

# SCHOOL CONNECTIONS

Bethany Lutheran School  
November 23, 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."

**Holiday Worship:** If you do not have a home church, please consider spending Thanksgiving worship with us at Bethany. Bethany's church services are Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 25, at 7:15 p.m.; Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m.

**NO SCHOOL:** School and the School Office will be closed on Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, for Thanksgiving break. School will resume on Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

***"Give thanks to the Lord, for his is good; his love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say this, those he redeemed from the hand of the foe."  
Psalm 107: 1-2***

Each Thanksgiving we take time to get together with friends and family, pause, and give thanks to God for the blessings he has bestowed on us. How did your year go? Do you have a long list of things to be thankful for? Or are you sitting there listing item after item of problems that arose in your life?

We could all sit and lament the losses we have had in our life. Those might include family members, jobs, home, divorce, and so much more. Each of us can list something we wish would not have taken place in our life this year.

The Psalmist reminds us that no matter what we are going through in our lives; that we should "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say this, those he redeemed from the hand of the foe." In this life we will always be faced with problems, we will be going through times we do not think we can bear. But we are reminded that Jesus has redeemed us from the foe. We are assured God's love is never ending. God will be there for you for eternity. AND, eternity is ours. It is a free gift from God through Christ.

**Yes, let us be thankful.** Thankful that in a Lutheran school we are able to share the good news of Jesus Christ every day, even when there are times we find it hard to be thankful.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving,

Pam Mueller, Principal

## SCHOOL OFFICE NEWS

### Chapel Money for the Second Quarter

Wednesday morning chapel money for the second quarter will be given to "Phil's Friends". Who is "Phil", you ask. Phil Zielke is a young man in his late 20s, who, when he began his student teaching several years ago, was diagnosed with cancer. While fighting his second bout of cancer, he felt led to start a Christian charity for cancer patients and their families. In addition to praying for and with the patients, he has

organized a group to put together care packages to deliver to patients, young and old, in the hospital. Items that can be found in these care packages are: fleece blankets, Christian music, decks of cards, coloring books, bandannas, stuffed animals, crossword puzzle, word searches, soduko books, etc. Patients are very grateful for the thoughtfulness of these packages. Please help support this worthwhile organization with your child's chapel donations.

Student Council will also be collecting items for the care packages. Enclosed in this week's "Connections" is a list of items we will be collecting. **You may start bringing them in on Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Parents Wall of Fame**

Check out our new Parents Wall of Fame above the gym doors. Many families have already completed their PIP hours. As soon as you turn your sheet in, you will get your very own sports ball on the wall and we'll add to the Parents Wall of Fame our Total Number of Volunteer Hours. Thank you so much for all you do. Bethany has the best parents!

### **Looking for 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents**

Just around the corner is the time to be thinking about and ordering "school supply packets". This typically has been a fund raiser for the 8<sup>th</sup> graders and is run by the upcoming 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents with the profits being the first in the fund for the 2010-2011 graduating class. If any parents are interested in taking on this project, please stop the School Office.

### **Spirit Wear on Sale—Orders due Monday, November 23rd**

Bethany spirit wear is on sale now! Orders are due today. T-shirts, flannel pants, and hoodies make great Christmas gifts. Orders are due Monday, November 23 and will be here in time for Christmas. Sample sizes are available in the hallway across from the school office. If you have any questions, please call Barb Brauer (630) 851-3920.

### **"O Come, The Symbols of Advent"—Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

On Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, Bethany Lutheran School will be presenting the Christmas program "O Come, The Symbols of Advent". This program will include grades Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. This is usually a wonderful celebration of the Christmas season. Mark your calendars for this event.

Bring on the cookies! All families are asked to bring two dozen Christmas cookies to the kitchen on either Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. These will be the treats provided at the reception after Bethany's Christmas Program. Please email Aimee Walsh at [awalsh@bethanylcs.org](mailto:awalsh@bethanylcs.org) with questions.

