

SCHOOL CONNECTIONS

Bethany Lutheran School
September 14, 2009

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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: Wednesday, September 16th, at 8:48 a.m. led by Pastor Schumacher. All are invited to attend.

BLS Dates to Mark on Your Calendar

September 15 th	School Picture Day—PS 3s, PS 4s, 7 th , 6 th , 5 th , 4 th
September 16 th	School Picture Day—Kindergarten, 8 th , 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd
September 17 th	Room Parent Meeting at 9:00 a.m.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Did you know that you probably have something very powerful in your house? It has changed many lives. **It can save your life. What is it that can be so powerful?**

That powerful item is the Bible, God’s word to us. The Holy Spirit works through God’s word to miraculously create faith in those who hear or read and believe its message of salvation. The Bible clearly shows that we are sinners, unable to have a perfect relationship with God. Thanks be to God, the Bible proclaims the message that God sent His only Son to die for the forgiveness of our sins. Through faith in Jesus’ death and resurrection, we are made perfect in God’s eyes. Our life is saved. We enjoy eternal life with Him.

Your child(ren) hears or reads the Bible in Bethany Lutheran School everyday. We live together in the peace and joy of knowing that we are God’s children through faith in Jesus. Your child(ren) receives this food for his or her spiritual life each day here at BLS.

We ask that you partner with us and continue to feed your child(ren) the spiritual food of the Bible in your home. Let your children see you reading the Bible daily.

Our church theme this year is “Living the Christian Life: Spiritual Exercises.” Very soon we will have available a booklet containing a variety of spiritual exercise ideas. As soon as it is finished I will let you know. Hopefully, this will be a helpful tool for you and your family to use.

SCHOOL OFFICE NEWS

“Smile”—Picture Day is Coming

We will be doing school pictures on Tuesday, September 15th, and Wednesday, September 16th. Forms for ordering picture packages were sent home today in the “Connections”. Even if you do not want to order pictures, your child’s picture will be taken for the class composite. The form and a check must be sent with you child on the day of the pictures. A new feature this year is a “Pre Pay” option. Please see the form for additional information about this option.

Following is a schedule for pictures:

Tuesday, September 15th---PS3s, PS4s, 7th, 6th, 5th, 4th

Wednesday, September 16th---Kindergarten, 8th, 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Room Parent Meeting

The Room Parent meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 17th, at 9:00 a.m. Please check the enclosed list of “Room Parents” to see if your name is listed as a “Room Mom”. If it is, please plan on attending the meeting on the 17th.

We are looking for a few more parents to volunteer—2nd grade needs some room parents, and 6th grade has only one parent who volunteered.

CHECKS, Checks, checks.....

The School Office receives many many many checks on a daily basis. When you are sending a check into the Office, please either have it attached to a form, in a marked envelope, or a notation on the memo line of the check. We can't always identify where to apply the checks, so in order to get them deposited in the right account, please make sure they are properly marked.

What's Worth 10 Cents???

Each and every “Boxtops for Education” coupon cut from a participating box is worth 10 cents to Bethany Lutheran School. It's such a little thing each family can do to raise money for our school. I know a lot of families are already doing it, but please spread the word to other relatives (grandparents, aunt, uncles) and co-workers. Let's not let any of those coupons wind up in the recycling or garbage when they could be earning BLS funds to purchase needed items for our school.

Last year we earned \$1,142 which helped us finish purchasing the Prometheon boards for the last of our classrooms. Our new goal for this year is \$1,370. Finally, we will be having monthly classroom Box Tops contests to help meet our new goal. Watch for details and updates in future School Connections. If you have any questions concerning Boxtops for Education please contact Karen Calpin at 630-961-9263 or check out their website at www.boxtops4education.com.

School Family Directory

We are about to print the Family Directory for the school. If you have changed your address or phone number, and it was not recorded on Registration Day, please notify the School Office so that your information will be correct in the Directory.

Tardy Secretary—Looking For One More Mom or Dad

We are looking for one more “tardy secretary” to complete the week. The slot we are looking to fill is Thursday morning. The job requires you to be outside the School Office at 8:40 a.m. to write “tardies” for late students. By 9:00 a.m. you may leave. If this is something you help out with, please call the School Office.

School Connections Assemblers

September 14 th	Pam Stricker
September 21 st	Kim Rodriguez
September 28 th	Kim Paquette
October 5 th	Tracie Downs

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

MANNA/PTL/MARKET DAY UPDATES

Manna Sales

Please note that next week manna orders will be due on **MONDAY** 9/21 at noon instead of Tuesday. **The change will be for that week only.** Delivery will still be on Wednesday 9/23.

Shell is offering an additional 1% bonus discount through Spetember 30th.

New Vendors – Steak N Shake (9%) and Oberweis (10%).

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.

Please note that the next Market Day pick up is September 19th, and not the 12th as previously noted.

FOOD COURT

Hot Lunch

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

October 7th ---pancake/sausage on a stick, yogurt cup, fresh fruit, granola bar

Early Helpers: Malinda Francis, Marian Flattum

Serving Helpers: Malinda Francis, Kim Zwartz-Kaempf, Lisa Hetherman

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 next "pizza lunch" in September is Friday, September 18th.

Pasta Lunch---8th Grade Fundraiser

This year, as part of the fundraising efforts of our 8th grade class to go to Springfield, we are offering a pasta lunch on various Tuesdays during the school year. Last year you may remember Subway sandwiches being offered. This year, Angeli's Restaurant & Catering is providing Bethany with a delicious pasta option. The cost is \$4.50.

The first "pasta lunch" is Tuesday, September 15th, with the next one is Tuesday, September 22nd. Orders needed to be in the School Office by Friday, September 4th.

SPORTS

The next home game 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.

12th Annual Bethany Volleyball Tournament

Bethany will be hosting its 12th annual volleyball tournament—boys tournament, September 18-19; girls tournament, September 25-26. For parents with students in sports, helping with the tournament is a great way to fulfill your parent volunteer hours on the weekend. High school students may also earn community service hours by volunteering at the tournament.

OTHER NOTEWORTH NEWS

Cub Scout Information

Cub Scouting is a year-round program designed for boys (and their families) in first through fifth grades. Parents, leaders, and organizations work together with scouts to learn new skills, develop good character, citizenship and have fun too.

Boys who are in first through fifth grades are invited to join the Bethany Cub Scouts from 7:00 to 8:30 pm Thursday, September 17th at St. Margaret Mary Parish (1450 Green Trails Drive, Naperville) for our fall round up. Come learn what Cub Scouts are about and be entertained. Visit us at www.pack507.org

If you have any questions please contact Cubmaster, Clinton Pedigo @ 630.362.6742

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.