

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.”

THEME FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR 2009-2010

Keep Your Eyes on the Goal---“I press on toward the goal, to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 3:14

Chapel: Wednesday, September 2nd, at 8:48 a.m. led by Pastor Schumacher. All are invited to attend.

NO SCHOOL—There is no school on Monday, September 7th—Labor Day.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Thank You for a smooth beginning to the 2009-2010 school year! It is always nice to have the first week of school under our belt. All the rules and procedures have been explained and everyone is set! Everyone is doing a great job with our drop off and pick up procedures. Please remember, children should move to the sidewalk as soon as they are dropped off. We do appreciate your patience. Remember, the safety of the children is our first concern. If you do park in the large, north parking lot and walk your child to the door, please use the walkway next to the gym. That way we keep children and adults out of the way of the cars.

Please be sure and READ the School Connections each and every week. This is our main mode of communication to our families. It always contains valuable information, so please make it a habit to read the hard copy or the online one. Thanks!

SCHOOL OFFICE NEWS

BLS DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

September 7 th	Labor Day—NO SCHOOL
September 15 th	Room Parent Meeting at 9:00 a.m.
September 15 th	School Picture Day
September 16 th	School Picture Day

Flu Prevention Emphasized as Kids Head Back to School

The precautions currently recommended by the DuPage County Department of Health to avoid both the seasonal flu and the new H1N1 flu include:

- Cover your mouth whenever you sneeze or cough.
- Wash your hands regularly, especially after sneezing, coughing, or blowing your nose.
- If soap and water are not available, use alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth as much as possible; wash your hands if you do touch them.
- Keep a distance of at least three feet between you and other people.

If you or your children do get sick, go home and stay home. It is important that you distance yourself from other people—even people within your own family—in order to keep your contact with others to a minimum. It is also a good idea to keep a supply of essentials on hand this season so that if you or your children do become sick, you won't need to make a trip to the store—you'll already have what you need at home.

Children should be kept out of school until any illness has passed. Once their fever has broken, they should still be kept at home until they can maintain a normal temperature for at least 24 hours without the use of any fever reducing medicine

“When to Ring the Bell on the Front Door”

During the school day, all school doors are locked for the safety of staff and students in the building. If you need to enter the building during the day, please go to Door #1 and ring the bell for admittance. When the sign is “not in the door window”, this is an indication that the door is open and you may enter without ringing the bell. Look for the sign!

Chapel Offerings for Grace Lutheran School

Grace Lutheran School is an amazing place! It is located in the “Little Village” neighborhood of Chicago. Our 1st quarter chapel offerings will help make it possible for a child in that neighborhood to be able to learn about Jesus by attending Grace. Our offerings will be used for financial aid to help a family afford the \$300/month tuition.

We will deliver the collected school supplies and our offerings at the beginning of November.

Reading Assessment to be Administered

Dear Parents---This year Mrs. Spooner and Miss Mueller will administer a short reading assessment to all students in grades K-5. The results from this assessment will give teachers and parents more information about the reading skills of each student. This assessment will be done three times a year to get an accurate profile of your child's reading progress. Please let us know if you have any questions. Thank you very much.

“Thank You”-----

Thank you to all who gave of their time and talents yesterday at our church/school picnic. We really appreciate all you do to help make Bethany such a great family. It was a huge success! We look forward to many more fun events.

Reporting Absences/Late Arrivals

For the safety of your child and to assist our teachers, all students who will be absent or arriving late to school need to report this information to the school office by 9:00 a.m. of that school day. After 9:00 a.m., a phone call will be made to check on the student. The school office number is 355-6607 and is answered by an automated voice system before and after hours. To leave your message you just need to dial extension 235.

Entering the Building During the School Day

After the bell rings at 8:40 a.m. all exterior doors will be locked and the only access to the building will be through the front entrance. You must ring the bell to gain access to the building. Please proceed to the School Office to sign in if you are bringing a student in late or picking a student up early or volunteering in the school. **ALL VISITORS MUST SIGN IN AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE AND WEAR A VISITOR'S LANYARD WHILE IN THE SCHOOL.** When leaving the school **everyone needs to stop in the School Office and sign out and return your Lanyard.** This procedure is for the protection of students and staff during the school day and for emergency situations which could occur.

