

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 SCHOOL FOR PRESCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 12TH. PRESCHOOL WILL BE HAVING PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES.

Chapel

Chapel will be celebrated on Wednesday, January 20, 2010, at 8:48 a.m. and led by Pastor Balla. All are invited to attend.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

It is hard to believe we are beginning the 3rd quarter of the school year. Report Cards will be coming home this week.

If you haven't already noticed, life is very busy here at Bethany Lutheran School. All our sports teams are heavy into their seasons. This past week I was able to catch our 7th/8th boys and girls, 5/6 girls, 5th and 6th grade boys basketball games. It was fun and exciting to cheer on our Bethany Royals. It was also the first game for our 5th grade cheer squad, who did an amazing job as well.

If you haven't had a chance to come and watch our teams, be sure and add that to your schedule. The Booster Club has a great concession stand to grab a bite while watching the game!

Our PTL is hard at work on the upcoming **School Spaghetti Dinner/Auction** scheduled for **Saturday, March 13th**. This is a wonderful family event so watch for when ticket sales begin! The proceeds from the Auction will go toward classroom sets of Netbooks which ALL grades will be able to utilize!

Miss Thompson and Mr. Vasilie are starting auditions/practice for the Elementary Musical. Again, it is hard to believe it is time for the **Elementary Musical!** Mark your calendars for Tuesday evening, **March 9th at 6:30 p.m.**

The faculty is very excited about the upcoming **Love and Logic Parent Workshop**. The parent portion is scheduled for **Thursday, February 25th from 6:30-8:00 p.m.** Child care is available, just please notify the office so we can plan accordingly. **This workshop is for Parents of Children ages 2 Years Old - High School!**

SCHOOL OFFICE NEWS

Clarification of School Entrance Rule

Last week we covered some "new/old" rules with regard to the entrance and dismissal of students, PAC events, and narthex uses. The first rule with regard to students and parents entering the building should have read as follows:

All students and parents entering the building before 8:40 a.m., with the exception of early morning band students, need to enter the building through "Door Number 3". After 8:40 a.m. parents/students need to enter "Door #1. All of the other doors in the building are locked and Door # 1 is the only door with the bell for entrance.

Paper Connections—Two (2) More Weeks

There are only two (2) more weeks of “paper Connections” coming home. Beginning February 1st, “Connections” will be sent to our families via e-mail only. If you have not been receiving your e-mail copy, please let the School Office know as soon as possible.

The second week of every month, February through May, will be designated as the week to send home any additional fliers or information that could not be included in the e-mail. The only exception to this will be the “Market Day” forms. This is a trial period for us and the week of sending home information may change as we track what comes into the Office.

This is going to be a big savings to our paper and printing budget.

Preschool and Kindergarten Registration for 2010-2011

Registration for Preschool and Kindergarten took place on Saturday, January 9, 2010. As of today, all registered students have been placed in classes. 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.

Re-Enrollment for Grades 1 through 8

Re-enrollment forms for students going into grades 1 through 8 will be sent home the week of January 25th. They will need to be returned by Friday, February 5th. A \$50.00 registration fee, per child, will need to be included. On Monday, February 8th, enrollment will be opened to new students and the community.

“Take Me Out to the Ballgame”

It's that time of the year again when we look forward to hearing that crack of the bat. The Kane County Cougars Reading Incentive Program kicked off on Monday, January 11th and will last until Thursday, March 25th. All students who complete the reading goal will be rewarded with a ticket to a Kane County Cougars Baseball Game. Our game date is scheduled for Sunday, April 18th, at 1:00 p.m. Kane County Cougars will be playing Cedar Rapids—Anaheim Angels' minor league team. Let's have a winning reading program and have a good turnout as we cheer on the Cougars!

Spelling Bee – 2010

Students in grades 4 through 8 took a 50 word spelling test the week after Christmas break. Two class champions and a runner up were determined. The school spelling bee will be held Wednesday, January 27th in the PAC after chapel.

Winners are:

4th Grade – Michael James, Joseph Hanneman – alternate Kyle Schreder

5th Grade – Daniel Mackey, Jack Dietz – alternate Jack Walsh

6th Grade – Grace Gebhard, Nikki Roberts – alternate Rebecca Parmenter

7th Grade – Dariana Slater, Ben Dierking – alternate Sarah Bergrud

8th Grade – Ryan McCullum, Annemarie Gebhard – alternate Haley Wentz

If one of the class champions cannot make the school bee on the 27th, the alternate will take their place. We congratulate all our finalists. Well done!

Vision and Hearing Rescreening to Take Place—February 2nd

The DuPage County Health Department was at Bethany on Tuesday, January 12th to conduct the annual school vision and hearing tests. They will be returning on Tuesday, February 2nd to conduct re-screenings and test those students who were absent.

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!

Classrooms will be assembling baskets for the auction. Please check out the enclosed list for the classroom "themes".

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.

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.

Also, check out the Boxtops for Education website www.boxtops4education.com for valuable \$1.00 off coupons for many of the "boxtop" products.

School Connections Assemblers

January 19th (Tuesday) Teresa Rogers

January 25th Kristin Kozuh

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

MANNA

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 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

February 3rd—tacos, carrots, dutch apple pie

Early Helpers: None needed

Serving Helpers: Brandi Paul, Denise Collins, Pam Stricker,
Polly Patterson

February 10th—chili, cornbread, fresh fruit, cup cake

Early Helpers: None needed

Serving Helpers: Laurie Velaquez, Polly Patterson, Nancy Pavlopoulos

Pizza Day—The next lunch will be Friday, January 22nd.

Pasta Lunch— The next lunch will be Tuesday, January 26th.

OTHER NOTEWORTHY NEWS

Eights Grade Students Information

Aurora Christian School is having an Open House for incoming freshman students on January 21, 2010 between the hours of 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. The address of the school is 2255 Sullivan Road, Aurora, IL 60506. For additional information, please call 630-892-1551 or visit their website at www.aurorachristian.org

Come to Bethany Lutheran Church and School's First Fish Fry!

Bring your family and friends to Bethany on Friday, February 26 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. for a delicious Fish Dinner with all the trimmings. The catered meal will consist of fried fish, potatoes, creamy coleslaw, rolls and dessert. Hot dogs will also be available. This will be a fun congregational event so save the date today. It is not necessary to purchase tickets in advance but if you are thinking of attending, show us your support by signing up on the message tower. The cost will be \$8.00 for the fish meal, and \$2.00 for a hot dog. We hope to gain a good idea of how much fish to order. We also need a crew of volunteers to set up, help serve and clean up. This is a great way to meet, mix and mingle with other members. Call the church office with questions at 630 355-2198.