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December 13, 2019

Calendar

Friday, December 13

Saturday, December 14

5:30 pm Worship

Sunday, December 15

8:00 am Worship w/ Communion

9:15 am Bible Class &

Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

Monday, December 16

3:05 - 4:45 pm Boys B

5:30 - 7:00 pm Boys A

Tuesday, December 17

3:15 - 4:15 pm Girls A Practice

Basketball @ Pilgrim, Green Bay

5:00 pm Boys B

6:00 pm Girls B

7:00 pm Boys A

Wednesday, December 18

8:30 Advent worship

Service (Gr. 1-4)

3:15 - 4:30 pm Girls A

4:30 - 5:45 pm Girls B

6:00 pm Advent Worship

Service (Gr. 1-4)

Thursday, December 19

7:00 pm SALSA Band Concert @

St. Johns, Plymouth

Friday, December 20

Noon Release

No PM Bus Service

Welcome to the Bethlehem Star newsletter!

If you currently receive a paper copy and no longer require one, please email infoschool@ourbethlehem.com.

School Spelling Bee

The school spelling bee is coming up on Friday, January 3 beginning at 2:00 pm in the Church. Participants are:

Hunter Adams	Analisa Arriens	Sienna Boerger
Sam Detlaff	Audrey Gartman	Isaac Hasler
Winston Hasler	Maddiel Hildebrand	Jack Karpinski
Andrew Krueger	Emma Krueger	Lucy Lemus
Max Lemus	Quinn Littmann	Leah Milatz
Anthony Grazzini Nack	Liam Pfannkuch	Brayden Reimer
Jaylon Ryan	Joe Ryan	Graysen Seyferth
AJ Shinn	Kenya Verhulst	Armani Wanger
Isabella Warah		

Alternates are:

Easton Bauer	Lauren Cyr	Raymond Scholz
Thomas Verhelst	Dalton Zeman	

Christmas Spirit Week

Join us the week of December 16 - 19 as we celebrate Christmas Spirit Week.

- **Merry Monday Morning** (December 16) Wear your Christmas pajamas (or any that are green and/or red)
- **Tacky Sweater Tuesday** (December 17) Wear an ugly Christmas sweater (or a shirt or sweatshirt with a holiday theme)
- **Wacky Festive Sock Wednesday** (December 18) Snowmen? Reindeer? Christmas lights? Wear your craziest socks that celebrate the season
- **Holiday Hat Thursday** (December 19) Rock your favorite holiday headwear...antlers, jingle bells, Santa hats, and more!

Lunch Menu:**Monday, December 16**

Diced Chicken & Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Broccoli
Bun
Mixed Fruit Cup

Tuesday, December 17

French Toast Sticks
Hash Brown Patty
Sausage
Mixed Berry Cup
Sliced Apples
Carrots

Wednesday, December 18

Chicken Nuggets
Tater Tots
Corn
Apple Sauce
Craisins

Thursday, December 19

Meat Ball Sub
Salad
Carrots
Pears
Peaches

Friday, December 20

Noon Release
No Lunch Served

Sandwich of the Week:

Cold Turkey Sandwich
Same Sides as Daily Lunch

USDA is an equal opportunity provider.

Blue Harbor Family Fun Night

Join us on Sunday, January 26th from 3:00 - 8:00 pm for our family fun night at Breaker Bay located inside Blue Harbor. Cost is \$8.00 (for swimmers ages 3 and up), \$3.00 for spectators not swimming, and children 2 and under are free. To reserve your spot, please complete the attached [order form](#) and return with payment to the school office. A separate [Release of Liability and Indemnity](#) must be signed for anyone riding on the FlowRider. Checks should be written to Bethlehem PTL. You must pre-register for this event no later than Wednesday, January 15th. There will be no late ticket sales. You must have a pre-paid ticket to attend and all children must be accompanied by an adult. Entry prior to 3:00 pm will not be accepted.

Tax Deductions

Remember, tuition payments made before December 31 can be used for the State of Wisconsin tuition tax deduction for private school families on your 2019 income tax return. Only the amount paid after January 1, 2019, will qualify for the deduction. We highly recommend that families work with their tax advisor to determine benefits.

A separate schedule that needs to be filled out by the student's parents.

This schedule can be obtained from the Wisconsin Dept. of Revenue website.

Tuition includes any amount paid by the claimant for a pupil's tuition to attend an eligible institution and mandatory book fees paid to the institution

Tuition does not include amounts paid with a voucher or any amounts paid as a separate charge for items such as: supplies, rentals of equipment, meals, transportation, personal use items such as uniforms or gym clothes, before or after school child care, extracurricular activities such as musical or athletic activity fees.

Only the person who claims the child as a dependent can use the deduction. For example, grandparents who pay tuition cannot take the deduction (unless of course they claim the child as a dependent).

A record of payments made can be found on your Sycamore account under "My Accounting" "Summary" "Tuition", make sure 2019 is selected and then "All".

