

SCHOOL CONNECTIONS

Bethany Lutheran School

January 25, 2010

www.bethanylcs.org

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

Bethany's Non-Discrimination Policy

Bethany Lutheran School admits students of any race, color, or national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national or ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

Chapel

Chapel will be celebrated on Wednesday, January 27, 2010, at 8:48 a.m. and led by Pastor Schumacher. Baptismal birthdays for the month of January will be celebrated. All are invited to attend.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

We have GREAT parents! I always knew we did, but this past week clearly confirmed my assumption! We asked everyone to carefully read the new entrance/exit procedures and it is quite apparent that you did! THANK YOU for helping us to implement these new procedures. If you still have questions, please feel free to contact me or the school office.

This past Wednesday evening our 7th/8th grade Cheerleaders led our "Little Royals" (Kindergarten through fourth grade) in a high spirited cheer and dance routine. Be sure and check out the pictures outside the school office. It was a wonderful event and I know everyone in the stands thought the girls did an awesome job!

SCHOOL OFFICE NEWS

LAST WEEK TO RECEIVE YOUR "PAPER" COPY OF THE "CONNECTIONS". BEGINNING FEBRUARY 1ST, THE "CONNECTIONS" WILL BE DELIVERED BY E-MAIL ONLY. If you have not been receiving the "Connections" by e-mail for the past four (4) weeks, please notify 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!

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 & 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 pm.

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! Some have already signed up to help us out but there are still quite a few spaces available. If you would like to help, please see the sign-up board by 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. Please note that we can only accept items that are NEW. 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 Netbooks 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.....

A new Boxtops for Education contest is 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

We no longer need “Connections” assemblers. Those of you who had signed up should have received a letter explaining the plan for the remainder of the year. If you have any questions, please stop by the School Office.

FOOD COURT

Hot Lunch

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

February 17th—chicken nuggets, fruit cocktail, mixed vegetables, bakery cookie

Early Helpers: None needed

Serving Helpers: Colin Paul, Polly Patterson, Lisa Hetherman

Pizza Day—The next lunch will be Friday, February 5th, and Friday February 19th.

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

OTHER NOTEWORTHY NEWS

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.

**ARE YOU RECEIVING YOUR “CONNECTIONS” BY
E-MAIL?**

**THIS WEEK IS THE LAST WEEK FOR PAPER
COPIES GOING HOME WITH THE STUDENTS.**

**IF YOU ARE NOT RECEIVING THE
“CONNECTIONS” ON YOUR COMPUTER,
NOTIFY WITH SCHOOL OFFICE WITH YOUR
E-MAIL ADDRESS.**