

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL WEEKLY NOTE

December 13, 2006



PICTURE RETAKE DAY: Picture Retake Day will be on Friday, December 15th at 10:00 am for all students in grades Pre-3 thru 8th who either missed the first picture day, or would like their picture retaken. Those who want their picture retaken are asked to return the original packet to school, A.S.A.P. If you have questions, please call the school office.

YOUTH GROUP BABYSITTING NIGHT: The Youth Group will have a babysitting night on Friday, December 15th from 6:00 until 9:00 pm. This is a great time to go Christmas shopping and have your kids in a fun, safe environment. A Free-Will offering will be taken!

ADVENT SERVICES AND DINNERS: Bethlehem will have Advent Services on Wednesdays at 10:30 am and 7:30 pm. The P.T.L. will sponsor a light dinner tonight, December 13th. A free-will offering will be taken.

SCRIP PROGRAM: Please note the last date for the orders to be turned in: **Friday, December 15th**. Visit the website at www.glscrip.com for holiday specials and the latest changes. If you have any questions, please contact Linda McGinnis or Peggy Shabez.

BOOK FAIR: The book fair will begin on Tuesday, December 19th. The shopping will be from 2:00 until 5:00 pm. There will be shopping on Wednesday, from 9-4 pm and 6-7 pm. Thursday it will be packed up. We will need volunteers to help set-up, sell the books and packing up. If you would be able to help, please contact Linda McGinnis at 708-681-1076.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE: The Children of Bethlehem Lutheran School will have their Christmas Program on Wednesday, December 20th at 10:30 am and 7:30 pm. We hope everyone will attend and invite their families!

HOLIDAY TURKEY LUNCHEON: The Turkey Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, December 20th, immediately following the morning Christmas program. The cost is \$ 6.50 for adults and \$ 2.50 for children. Reservation forms have gone home for this. They need to be returned by December 18th. If you still need VIP hours, we are looking for volunteers to help in the kitchen on that day.

SANTA SALE: There will be a Santa Sale on Friday, December 22nd, beginning at 8:30 am. The children will be allowed to purchase gifts for their parents, siblings and grandparents. No gifts over \$ 2.00. We will need some Santa helpers to help wrap the gifts that the children purchase. If you can help, please contact Peggy Shabez at 708-453-4398.

5TH AND 6TH GRADE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT: We wish to congratulate both our Boy's and Girl's teams! They both played very well!

7TH AND 8TH GRADE BASKETBALL PRACTICE: 7th and 8th grade basketball practice will be held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays of each week, from 3:30 until 5:00 pm. There will be NO PRACTICE on Wednesday, December 20th due to the Christmas program. If you have any questions, please contact Coach Rey De La Garza at 773-589-1672.

REMINDER: During Basketball practices, NO CHILDREN are allowed to stay on the terrace, while their siblings are at practice. If children must stay after school and wait for siblings, they must go to the Extended Care room and be charged accordingly. On the nights that there are games, children can stay on the stage during the game. If you have any questions, regarding this policy, please contact Pastor Gallup at 708-456-8786, ext. 11.

CHAPEL OFFERINGS: Chapel Offerings for the month of December will go to our Seminary Student Charlie Schultz and his family.

HOT LUNCH VOLUNTEER: We are looking for a volunteer to alternate on Wednesdays. If you would be interested, please contact Jeanne Walsh at 847-678-2080.

GIRL SCOUT SERVICE PROJECT: Bethlehem Girl Scouts are doing a service project to help the troops. We are collecting items to send to soldiers in Iraq (via a friend of one of our families who is serving over there.) They have suggested donations of the following items:

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| Small stuffed animals | Magazines |
| Hard candy | Toothpaste |
| Deodorant | Shaving cream |
| Bar soap | Instant kool-aid packets (sweetened) |
| Body soap | Skin lotion |
| Crossword puzzles | Eye drops |
| Insect repellent | Personal care items such as nail clippers etc. |

Additional items listed in military care package websites include:

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| Batteries | electronic handheld games |
| beef jerky | gum |
| sunblock | instant coffee packs |
| phone cards (AT&T suggested) | socks |

We will have collection boxes inside the school lobby and in the narthex of church. If anyone would like to include a note or card to the soldiers, we would welcome those! We will collect items until Christmas and ship them in January. Any questions, please contact Kari Hermansen (708) 681-0837. Thank you from the Girls in Junior Troop #4221 & Brownie Troop #4241

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: There will be no Bible Study until the New Year! If you have any questions, please contact Tammy De La Garza: at 708-209-3451.