 25 th	Kristin Kozuh

If you can't come on your scheduled day, please call and switch with someone from the list.

MANNA

Manna is having a record year!! Thanks to your support, we have made a profit of \$7,800 (\$3,400 toward families tuition and \$4,400 for Bethany) and that is only for ½ the year!! Right now there are 50 families that are eligible for tuition reimbursement which is great news!! Keep your orders coming to take advantage of these savings. Manna is now back to our original schedule selling Tues-Fri mornings for cash and carry (no more Mondays). Manna orders are still due on Tuesdays at 9:00, but will now be filled on Wednesdays.

FOOD COURT

Hot Lunch

January 13th—chicken sandwich, BBQ potato chips, green beans, pudding cup

Early Helpers: None needed

Serving Helpers: Laurie Velasquez, Polly Patterson, Kim Paquette

January 20th—meatball sandwich, curly fries, pears, sherbet

Early Helpers: None needed

Serving Helpers: Lisa Hetherman, Polly Patterson, Julie Chesnut

January 27th—mostaccioli, french bread, broccoli, brownie

Early Helpers: None needed

Serving Helpers: Caroline Martyn, Angie Groth, Polly Patterson

Pizza Day—The next lunch will be Friday, January 8th.

Pasta Lunch— The next lunch will be Tuesday, January 12th.