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*A newsletter for the families of*  
**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

**January 17, 2020**

### Calendar

#### Friday, January 17

2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr Ends (42 Days)  
5:40 pm Boys A (white) @ East  
Central Tournament @ UW  
Oshkosh, Fond du Lac Campus  
(400 University Drive, Fond du Lac)  
vs. Grace - Oshkosh  
3 :15 – 4 :15 pm Girls A Practice

#### Saturday, January 18

8:00 am Boys A (white) @ East  
Central Tournament  
5:30 pm Worship w/ Communion

#### Sunday, January 19

Boys A (white) @ East Central  
Tournament (Fond du Lac)  
8:00 am Worship w/ Communion  
9:15 am Bible Class & Sunday  
School  
10:30 am Worship

#### Monday, January 20

Girls @ First Immanuel Cedarburg  
5:00 pm Girls B  
6:00 pm Girls A  
6:00 pm PTL Meeting

#### Tuesday, January 21

Boys @ BLS vs. St. John West Bend  
4:30 pm Boys B  
5:30 pm Boys B  
6:30 pm Boys A (White)

#### Wednesday, January 22

8:30 am Chapel  
BB @ First Immanuel Cedarburg  
4:30 pm Boys A2  
5:30 pm Boys B  
6:30 pm Boys A1  
3:15 – 4:30 pm Girls A Practice  
4:30 – 5:45 pm Girls B Practice  
6:00 pm Worship w/ Communion

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Chapel Offerings

Chapel offerings for the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester will benefit [Camp Hope](#). Camp Hope is a summer camp that offers children and teenagers (ages 6-17), who have experienced a loss work through the grieving process.

One of the best parts about Camp Hope is that there is no charge to attend. Wellspring Lutheran Services receives grants and donations to help fund the camp. BLS can be a part of helping this ministry. Please consider giving generously to Camp Hope in your chapel offerings this semester. We can give HOPE to someone who needs it.

#### Parent Teacher Conferences for Grades 3K through 8

Parent teacher conferences will take place on Thursday, January 30 and Friday, January 31. Conferences will be held for parents of all students in 3K and 4K. They will also be held for those students in grades 5K through 8 whose parent or a child's teacher feels it is necessary. Sign up times for conferences are available on Sycamore. To schedule your conference(s) log in to Sycamore and access the conference schedule either from the school's homepage by clicking on "Check Your Schedule" or under "My School / P/T Conference" and follow the steps below.

- Select a student
- Select a date
- Click on one of the green squares to schedule for that time
- Click the "Confirm button on the "Confirm Meeting" window
- Click the "Summary" button to show a list of scheduled conferences

#### BLS Asian Art Gallery

Take some time to stroll through the BLS Asian Art Gallery on the second floor of the school. All students, 5K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, have joined their efforts and abilities together for an amazing exhibit. Don't miss out, the exhibit will remain up through the month of January.

#### Happy Birthday!

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

- **Quinn Littmann**
- **Winter Tinkle**

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

- **Benjamin Hildebrand**

**Thursday, January 23**

BB @ BLS vs. Christian

5:00 pm Boys B

6:00 pm Girls A

Hot Shots & Congregation  
Night @ LHS**Friday, January 24****Lunch Menu****Monday, January 20**

Chicken Alfredo\*

Garlic Bread

Green Beans

California Blend

Apples

**Tuesday, January 21**

Sloppy Joe\*

Broccoli

Baked Beans

Grapes

Craisins

**Wednesday, January 22**

Hot Dog on Bun\*

Carrot &amp; Celery Cups

Peas

Sliced Apples

Chocolate Chip Cookie

**Thursday, January 23**

Walking Tacos\*

Mexican Rice

Refried Beans

Corn

Pineapple

**Friday, January 24**Badger Bowl\* (popcorn  
chicken, mashed potatoes &  
Gravy)

Bun\*

Green Beans

Applesauce

Sandwich of the Week:

Cold Turkey Sandwich

Same sides as daily lunch

(Items marked \* are not side  
items but considered the main  
course)**Chemo Care Bag**

This year for National Lutheran Schools week, Bethlehem has decided to do a school activity that helps kids fighting cancer. The students are going to put together Chemo Care Bags which will be donated to hospitals to be given to children during their chemo treatments. Each bag will include a stuffed animal, coloring books, games, books, etc. Bethlehem is asking for help from our church and school families to help make this project successful. Each bag costs about \$20. If you would like to sponsor a bag, or make a donation of cash or items, please bring your donation to the church or school office by Monday, January 27. All items donated must be brand new. If you have any questions please contact Jessica Usadel at [Jessica.usadel@ourbethlehem.com](mailto:Jessica.usadel@ourbethlehem.com).

Donation ideas: art supplies, children's books, games, Legos, cars, dolls, puzzles, and baby toys.

