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A newsletter for the families of
BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL

January 10, 2020

Calendar

Friday, January 10

Girls A @ FIL Tournament
5:30 pm vs. Grace, Men. Falls

Saturday, January 11

Girls A @ FIL Tournament
2:45 pm if we lost Friday
8:15 pm if we won Friday
A2 Round Robin Tournament
@ St. Paul, Grafton (all day)
5:30 pm Worship

Sunday, January 12

8:00 am Worship
9:15 am Bible Class &
Sunday School
10:30 am Worship w/
Communion
Girls A @ FIL Tournament

Monday, January 13

BB @ St. John, Plymouth
5:00 pm Girls B
6:00 pm Boys B
7:00 pm Boys A (White)

Tuesday, January 14

3:15 – 4:30 pm Girls A Practice
Boys @ Grace Menomonee
Falls
5:00 pm Boys B
6:00 pm Boys A (Blue)

Wednesday, January 15

Blue Harbor Ticket Deadline
8:30 am Chapel / Grade 4
3:15 – 4:30 pm Girls A Practice
4:30 – 5:45 pm Girls B Practice
5:00 pm Boys A2 @ Lake
Country
6:00 pm Worship

Blue Harbor Ticket Deadline

The deadline to get your Blue Harbor Family Fun Night tickets is Wednesday, January 15. To reserve your spot, complete the [order form](#) and return with payment to the school office on or before January 15. Checks should be written to Bethlehem PTL. You must pre-register for this event. You must have a pre-paid ticket to attend and all children must be accompanied by an adult. There will be no late ticket sales and no entry before 3:00 pm.

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 square 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
- Click "Print" to get a printout of your schedule

New Design on Bethlehem Website

As some of you may have already noticed over the past few days, our website has been updated it is our hope that this new sight makes things clearer for people who visit it. We know change is hard at times. Please give it a chance.

The "school" side of the website will now be mainly used as a PR tool for people interested in learning more about our programs Our current families should use our Sycamore site to gain all the necessary forms and receive information from school. There is a Sycamore button at the top of the page that will take you to the site. The cafeteria menu will only be on Sycamore.

Also, many of you have asked over the years if we could make it easier to get to the teacher webpages. We have done it! Once you are in Sycamore you can look under the Link section half way on the right side to find which teacher you are looking for. Click on their name and it will take you directly to their site. If you liked the old way you can still do it.

Please be patient as we are working on getting all the bugs out of the new system. If you have any questions please contact the school office and we will try to help you the best that we can.

Thursday, January 16

3:00 – 5:00 pm Boys A Practice
5:15 pm Girls A @ Lake Country

Friday, January 17

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

Lunch Menu

Monday, January 13

Grilled Cheese on WG*
Chicken Noodle Soup*
California Blend
Peaches
Apples

Tuesday, January 14

Egg Patty*
Sausage*
Hash Brown
Carrots
Graham Cracker
Fresh Berries

Wednesday, January 15

Chicken Fajitas*
Mexican Rice
Corn
Refried Beans
Pineapple

Thursday, January 16

Tater Tot Casserole*
Broccoli
California Blend
Cooks Choice Fruit
Dinner Roll

Friday, January 17

Corn Dog*
Tater Tots
Fresh Vegetable Cups
Craisins
Apples

Sandwich of the Week :
Cold Ham & Cheese
Same sides as daily lunch
(Items marked * are not side
items but considered the main
course)

Spelling Bee

Congratulations to **Sienna Boerger** who won the school spelling bee on January 3. Also, to our other top three finishers who advance to the SALSA Spelling Bee being held at Sheboygan Area Lutheran High School on Wednesday, January 15.

Sam Detlaff Andrew Krueger Jaylon Ryan
Alternate: **Quinn Littmann**

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 8th 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.

Extended Care

We would like to say thank you for the gifts to Extended Care from our giving tree. The greatest thing we can thank you for is the joy you've brought to the Extended Care children. The children opened the gifts and were very excited and appreciative. We are blessed! Thank you! Just a reminder Extended Care will not be open January 31.

Happy Birthday!

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

- **Henry Gartman**
- **Jordyn Mentink**
- **Alexander Morrelle**
- **Charlie Schallock**

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

- **Julia Detlaff**

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

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 11th 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) no later than Thursday, January 23rd.

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, an 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 brand 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

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 12 – Do One Think Different

Want to be wiser with money? Making even one change can have a big influence on your financial life, Do One Thing Different, an interactive discussion can help:

- Use facts to help you make more informed and intentional choices about how you steward your resource
- Exchange ideas with other. What works for you? What works for them?
- Choose your one thing that will positively affect the way you share, save and spend

January 19th – 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 26th – 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 2nd – 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 9th – 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 16th – 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