

# 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.”

**Chapel:** Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 8:48 a.m. led by Pastor David Balla from Trinity Lutheran Church, West Chicago. All are invited to attend.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

It is hard to believe we have been in school for over 4 weeks. Everyone is doing a great job with pick up and drop off. The only thing I would like to point out is at dismissal. Please be sure and get in a line to head north or south on Modaff. Every now and then we have one or two parents waiting in the very back parking slots. They then quickly pull out before we have started the dismissal process. PLEASE do NOT do this. It is a safety concern and extremely annoying for those that patiently wait in line for the dismissal process to begin. If you are in a hurry, please make plans to come into the school office before 3:20 p.m. and pick up your child. Thank You.

We are in need of a new lid for our Early Childhood sand box. It has served us well for the past few years but the weather has damaged it. If you are able to help with this project, please see me or one of our Early Childhood teachers. It would be an easy way to gain service hours! We would also be happy to pay for any supplies! We just need a handy person to measure, purchase and install the wooden lid.

## SCHOOL OFFICE NEWS

### Mark your calendars!

On September 29<sup>th</sup>, from 7 – 8 p.m. the Early Childhood Department is hosting a Parent Education Workshop titled, “Making Math Count”. This workshop will focus on preschool and kindergarten math in the classroom. Come and learn how teachers develop curriculum to meet the Illinois Early Learning Standards. You will get a list of books that help support early math skills as well as have fun playing math activities that you could duplicate at home. Free childcare provided. Please RSVP 630-355-6607 by Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. Email Aimee Walsh at [awalsh@bethanylcs.org](mailto:awalsh@bethanylcs.org) with any questions.

### Calling All Babysitters

If you are interested in being included the School Family Directory as a babysitter, please stop the School Office and pick up a form. These need to be turned no later than Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **Form Deadlines—Very Important**

When information and forms are sent home, occasionally there will be a “deadline” for the information or form to be returned. This is especially true for the “Hot Lunch”, “Pizza Day”, and “Pasta”. The organizers of these lunches need to have their counts into the various restaurants by a certain date and late forms make this job difficult. Please watch those deadlines and make sure your forms are in on time. Late orders must be phoned into the individuals in charge of the lunches. Do not just drop your forms off in the School Office. We want to make sure that all children have the lunch they ordered.

### **Field Trip Drivers**

Any parents volunteering to drive for field trips or school activities will need to come to the School Office and fill out an “Automobile Insurance Verification and Drivers License” form. Even if you filled one out last year, you must come into the Office to verify that the information is still correct. We are now asking for not only the automobile insurance information, but also we will be taking a copy of your drivers license. Before you drive for any school event, please make sure you fill out this form and turn it in to the School Office.

### **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](http://www.boxtops4education.com).

### **School Connections Assemblers**

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| September 28 <sup>th</sup>         | Kim Paquette  |
| October 5 <sup>th</sup>            | Tracie Downs  |
| October 13 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) | Cheryl Buwick |
| October 19 <sup>th</sup>           | Lisa Bailey   |

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

## **MANNA/PTL/MARKET DAY UPDATES**

### **Manna**

Please note that manna orders were due today **MONDAY** 9/21 at noon instead of Tuesday. **The change will be for this week only.** Delivery will still be on Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Shell is offering an additional 1% bonus discount through September 30<sup>th</sup>.  
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.

## **FOOD COURT**

### **Hot Lunch**

September 23<sup>rd</sup>---meaty nachos, apple sauce cup, sherbet

Early Helpers: None needed

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

September 30<sup>th</sup>---chicken nuggets, macaroni & cheese, salad, pudding cup

Early Helpers: None needed

Serving Helpers: Malinda Francis, Caroline Martyn, Cheryl Buwick

October 7<sup>th</sup> ---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

October 14<sup>th</sup>---corn dog, assorted chips, mixed vegetables, cupcake

Early Helpers: None needed

Serving Helpers: Laurie Velasquez, Brandi Paul, Nadine Parmenter

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 lunches" for October are Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **Pasta Lunch**

The next "pasta lunch" is Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Orders needed to be in the School Office by Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>.

## **SPORTS**

The next home game is not until Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>—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.

### **12<sup>th</sup> Annual Bethany Volleyball Tournament**

Bethany will be hosting its 12<sup>th</sup> 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**

### **SING THE FAITH---LEARN THE FAITH!**

This week we are giving our Bethany confirmation students a special gift, their own copy of the CD *Sing the Faith*. *Sing the Faith* is the Catechism set to music. As the description of *Sing the Faith* tells us:

Words paired with music are more easily learned and remembered. With *Sing the Faith*, the words of the Small Catechism are set to original tunes in order to teach and aid memory of these important words.

Each of the 67 upbeat songs covers a portion of the Ten Commandments, Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, Baptism, Confession, the Office of the Keys, the Lord's Supper, and prayers.

Sing at home, in the car, at school or at Sunday School. Sing here, there, and everywhere.

The Catechism is such a blessing in the life of a Lutheran. By giving each student the CD, our youth will learn the Catechism as they listen to it. The Day School children already sing the Catechism in Chapel and in their classrooms. Now they and the Non-Day School students can listen and learn at home.

Parents, please play this CD often and help your children learn the Catechism. You will be blessed in learning the Catechism again as you listen to the CD. Also, students can put the CD on their ipod or other MP3 player and listen to the Catechism whenever they want.

Of special interest to us at Bethany is that Cantor Magness wrote the music for *Sing the Faith*. (He receives no commission for this, as he was paid a set fee for composing the music. We are offering this because of its value in teaching the faith. And we are blessed to have such a gifted composer as our cantor.) The recording was made in Los Angeles using an ensemble from the Los Angeles' Children's Choir.

### **Looking for Child Care?**

"Grandma Marshmallow"—Nanny-Sitter—Bernadette Young

Bernadette is grandmother to a Bethany student, Dariana Slater, who is in 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Full Time Nanny Wanted**

Loving family looking for experienced nanny to care for a newborn & 2 year old, Monday through Friday, 7am-5:30pm. Person will be in charge of daily routine which includes meals, play time, story time, weekly outings, play dates & more. If you are interested please contact Jana at 630-445-5458