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**December 20, 2019**

### Calendar

#### Friday, December 20

Noon Release  
No PM Bus Service

#### Saturday, December 21

5:30 pm Worship w/ Communion

#### Sunday, December 22

8:00 am Worship  
10:30 am Worship w/ Communion

#### Monday, December 23

No School

#### Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve  
No School  
4:00 pm Sunday School Service  
6:00 pm Family Service  
11:00 pm Candlelight Service  
w/ Communion

#### Wednesday, December 25

Christmas Day  
No School  
10:00 am Worship w/ Communion

#### Thursday, December 26

No School

#### Friday, December 27

No School

#### Saturday, December 28

5:30 pm Worship

#### Sunday, December 29

8:00 am Worship  
9:15 am Bible Class &  
Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship

#### Monday, December 30

No School

### Welcome to the Bethlehem Star newsletter!

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### Christmas Blessings to You and Your Family from the Faculty and Staff at Bethlehem Lutheran School

Rose Albertin, Wendy Ames, Luther Bajus, Laura Behrens, Joely Buss, Pam Carlson-Gugel, Jodi Damrau, Robert Fischer, Trish Fischer, Dawn

Hemschemeyer, Sandra Kasten, Tanya Kittelson, Jon Krueger, Sue Kubow, Pastor Kubow, Amy Morrelle, Pastor Niles, Jenna Rinkinen, Katie Schallock, Geoff Schuh, Laurie Schultz, Ryan Sines, Sonia TenPas, Jessica Usadel, Patrick Vanic, Ellen Vanic, Heidi Wallner

### Worship Opportunities

#### 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

### PTL Christmas Gift Bags

A big shout out of thanks goes to our PTL group. Thank you for sponsoring our student Christmas gift bags once again. These treats were sent home on Tuesday of this week. Students should have brought them home at that time. If you haven't seen them please ask your student as there are perishable things inside of the bags.

**Tuesday, December 31**

New Years Eve  
No School  
6:00 pm Worship w/ Communion

**Wednesday, January 1**

New Year's Day  
No School

**Thursday, January 2**

School Resumes  
3:15 - 4:30 pm Girls A  
4:30 - 6:00 pm Boys B  
6:00 - 7:30 pm Boys Practice

**Friday, January 3**

2:10 pm Spelling Bee

**Saturday, January 4**

5:30 pm Worship w/ Communion

**Sunday, January 5**

8:00 am Worship w/ Communion  
9:15 am Bible Class & Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship w/ Communion  
4:30 pm Jr. Youth Group

**Monday, January 6**

Epiphany  
BB @ BLS vs. St. Paul, Grafton  
4:45 pm Girls B  
5:45 pm Girls A

**Tuesday, January 7**

BB @ St. Paul, Grafton  
4:30 pm Boys B  
5:30 pm Boys A2  
6:30 pm Boys A

**Wednesday, January 8**

8:30 am Chapel  
3:15 - 4: pm Girls A  
4:30 - 5:45 pm Girls B  
6:00 pm Worship w/ Communion  
6:00 - 7:30 pm All Boys Practice

**Thursday, January 9**

BB @ BLS vs. Oostburg Christian  
4:30 pm Girls B  
5:30 pm Girls A  
6:30 pm Boys B  
7:30 pm Boys A (blue)

**Friday, January 10**

Girls A @ FIL Tournament

**School Spelling Bee**

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

Sam Detlaff	Audrey Gartman	Isaac Hasler
Winston Hasler	Maddie Hildebrand	Emma Krueger
Lucy Lemus	Leah Milatz	Anthony Grazzini Nack
Brayden Reimer	Graysen Seyferth	AJ Shinn
Kenya Verhulst	Armani Wagner	Isabella Warah

Alternates are:

Easton Bauer	Lauren Cyr	Raymond Scholz
Thomas Verhelst	Dalton Zeman	

**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.

**Athletics Update**

Here are the scores from the past week. The season is off to a great start. Keep it up Badgers!