### **School Connections Assemblers**

November 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Kim Rodriguez
November 30 <sup>th</sup>	Kim Paquette
December 7 <sup>th</sup>	Tracie Downs
December 14 <sup>th</sup>	Cheryl Buwick

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

## **GRADUATE CORNER**

Naperville Central High School is sponsoring a "shadow program" for incoming freshmen for the 2010-2011 school year. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Guests would be dropped off at the high school between 10:20 a.m. and 10:40 a.m. Staff members from Student Services will escort the students to the Little Theatre. Once there, senior student leaders will take students on a building tour followed by attendance in three classes. The dates for the

"shadowing program are December 1<sup>st</sup>, January 12<sup>th</sup>, and January 19<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in signing up for a Shadow Day please contact Karen Lemanski, Director of Student Services at 630-420-6554.

Naperville Central High School is also offering a program specifically designed for parents and students of parochial/private school who plan to attend the high school. This program will be held on January 7, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Little Theater. In this presentation, they will provide information regarding the courses available for freshmen and discuss the enrollment process. Invitations will be sent to those students who said they would be attending Naperville Central High School.

Naperville North High School will be offering a program for parents and students of parochial/private schools who plan to attend the high school on January 7, 2010 at 6:15 p.m. This program will meet in the Library, Room 167. At 6:45 p.m. the parochial/private school groups will join with the group from Jefferson Junior High to follow a sample student schedule until approximately 9:00 p.m. In each class they will hear specific presentations in each curricular area, see sample textbooks, sample student work, and syllabi. Invitations will be sent to those students who said they would be attending Naperville North High School.

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

### **Manna**

**Please Note –** There will be NO order placed on Thanksgiving week due to the short week, so please stock up now on your Thanksgiving needs. Last order before Thanksgiving was placed on Tuesday (11/17).

Beginning the week of November 30<sup>th</sup>, manna orders will still be due on Tuesdays at 9:00, but for the month of December (only) all orders will be filled on THURSDAYS not Wednesdays. This is part of the Manna Group's holiday schedule.

Take advantage of these bonus offerings (expire 12/31/09)

Bath and Body Works – 19%

Walgreens – 6%

JCPenney – 7%

Dominos – 9% Expires 11/25

Payless – 19% Expires 11/25

## **SPORTS**

Basketball season is underway with all teams practicing for their first game. The first home game of the season is on Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, with the 7/8 grade teams playing Trinity Roselle. The girls will play at 4:30 p.m. and the boys at 5:30 p.m.

Parents, please be aware that no players are allowed in the gym unsupervised. If players are going to remain after school until game time, they will need to be in "after school care" or supervised by an adult.

## **FOOD COURT**

### **Hot Lunch**

December 2<sup>nd</sup>—hot ham/cheese sand., pretzels, apple sauce cup, oreo cookies

Early Helpers: Nancy Dashut, Michele Gertzen

Serving Helpers: None needed

December 9<sup>th</sup>—Lasagna, bread stick, salad, ice cream cup

Early Helpers: None needed

Serving Helpers: Laurie Velasquez, Lisa Hetherman, Kim Paquette

December 16<sup>th</sup>—baked potato bar (Wendy's), peaches, bakery cookie

Early Helpers: Kiko Holcomb, Lisa Martin

Serving Helpers: Caroline Martyn, Brandi Paul, Colin Paul, Koko Holcomb

January 6<sup>th</sup>—chicken wrap, assorted chips, apple sauce cup, cookies

Early Helpers: None

Serving Helpers: Denise Collins, Polly Patterson, Nancy Pavlopoulos

**NOTE: Hot Lunch Helpers---if you can't work on your assigned day, please call Gina Stoehr as soon as possible so a replacement can be found.**

**Pizza Day**—Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

**Pasta Lunch**—Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

## **OTHER NOTEWORTHY NEWS**

Bethany's junior church youth groups, Koinonia (4-5 grades) and Oasis (6-8), will have Christmas parties on Friday, December 4. Koinonia meets from 6-7:30 and Oasis meets from 7:30-9:00. We will enjoy some open gym time, games, snacks and devotions. Contact Patty Pedigo 815-577-7452 or [patty\\_pedigo@yahoo.com](mailto:patty_pedigo@yahoo.com) for more information. Chaperones are always needed and welcomed!