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

The following member of our Bethlehem family will observe their birthday during the coming week:

- **Emerson Leibham**

The following member of our Bethlehem School family will observe their baptism during the coming week:

- **Madisyn Haas**
- **Emerson Leibham**



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Children's Services

The students of Bethlehem Lutheran School will once again be leading the Advent worship throughout the month of December. What a wonderful time this will be where our children can lead us all in song and praise. For those families that are new to Bethlehem these children's programs are considered our "Christmas programs".

We hope all students and their families are able to participate and attend these services as we look forward to the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ at Christmas. Please contact your child's classroom teacher if you have any questions.

Children will lead both services on Wednesday mornings and evenings. Family and friends are invited to attend any or all services.

Advent 3 "The Christmas Story in Song" - December 18th - 8:30 am & 6:00 pm (Grades 1, 2, 3 & 4)

Soup Suppers start at 5:00 pm each evening.

Band Concert - December 19

Your Sheboygan Area Lutheran Schools and St. John the Baptist School will be performing their annual Christmas Band Concert on Thursday, December 19th at 7:00 pm in the St. John Lutheran School, Plymouth gym. Please join us in a celebration of praise to our newborn savior, and stay for fellowship and treats afterward. No admission - freewill offering at the door. All proceeds are used to fund transportation for the bands nursing home tour in April.

Bethlehem Teachers Retiring

Luther Bajus and Sandra Kasten will be retiring at the end of the 2019-20 school year. With these retirements we will be searching for new faculty members for the 2020-21 school year. We will be looking for people in the areas of music and science. If you have any names of potential teachers please contact Patrick Vanic at patrick.vanic@ourbethlehem.com. The formal search will take place starting in January 2020. Watch for more details in the coming weeks.

Athletic Update

Congratulations to the Boys A Team on winning the consolation Championship at the LHS tournament last Saturday vs. Trinity. They went 2-1 in the tournament. David Vanic was named to the all-tournament team. Way to go boys!

All teams played on Monday night verses Trinity. All teams played very well that evening. Both the boys teams won. The girls came up short but had a good start to their season.

State Christmas Tree

The fifth and sixth graders helped create some science and faith based ornaments for the Capital Tree this year. Theirs were among thousands from other schools throughout the state. If you're in Madison, be sure to check it out, it's pretty awesome! our ornament story was also picked up by Pro Life Wisconsin Mrs. Carlson-Gugel was able to give a few quotes in their story that talked about life at conceptions and also faith in the area of science. Check out our Facebook page to see some of the pictures from Madison.

Worship Opportunities

Soup Suppers: December 18 - 5:00 pm in the Parish Activity Center

Advent Service:

Wednesday, December 18, 8:30 am and 6:00 pm

Advent service lead by Bethlehem 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th graders

Christmas Eve/Day Worship:

Tuesday, December 24

4:00 pm Sunday School Service

6:00 pm Family Service

11:00 pm Candlelight Service w/ Holy Communion

Wednesday, December 25

10:00 am Christmas Day Worship w/ Holy Communion

New Years Eve Worship:

Tuesday, December 31 - 6:00 pm Worship w/ Holy Communion

Gingerbread Festival

Several of our classes have entered Gingerbread creations in the festival this year at the Walderhaus in Kohler. You are invited to visit this unique holiday event and vote for your favorite!

This FREE event is open Sunday through Friday 1:00 - 5:00 pm and Saturdays 10:00 am - 5:00 pm November 27th - December 30th. The Walderhaus is located at 1100 West Riverside Drive in Kohler.

LHS Christmas Concert

Sheboygan Lutheran High School is hosting their annual Christmas concert on Sunday, December 15th at 6:30 pm at the Weill Center in Sheboygan. The performance, entitled "How Greatly God Must Love Thee", will feature the Symphonic Band, Chamber Choir, Konzertchor, and Jazz Band. Featured this year will be the premier of a beautiful Christmas Cantata for choir and strings composed by David Von Kampen with Lyrics by Paul Gerhardt. Also, returning this year will be the traditional singing of the Hallelujah Chorus. Parents, alumni, friends, and supporters of LHS are all invited to join in singing the piece with the Konertchor (music will be provided for you). There is no cost for admission, however a freewill offering will be collected during the concert. Please join us for what promises to be a wonderful evening of music and fellowship.

Parking Announcement from Lutheran High

Due to the construction of our new Fine Arts & Worship Center, parking on the LHS Campus is limited. If you are planning to attend an after school or evening event at Lutheran High (like a basketball game), our best advice is to plan ahead. Carpool, if possible, and arrive early to avoid missing any of the action. We will have volunteers outside to assist with parking lot management and plan to have a shuttle bus running to and from the UW Sheboygan parking lot up the hill. We are also in the process of getting safety lighting for our current drive area. Please keep all of our contractors in your prayers as they are building for our future and dealing with the cold temperatures.

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