

SCHOOL CONNECTIONS

Bethany Lutheran School

October 5, 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, October 7th, at 8:48 a.m. led by Pastor Schumacher.
All are invited to attend.

NO SCHOOL: There is no school on Thursday, October 8th, and Friday, October 9th, Monday, October 12th. Teachers will be attending the NID Conference in Indiana on Thursday and Friday, and Monday we are observing Columbus Day. School resumes on Tuesday, October 13th.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

This past week we had an incident that I must bring to everyone's attention. At dismissal one of our younger children ran across the parking lot to their parent's car. Unfortunately, the car was parked in the very back row by the basketball standards. Therefore the child ran right in front of a car pulling into the parking lot. The child almost got hit by the car! The car then quickly slipped out of the parking lot ahead of the line.

Your children's safety is of utmost importance to us! I have added two more faculty members to our daily dismissal. You may have already noticed two teachers each day in the back of the parking lot. They are to make sure no children cross over to any cars parked in the very back row. And to make sure the lane is free of children as the buses exit the parking lot.

I am not going to sugar coat this message! Everyone one of you picking up a BLS student is a responsible adult. Therefore I do expect you to follow the school's parking lot procedures. I apologize, if this message seems a bit too strong, but I will do whatever it takes to keep the safety of our children first and foremost.

- DO NOT PARK IN THE VERY BACK ROW THAT BACKS UP TO THE GRASS.
- DO NOT BACK UP ONCE IN LINE.
- BE PATIENT AND WAIT FOR A TEACHER TO DISMISS YOUR LINE.
- DRIVE SLOWLY.
- IF YOU ARE IN A HURRY FOR AN APPOINTMENT, COME EARLY AND PLAN TO COME TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO GET YOUR CHILD.

On another note, I would like to explain why no Subway lunches this year. Each year, the eighth grade class takes a trip to Springfield. It is a wonderful over night trip for the 8th grade students at the end of the school year. Having been on the trip twice, I can honestly say it is highly educational as well as a memory filled event for our 8th graders.

To help with the cost of the trip, the parents work with Mr. Sonlitner to determine various fundraising events throughout the school year. Each year the fundraising events vary. Some years the classes have sold candles, Christmas wreaths, Butter Braids, car wash, babysitting....and the list goes on. The reason it varies is because the parents work schedules/time commitment varies from year to year. This year our 8th grade parents decided to try something new, the Pasta Lunch! Next year the class may or may not decide to offer this type of lunch. I do commend this class of parents for stepping out and trying something new. It is working for them, and I would encourage you to consider trying the Pasta Lunch this year!

SCHOOL OFFICE NEWS

News Regarding “Parent Guardian Transportation Reimbursement Program”

We just received the following notification from the State Board of Education, “The lack of FY 2010 funding will prevent the State Board from paying any Parent Guardian Transportation claims filed for the 2008-09 school year. These payments are normally made in December of each year. In the event that funds are restored this fiscal year we will promptly pay the 2008-09 claims that were submitted”.

Student Council and “CareNet DiaperDerby”

The Student Council is partnering with our church and helping with the 5th Annual CareNet Diaper Derby. We thought it would be a wonderful idea to have children in Preschool through 8th Grade be able to support life by helping CareNet (CareNet cares for women with unplanned pregnancies.) This is one of 2 organizations that Bethany currently supports. Children are asked to bring in their items to the classroom between now and October 16th. Items being collected are: Brand Name Diapers and Pull-Ups, baby food, baby wipes, and formula. Thank you from Student Council in advance for helping us help others!

Keeping the School Healthy—You Can Help!

If your child is feeling ill in the morning before coming to school (sore throat, headache, stomach ache, etc.) please do not send them to school. Germs spread very quickly in a classroom full of children. We can disinfect and clean classrooms, but if a child is in the room with cold or flu symptoms, it will spread. With cold and flu season just around the corner, we want to keep staff and children as healthy as possible. Thank you for doing your part.

Can You Help?

The School Office is looking for someone who would maybe like to help with cutting and getting ready for mailing the Campbell Soup Labels. This is a job that can be done at home and on your own time. The job just requires the “value points” to be cut from the label, sorted by value, and counted and put in bags. If this sounds like something you can do, please stop in or call the School Office. This counts for PIP hours.

October Dates to Remember

Tuesday, October 27th at 5 p.m., Early Childhood’s Pumpkin Party – If you attend Bethany Lutheran Church &/or School and have a 2, 3, 4 or 5 year old, please bring a pumpkin (one per family), dress in costume and come enjoy our second annual Pumpkin Party! There will be activities in the gym, pumpkin decorating and snacks! Please RSVP to 630-355-6607. Email Aimee Walsh at awalsh@bethanylcs.org with any questions.

