

SCHOOL CONNECTIONS

Bethany Lutheran School

February 16, 2010

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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."

Chapel

Chapel will be celebrated on Wednesday, February 17, 2010—Ash Wednesday, at 8:48 a.m. and led by Pastor Schumacher. All are invited to attend.

The Lenten Season for the church begins on Wednesday, February 17th, Ash Wednesday, with church services at 10:00 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. The sermon theme for Ash Wednesday is "Return to the Lord Your God". Lenten services will be every Wednesday, February 24th through March 24th at both 10:00 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. If you do not have a home church to attend, please plan on joining us at Bethany.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

This past weekend I had the opportunity to travel to St. Louis and spend two full days with my 9 year old niece, Zoe. She lives in Santa Fe, New Mexico so we usually only get about two visits together each year. We went ice skating, visited the Art Institute, Science Center and Magic House in the St. Louis area. We read tons of books and played many board games together.

Of course when it came time to say good-bye, neither of us wanted to leave. We wanted to stay in St. Louis and play! But, I had to head back to my responsibilities at Bethany and Zoe had to go back to homework and school. Life isn't just fun and games!

I did remind her via phone a day or two later that we had a fun-filled two days together, packed full of many memories. And we should be THANKFUL for our time together.

As we continue through this very, very busy month of February which is packed full of events, let us all pause and THANK GOD for the many blessings he has bestowed on all of us.

SCHOOL OFFICE NEWS

Re-Enrollment for Grades 1 through 8

Re-enrollment forms for students going into grades 1 through 8 for the 2010-2011 school year has been completed. We will begin to accept registrations for new students until the classes have reached capacity. If you have not re-enrolled, please do so immediately so we don't give your spot away. We do have families on the waiting list who are anxious to hear about their status.

Chapel Offerings for the Third Quarter of School

Beginning in February, the beginning of the 3rd quarter of school, our chapel offerings will be designated to LCMS World Relief & Human Care. This is specifically for the Haiti Earthquake Disaster Relief.

The school collected a total of \$391.66 in addition to the many material donations for "Phil's Friends". We thank all the families that contributed to this worthwhile organization.

Spring "Spirit Wear" on Sale

Boosters is offering a spring sale of Bethany Spirit Wear to be delivered before Easter. Order forms will be sent home on Tuesday with your students. If you wish to order, please fill out the form and return to the School Office. "Go Royals"!

Spelling Bee Update

Ryan McCullum competed in the next level of the Spelling Bee last Wednesday at Timothy Christian High School. Ryan made it almost to the end before being eliminated. Three students were finally selected to move on to the DuPage Spelling held later this month.

Pancake Breakfast

The 8th graders are having a pancake breakfast as a fundraiser for their class trip to Springfield on Friday of Lutheran Schools Week. The order forms were sent home today with the oldest child in each family and are due on Friday, February 25.

Butter Braid Sales by 8th Graders

The 8th Grade class will once again be selling those delicious Butter Braids. The order forms are going home on Tuesday and need to be returned by Friday, March 5th. The delivery date will be Wednesday, March 17th. Just in time for those Easter brunches. If you have any questions, please contact Sally Heggeland or Karin Kuehl.

Tickets are Now On Sale for the Bethany PTL Italian Dinner & Silent Auction!

If you love great food and socializing with teachers, staff and other Bethany families, this is an event for you! The Bethany PTL Dinner & Auction is scheduled for Saturday, March 13, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. Ticket prices are as follows: \$12.50 for adults, \$5.00 for children age 4-12, age 3 and under are FREE! There is a \$40.00 family maximum.

Tickets can be purchased by filling out the ticket order form and returning it to the School Office by Friday, March 5th. Order forms are in the School Office. Beginning February 9th, tickets will also be sold Tuesday - Friday from 8:40 - 9:00 a.m. outside of the School Office (next to the Manna table). You may also purchase tickets after Church Services on Saturday and Sunday beginning February 13th. Checks can be made payable to Bethany Lutheran PTL (in the check memo section please write "Dinner/Auction). Ticket orders will be filled each week and sent home on Monday.

As if you weren't excited already....here is a sample of a few items that will be up for bid during the Silent Auction: (4) 1 Day Walt Disney World Park Hopper Tickets, Arthur Murray Dance Package, Stampin' Up! Assortment, Wine Tasting for 10 adults, Gourmet Dessert of the Month for 1 year, (4) Shedd Aquarium Passes, Gourmet Cookie of the Month for 1 year, and (3) 1 hour Pottery Sessions with Mrs. Staunch. 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). Please note that we can only accept items that are NEW. Donations must be received by March 5 in order to be included in the event materials.

One final note, there are still quite a few areas that we need help in. The sign-up board is outside of the School Office. Please consider taking the time

to work a set-up/clean-up shift, sell tickets, or be an auction official. Remember, this is a great way to earn your volunteer hours!

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.