December 12th vs. Seton

Girls B - Won

Boys B - Won

Girls A - Won

Boys A - Lost

December 17th vs. Pilgrim Green Bay

Boys B - Won

Girls B - Lost

Boys A - Won

**Lunch Menu:****Thursday, January 2**

Cheese Quesadellas\*  
 Refried Beans  
 Corn  
 Mexican Rice  
 Peaches

**Friday, January 3**

Hamburger/Cheeseburger on  
 WG\*  
 Fresh Vegetable Cup  
 Baked Beans  
 Mandarin Oranges  
 Peaches

**Sandwich of the Week:**

Cold Ham and Cheese  
 Same Sides as Daily Lunch  
**(Items marked \* are not side  
 items but considered part of  
 the main course)**

**Monday, January 6**

Pancakes\*  
 Carrot  
 Yogurt  
 Applesauce  
 Craisins

**Tuesday, January 7**

Diced Ham and Potato Bake\*  
 Green Beans  
 California Blend  
 Mixed Peaches & Pears  
 WG Bun

**Wednesday, January 8**

Beefy Nachos\*  
 Corn  
 Refried Beans  
 Mandarin Oranges  
 Pineapple

**Thursday, January 9**

BBQ Pulled Port on WG Bun\*  
 Baked Beans  
 Coleslaw  
 Grapes  
 Applesauce

**Friday, January 10**

WG Cheese Pizza\*  
 Salads  
 Corn  
 Mandarin Oranges  
 Sliced Apples

**Teacher Awards**

Congratulations to Mrs. Schallock, Mrs. Vanic, & Mr. Krueger for being nominated for the Herb Kohl Foundation's Teacher of the Year award. Mr. Vanic was also nominated for the administrator award. These people will find out in January if they have been chosen. We thank God for these and all of our staff members. Without them Bethlehem wouldn't be what it is today.

**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 conception and also faith in the area of science. Check out our Facebook page to see some of the pictures from Madison.

**Gingerbread Festival**

Several of our classes will be entering Gingerbread creations in the festival this year at the Walderhaus in Kohler. You are invited to visit this unique holiday event. All visitors will have the opportunity to vote for their favorites!

This FREE event is open Sunday through Friday 1:00 - 5:00 pm and Saturdays 10:00 am - 5:00 pm throughout the holiday season (November 27th - December 30th). The Walderhaus is located at 1100 West Riverside Drive in Kohler. Bring the whole family to enjoy this sweet Christmas tradition!

**Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest**

All boys and girls ages 9 - 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2020 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The competition will be held on Sunday, January 5 at Seton Catholic School, 814 Superior Avenue. Participants will compete within their age groups for both boys and girls with the winner advancing to the District level. Participants are required to furnish proof of age. Registration will take place on site from 1:00 - 1:30 pm and the shooting competition will begin at 1:30 pm. Contest is free to all participants. For additional information contact Gary Reinholtz (920)457-7957.

**Sandwich of the Week:**

Cold Turkey Sandwich

Same Sides as Daily Lunch

**(Items marked \* are not side items but considered part of the main course)***USDA is an equal opportunity provider.***HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

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

- **Aleithea Adams**
- **Jayce Bradford**
- **Hayley Haas**
- **Jackline Kakuzi**
- **Mary Kakuzi**
- **Mr. Krueger**
- **Devyn Mentink**
- **Carmine Moctezuma**
- **Brayden Reimer**
- **Aubrey Schallock**
- **Benjamin Tenpas**
- **Joseph Vanic**

The following members of our Bethlehem School family will observe their baptism during the coming weeks:

- **Kaleb Faucher**
- **Mr. Krueger**
- **Emerson Leibham**
- **Brixton Roeh**
- **Kathryn Stroede**
- **Fiona Wolfert**



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**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.

The State of Wisconsin, (started in 2014 tax year), is going to allow parents to deduct private school tuition. Parents of private school students in Wisconsin could receive an income tax deduction of up to \$4,000 for tuition paid for each kindergarten through eighth grade student and up to \$10,000 per high school student. 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.

There is 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".