For a full list of ideas go to <https://chw.org/ways-to-help/giving/how-to-give/donate-toys>

**Come One Come All**

All members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church & School are invited to attend the Lutheran High basketball games on Thursday, January 23 with FREE ADMISSION. The boys are playing against Ozaukee. Game times are 5:50 (JV) and 7:15 (Varsity). Players from Bethlehem will compete in the Hot Shots competition during half-time of the Varsity game.

Note from LHS: Due to the construction of their new Fine Arts & Worship Center, parking on the LHS Campus is limited. Their best advice for people planning to attend basketball games is to plan ahead. Carpool, if possible, and arrive early to avoid missing any of the action. They will have volunteers outside to assist with parking lot management and a shuttle bus running to and from the UW-Sheboygan parking lot up the hill. They are also in the process of adding safety lighting for their current drive area.

**Dance Clinic for Grade 5-8 Girls**

Join the LHS Dance Team as they teach girls in grades 5-8 an exciting dance routine, they will perform at a Lutheran High basketball game! Girls will also learn some basic dance techniques, play some fun games and receive a t-shirt to dance in.

The clinic will take place at Lutheran High School from 4:30 – 6:00 pm on February 10th, 11th, 12th, and 13<sup>th</sup>. They will need to be at the game on Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> from 7:15 pm until halftime of the game (LHS Boys Varsity vs. Random Lake).

If you are interested, please complete the attached [registration form](#) and return it along with the \$15 registration fee to LHS. Registration forms must be returned no later than Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup> to order and receive t-shirts on time.

### **Buffalo Wild Wings Fundraiser**

Bethlehem has been selected once again to participate in Buffalo Wild Wings Home Team Advantage Program. Attached is your "[Teammate Card](#)". Every time you show this card at the Sheboygan/Kohler Buffalo Wild Wings, they will donate 10% of your bill back to Bethlehem School. Program runs through April 13, 2020. Feel free to make copies of the card for other family members or friends.

### **Winter School Closings**

When school is closed due to weather please DO NOT call the school. We will follow the lead of the Sheboygan Area School District for weather related closings – if they close, we will also. If the public schools dismiss two hours early or start two hours late, we will also. Please note: if we close early all students must be picked up as Extended Care will also close. In the event of a two-hour delay there will be no 3K or 4k classes that day. If the public schools stay in session Bethlehem will usually also stay open.

The quickest way to receive closing alerts from Bethlehem is to subscribe to our text alert. To subscribe log into your Sycamore account, go to "My school", "My Notifications", select the "Primary Parent" from the drop-down menu (we are only able to add one number per family). Make sure the "Enable Messaging" box is checked and then select the correct cell phone number (including area code) in the "SMS". Select your carrier and "school closing notifications". Update using the blue "Update" button in the upper right corner.

Other options include checking the Sycamore homepage, the Bethlehem Facebook page, and Twitter. We will also send an email to families that have provided us with a current email address.

### **Year End Tuition and Extended Care Statements**

2019 year end statements can be accessed through your Sycamore account.

Extended Care: “My Accounting”, “Summary”, “Childcare” – change year in the right-side drop-down box to 2019, click the “All” tab and click “Yearly Statement”

Tuition: “My Accounting”, “Summary”, “Tuition” – click the all tab, highlight the 2019 transactions and print.

### **Knights of Columbus Knowledge Contest**

The Knights of Columbus Council #722 of Sheboygan invites interested students in grades 5 – 8 to participate in the annual Math and Spelling Knowledge Contest.

This year’s event will be held on Saturday, February 1 in Van Treeck Hall in the lower level of St. Peter Claver Church located at 1444 South 11<sup>th</sup> Street. Registration will begin at 8:45 am and the contest will begin promptly at 9:00 am. The math test will be given first and the spelling test will follow at approximately 9:45 am. The tests will be completed by 10:15 am and parents are asked to pick up students by this time.

No electronic devices will be permitted. This includes headphones, cell phones, calculators, I-pods, etc. Students are asked to bring 2 pencils to use during the test.

The top finisher in each grade and subject is eligible to go on to the Diocesan competition which will be held in early march. The top three winners in each grade and subject will be presented an award at a future local council awards night

If your child is interested please contact Mr. Patrick Vanic ([Patrick.vanic@ourbethlehem.com](mailto:Patrick.vanic@ourbethlehem.com)) no later than Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Annual LHS Citrus Sale to Benefit the LHS Music Dept. Spring 2021 Concert Tour**

Orders for fresh Texas grapefruit and delicious California oranges (10# - quarter case \$15, 20# - half case \$25, a 40# - full case \$45) will be taken through Friday, January 24. Contact any LHS student or call the school office 920-452-3323 to place your order through January 24. Fruit must be picked up and paid for on Saturday, February 15 at Lutheran High School between 8:30 am and noon. You can also download the [order blank](#). Thank you for your support!