Junior High Honor Roll for 2nd Quarter

SIXTH GRADE

HIGH HONORS (4.0)

Sarah Balla
Justin Banks
Katherine Brauer
Kayla Bull
Ryan Dierking
Grace Gebhard
Katelyn Kline
Jake Schroeder
Jacob Stoehr
Samantha Stricker
HONORS (3.50 TO 3.99)
Taylor Dunwell
Danny Groth
Kyle Josupait
Katelynn Kuehl
Rebecca Parmenter
Dimitri Pavlopoulos
Nikki Roberts
Abby Van Soelen
Justin Zuidema

SEVENTH GRADE

HIGH HONORS (4.0)

Sarah Bergrud
Caitlin Collins
Ben Dierking
Michael Flattum
Olivia James
Alex Miller
HONORS (3.50 TO 3.99)
Ellie Hahn
Emily Krachenfels
Nina Liebmann
David Mackey
Tyler Sharkey
Dariana Slater
Meredyth Staunch

EIGHTH GRADE

HIGH HONORS (4.0)

Cali Beyer
Brian Dehlinger
Annemarie Gebhard
Erin Guenther
Erica Heggeland
Angela Jurek
Lauren Van Horn
HONORS (3.50 TO 3.99)
Clayton Bailey
Michael Dashut
Michael Dietrich
Naomi Holcomb
Allison Krick
Hillary Kuehl
Eric Onsager
Mary Ramsay
Jack Stover
Haley Wentz

Alumni—We Like to Hear From You

Last year’s BLS graduates have been busy getting involved at their respective high schools in extra-curricular fall and winter school sports and events. Today we are featuring those students that are attending Plainfield North, Oswego East, Downers Grove South and North, and Bolingbrook High School. Next week we will be featuring the private schools in the area.

Oswego East High School

Lauren Collins—marching band, robotic club

Plainfield North High School

Brooke Gundersen—volleyball team

Downers Grove South

Maddie Kuerschner—cheerleading
Jessie Zuidema—basketball team

Downers Grove North
Alex Piorkowski

Abby Placko, a 2006 Bethany graduate, has been designated an Illinois State Scholar in the 2010-2011 Illinois State Scholar Program. Congratulations Abby.

MANNA

Great news for Manna! Meijer is now offering \$25 and \$50 Gift Cards at 4% discount. Many people have asked for it, and now it is available. Also, manna now offers Costco membership certificates for \$50 at an incredible 25%. These cards are valid for memberships only – cash cards are not available at this time. Exxon \$50 cards additional 1% bonus through 4/2/10 (previously 2% - now 3%). Take advantage of these great offers!

MARKET DAY

Market Day is Saturday, February 20th. We need at least 12 volunteers for this sale. Pickup is from 8:45 to 9:30 a.m. in the PAC. Preschool 4's and 3rd grade benefit from this sale. Set up and unload truck and sort—7:45 to 9:30 a.m.)

Class Represented: 3rd Grade—Chris Thilk, Jennifer Brideson, Tim Gutzwiller
PS 4s—Gretchen Brouch

Please call Karen Shales at 630-355-2351 or email at kshales@sbcglobal.net to sign up. It's a great way to fulfill your volunteer hours!

SPORTS

Attention Peoria basketball and cheerleading families----the teams will be staying at a Marriott Hotel. Buy manna certificates in \$50.00 denominations and earn the school a 9% profit. Also, think about gas and food cards. Order next Tuesday to receive the cards before Friday. Manna also has Marriott cards in the "cash and carry" inventory.

This Tuesday, February 16th, is the last home game for the 7/8 grade boys and girls. The girls will be playing at 4:30 p.m. with the boys at 5:30 p.m. Come out and cheer the teams on to victory.

FOOD COURT

Hot Lunch

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

Early Helpers: None needed

Serving Helpers: Pam Stricker, Polly Patterson, Kim Schroeder

February 24th—corn dog, potato chips, peas, ice cream cup

Early Helpers: None needed

Serving Helpers: Caroline Martyn, Polly Patterson, Kim Paquette

March 3rd—chicken chimichanga, tortilla chips/salsa, mandarin oranges, rice krispie treat

Early Helpers: None needed

Serving Helpers: Laurie Velasquez/Zimmerman, Brandi Paul, Polly Patterson

March 10th—hot turkey and cheese sandwich, pretzels, fresh carrots, pkg of cookies

Early Helpers: Michele Gertsen, Polly Patterson, (need one more)

Serving Helpers: None needed

- ❖ One more helper, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., is needed for the March 10th lunch

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

Pasta Lunch— The next lunches will be Tuesday, February 23rd and Tuesday, March 9th.

OTHER NOTEWORTHY NEWS

Goofy Olympics Coming to Bethany

The GOOFY OLYMPICS will take place at the Parish Activity Center on Sunday, February 21, 2010. Registration begins at 12:15 p.m. followed by a delicious Italian Beef lunch! The games begin at 1:15 p.m. All are invited.

**Bethany hosts “The Passion of the Christ”
At Ogden 6 Sunday, Mar. 7, 1:30 pm Cost: Free
Invite a Friend or Neighbor**