Saturday, October 31st from 3 – 4 p.m.: Bethany will be hosting our first annual “Trunks of Treats”. Families will be able to trick or treat around our parking lot! If you would like to participate as a car with a trunk full of treats, please stop by the office to pick up a registration form. If you would like to trick or treat at Bethany – just show up in your costume! Please bring friends.

Box Tops Classroom Contest

During the month of October (1st-31st) we will be running a contest between classrooms to see who can bring in the most General Mills Box Tops. The class that brings in the most boxtops (per pupil average will be used to calculate winning classroom) will receive a special classroom treat. If you have been saving them up—now is the time to send them in! Remember to be sure to put them in your classroom collection container so that they can be credited to your classroom or mark the bag they are in with your grade.

Box Tops for Education is sponsoring an on-line contest to benefit schools called “The Big Clip” from now through October 31st. The grand prize is 50,000 bonus box tops (a \$50,000 value) for the winning school. The two second place winners each receive 25,000 bonus box tops which have a \$25,000 value. If you are interested in participating, go to www.thebigclip.com. Register your name and email address, being certain to choose Bethany Lutheran School, Naperville as the school you are supporting. Then return once each day to enter your school and increase its chances of winning.

Coupons for many General Mills products are available on their website at www.boxtops4education.com.

School Connections Assemblers

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| October 13 th (Tuesday) | Cheryl Buwick |
| October 19 th | Polly White |
| October 26 th | Elise Calhoon |
| November 2 nd | Teresa Rogers |

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 - Change in Deadline for Tuesday Orders. Orders turned in on Tuesday for Wednesday delivery need to be in by **9:00a.m. Tuesday morning.**

New Vendors – Dairy Queen \$10 – 5%, P.F.Changs \$25 – 9%, and Fandango \$10 – 9%.

New Denominations: Applebees \$10 now also \$25, Dunkin Donuts \$10 now also \$25 Itunes \$25 now also \$15. Houlihans \$25 (\$20 discontinued), and Dominos Pizza \$10 (\$5 discontinued).

Permanent Discount Increases: Boston Market 14%, Payless 14%, CVS 4%, Home Depot 5%.

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

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| October 7 th ---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 th ---corn dog, assorted chips, mixed vegetables, cupcake |
| Early Helpers: None needed |
| Serving Helpers: Laurie Velasquez, Brandi Paul, Nadine Parmenter |
| October 21 st ---King-size soft pretzel w/cheese sauce, broccoli, red grapes, ice cream cup |
| Early Helpers: Non needed |
| Serving Helpers: Pam Stricker, Teresa Wilder, Cindy Josupait |

October 28th---mini bagel dogs, potato chips, fresh vegetables, brownie
Early Helpers: Michele Gertsen
Serving Helpers: Caroline Martyn, Brandi Paul, Colin Paul

Pizza Day

The next "pizza lunch" for October is Friday, October 16th.

Pasta Lunch

The "pasta lunches" for October are Tuesday, October 6th, Tuesday, October 13th, and Tuesday, October 27th. Orders for these lunches needed to be turned by Friday, September 25th.

SPORTS

VOLLEYBALL SEASON IS UNDERWAY!

Volleyball Volunteers

The Batavia game on October 13th will only include the girls. They do not have a boys team this year. However, the girls game will begin at 5:30 NOT 4:30.

The following people will still be on the volunteer list for the 5:30 game.

Concessions: Gail VanHorn and Angie Groth

Score Table: Sally Heggeland Score Book: Marnie Esposito

The 4:30 volunteers are not needed: Stover, Mackey, Heggeland, and Krachenfels

OTHER NOTEWORTH NEWS

Get ready for Bethany's "Family Reunion" on Sunday, November 1st at 12:30 p.m. We are family here at Bethany, brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ. Families need to gather together for fun and recreation. Come and enjoy :

This is Your Grandfather's Church

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever

We're planning a wonderful afternoon starting with a traditional Lutheran Luncheon. Yes, you guessed it, ham and potatoes! But we want other dishes and desserts to make the day special. Since our families carry on traditions passed down from our grandparents and parents, we are asking every family to bring a dish to share that is treasured in your family. It might be a recipe handed down for generations. It might be a type of ethnic food, a type of casserole, a type of dessert, a special cookie made at Christmas. What has been a comfort food in your family? What is something that you would love to share with your family at Bethany? This is what you can bring to our family reunion. Also that day we will have games and fun for all generations. Many of the games and activities are ones that you might remember from church socials many years ago.

* We would like to share some of your memories. If you have a special dish you would like to bring, please email Aimee Walsh the name of your dish and the story behind it (awalsh@bethanylcs.org). These recipes and stories will be published in the Bethany's News and Notes and Bethany's School Connections. Thanks so much for sharing!