### **January LHS Open House & Freshman Registration**

Students in grades 5-8 and their parents are invited to Lutheran High’s Open House and Freshman Registration on Wednesday, January 20 from 4:30 – 7:00 pm. Students and their families can take this opportunity to:

- Tour classrooms
- Visit their new Science Labs
- Meet teachers
- Receive information on the School Choice voucher program and other tuition assistance options
- Freshmen – register\* for classes for next Fall
- Register for the FREE Registration drawing (one registration fee to be waived for one year)

\*Call to make an appointment to register for 2020-2021 classes at 920-452-3323.

### **Parenting with Patience (...and Prayer!)**

A seven-week Christian parenting class focused on using positive reinforcement to encourage compliance and respectful behavior will begin Tuesday, January 28, 2020. The class will be held at Trinity Lutheran Ministry Center and will be held for seven consecutive Wednesdays from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. The class will focus on learning and practicing parenting skills such as rewards and privileges, ignoring, time-out, removal or privileges, communication, household chores, allowances, building self-esteem and responsibility, compliance and much more! The class will be taught by Dr. Darlene Mech, Licensed Psychologist and pastor’s wife. The cost of the class is \$75 per family or \$70 if a parent takes the class alone Please contact her for more information: 451-3141 or [dr.darlenemech@mail.com](mailto:dr.darlenemech@mail.com)

# SNOW MUCH FUN



is planned for YOU at Bethlehem Lutheran School's **Early Childhood Night**

**Friday, February 7, 2020 from 5:30-7 PM**

ALL children 2-6 years old, parents and siblings are invited to join us as we shovel up a load of exploration, hands-on fun, and a flurry of activity.

**RSVP  
APPRECIATED!**

Fill out the bottom form and return to teacher or contact the School Office by **Thursday, January 30, 2020.**

Phone #  
**920-452-5071**  
email:  
infoschool  
@ourbethlehem.com



## Schedule:

- \* **5:30 PM** – Pizza Dinner in the Century Room
- \* **6:00 PM** – Welcome!
- \* **6:15-7:00 PM**
  - Families will rotate classrooms together
  - 3K, 4K, 5K teachers will lead everyone in an exploration of all things..., **SNOW!**
  - Explore hands on activities  
...and do a make and take activity.
- \* **7:00-7:30PM** – Teachers available for questions about our Early Childhood Program.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade/Age \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ YES! We will be there!  
Number of family members attending \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Sorry, we cannot attend.



## 7 Week Thrivent Financial Worship Series

All workshops will be held at Bethlehem from 9:15 – 10:15 am and are hosted by The Sheboygan county Team (Cesar Lemus, CFP®, ChFC®, FIC and Kirsten Lemus, FIC). No Products will be sold.

### January 19<sup>th</sup> – Finding Ways to Save

Saving for your goals take a sound strategy. Are you ready to get started? Join us for this free, educational workshop where we'll explore:

- Strategies on ways to increase income and reduce expenses
- How to recognize spending leaks
- Harnessing the power of compound interest

### January 26<sup>th</sup> – Values-Based Budgeting

A solid budget can be key to a successful financial future. So, can communicating your values. Join us for this free workshop were you'll:

- Learn how to manage your money within a balanced spending plan
- Design a budget to reflect your values and goals
- Gain tips on discussing your plans with others

### February 2<sup>nd</sup> – Identity Theft: What You Need to Know

Identity theft can put your finances and credit rating at risk – and that's just the beginning. At this workshop, you will:

- Understand how identity theft can occur
- Gain tips to help protect your personally identifiable information
- Learn the steps to take if your identity is stolen

### February 9<sup>th</sup> – Building Your Retirement Foundation

How much should I save? What type of accounts should I have? One way to ensure you can achieve your retirement dreams is to lay solid groundwork for your goals. In Thrivent's free education workshop, Building Your Retirement Foundation, you'll:

- Build a strong and adaptable retirement financial strategy
- Understand when enough really is enough
- Gain confidence in what you're saving for retirement

### February 16<sup>th</sup> – Will Your Taxes Affect Your Retirement?

When you retire, you leave behind many things – the daily grind, the commute to work, and maybe even your previous home. However, one thing that will always remain is a tax bill. In fact, income taxes may very well be your single largest expense in retirement. Additionally, income taxes are different for the various retirement investments you may have. It's critical to have a solid understanding of the tax status of your investments so you can make informed decisions and avoid paying more than your fair share. At this workshop we will discuss:

- How future tax changes may create the potential for higher taxes
- Ways to create tax-free retirement income
- How to work efficiently within your current tax brackets.

### February 23 – Prepare Wisely: End of Life Strategies

Having a strategy in place can make things easier for your family after you're gone. At this workshop:

- Learn how to create an end-of-life plan
- Discover which documents you need so your final wishes are clear
- Make your wishes known about your health and asset distribution