Before and After School Care and Supervision

Bethany will again this year have a **Before School Supervision** program which begins at 7:30 a.m. Students can be dropped off starting at 7:30 a.m. and should have homework to work on or a book to read. The cost for this program is \$3.00 per day or \$40.00 for the month per child.

Our **After School Program** begins at 3:30 p.m. and ends at 5:00 p.m. The cost for this program is as follows:

3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.	\$5.00 per child
3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	\$7.00 per child
3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	\$10.00 per child

For our **After School Program**, please make sure you have completed the forms necessary for this program before having your child participate. Forms can be picked up in the School Office.

MANNA/PTL/MARKET DAY UPDATES

Manna Sales

"Cash and Carry" will be sold every Tuesday through Friday morning only.

This week's order is due tomorrow, September 1st, for delivery on Wednesday, September 2nd. Orders are due by 10:00 a.m.

Next week due to Labor Day, the orders need to be placed on Wednesday, September 9th, with delivery on Thursday, the 10th.

Manna has a new gift card! Visa gift cards are offered in \$25, \$50, and \$100 cards at a 3% profit. Great for gift giving.

Manna order forms will be sent home the first Monday of every month. If you need additional forms, you can download them from the school's website.

Market Day

Now that school is underway so is Market Day! So pick up your order form today! Ordering is easy! You can order and pre-pay on line at www.marketday.com or send your filled out order form back to school before the order deadline. The deadline dates for both online and sent in orders is on the back of the order form. Remember Market Day is one of the schools top fundraisers! Thanks for orders.

Market Day is the perfect opportunity to fulfill your PIP volunteer hours! To volunteer call Karen Shales at 630-355-2351 or Sheril Hagie at 630-759-4658, or simply sign up on the volunteer sheet that comes home with your child and return it to the school---it's that easy! Thanks in advance for volunteering.

FOOD COURT

Hot Lunch

September 9th---hot dog, baked beans, watermelon, cupcake

Early Helpers: Malinda Francis

Serving Helpers: Malinda Francis, Laurie Velasquez, Colin Paul

September 16th ---chicken sandwich, BBQ chips, fresh carrots, popsicle

Early Helpers: None needed

Serving Helpers: Pam Stricker, Teresa Wilder, Lori Dietz

September 23rd---meaty nachos, apple sauce cup, sherbet

Early Helpers: None needed

Serving Helpers: Karen Dierking, Nadine Parmenter, Kim Zwartz-Kaempf

September 30th---chicken nuggets, macaroni & cheese, salad, pudding cup

Early Helpers: None needed

Serving Helpers: Malinda Francis, Caroline Martyn, Cheryl Buwick

Early Helpers need to be in the kitchen from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Serving Helpers need to be in the kitchen from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Any volunteer questions, please call Gina Stoehr at 630-961-2123
or 913-449-4998.

Pizza Day

The first "Pizza lunch" will be on Friday, September 4th. The next "pizza lunch" in September is Friday, September 18th.

SPORTS

The first home games for the 7/8 grade volleyball teams are Tuesday, September 8th—boys at 4:30 p.m. and girls at 5:30 p.m. The next home is not until Tuesday, September 29th—boys at 4:30 p.m. and girls at 5:30 p.m.

For updated practice times, please check with your child's coach. The Office does not always receive the most updated schedules and changes.

OTHER NOTEWORTH NEWS

Car Pool Corner

Barnickel Family looking for ride home for Kindergartener, Blake. Jennifer Barnickel is willing to make the drive to school. The Barnickels' live at 13314 Columbine Circle, Plainfield, IL Phone: 815-577-3185

Looking for Child Care?

"Grandma Marshmallow"—Nanny-Sitter—Bernadette Young

Bernadette is grandmother to a Bethany student, Dariana Slater, who is in 7th grade. She is offering baby sitting, before and after school child care including transportation both to and from school and activities. If you would like more information, please give her a call at 630-816-9271.

Children's Health and Safety Fair

Senator Kirk Dillard and Representative Michael Connelly are sponsoring a Children's Health and Safety Fair on Saturday, September 12th, at Lincoln Jr. High School, Olympus Drive from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Additional information on the Fair is in the School Office. Stop by and pick up a flyer if you are interested.

