

# BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL WEEKLY NOTE

February 20, 2009



**BASKETBALL:** There is a 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> practice on **Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**. The next 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade Home game, against Immanuel, Hillside will be on **Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**. There is also a Home game, against Grace, River Forest, on Friday, **February 27<sup>th</sup>**. If you have any questions, please contact Coach Kattie LeDuc at 708-945-0627.

**SCHOOL CHOIR:** The School Choir sings this **Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>** at the 10:30 a.m. service. Don't forget your white top and black bottoms. Please arrive at least 10 minutes before the service. (Some members are walking in during the first hymn or liturgy, and some are **NOT** dressed properly.) The 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> graders in choir have a special treat for you. Come and hear them! If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Erjavec at 708-456-8786, ext. 16.

**MIDTERM REPORTS:** Please watch your child's backpack! Mid-term reports will go home on **Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**. This is a good time to evaluate how your child is doing this quarter, and to encourage them to do their best. It is not uncommon for students to start to "lose steam" at this time of year, but we have LOTS more to teach them!

**MARKET DAY:** Pick up is on **Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>** from 5:00 until 5:30pm. If you can help out on pick-up, we are in need of your help. Please remember to mark your calendar for the date of pick-up or arrange for someone to pick up for you. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Hug at 847-296-7221.

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** For hundreds of years, the Christian Church, has marked the weeks before Easter with a time of reflection called Lent. The first day of Lent this year is **Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**. The early Christians would mark this day by putting ashes on their foreheads (since the time of the Old Testament, wearing ashes has signified repentance). Here at Bethlehem we continue this centuries-old tradition. Your student will be offered the opportunity to have a cross drawn on their forehead with ashes, a simple reminder of their sinfulness, and Christ's death and resurrection for those sins. Students who do not wish to participate in this tradition can simply stay in their seat while others come forward. We always welcome you to join us for chapel services. During Lent, the services will be held at 10:30 am and 7:30 pm.

**YEARBOOK PICTURES (REPEAT):** Pictures! Pictures! Pictures! We are putting together the yearbook for this school year. If you have good pictures (digital or regular) that could be considered for the yearbook, please get them to Mrs. Shabez or Mrs. Schmeiser as soon as possible. The next Yearbook Staff meeting, for any 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade student that is interested, will be on **Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>** from 3:30 until 5:00 pm. If you have any questions, call Peggy Shabez at 708-453-4398.

**BETHLEHEM'S FAMILY GAME NIGHT:** On **Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>** from 7:00 until 8:30 pm, we will be hosting a Family Game Night. We ask that you come out and bring you favorite board game or card game and share some time with your own family and get to know some of our other school families! We ask that each family bring a snack to share and the P.T.L. will be supplying drinks. If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Shabez at 708-453-4398 or Bunny Freeman at 708-338-9046.

**LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK:** The first week of March is Lutheran Schools Week. Next week, we will be sending home more information on the special events for the week. Please remember that all parents, grandparents, and special friends are invited to join us on **Wednesday, March 4th**, for the special chapel service and luncheon. Be sure to turn in your reservations! If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Schmeiser at 708-456-8786, ext. 18.

**100<sup>th</sup> DAY EVENTS:** We had a great celebration on Tuesday for the 100th day of school! Next week's newsletter will give the results of who won our 100 Math Facts competitions and the total amount received from those who brought in 100 coins. Thanks to all who participated and helped.

**CHAPEL OFFERING:** January and February chapel offerings will be going to "Hearts for Jesus". So far, we have collected \$ 102.05.

**NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS:** This week:

**Kindergarten/Preschool:** The Kindergarteners really enjoyed all their "100<sup>th</sup> day" activities, especially doing 100 piece puzzles and making their "100" books! The Preschoolers are talking about all the different shapes.

**1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>:** The 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> graders are working with their Shurley English. The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade reading group is reading "A Chair for my Mother."

**3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>:** 3/4 graders are enjoying reading "How to Eat Fried Worms". The 3/4 graders are getting "worm" recipes together for their Literature class. In Geography, the 1-4 graders are learning about landforms and water.

**5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>:** In History we learned about the "Black Plague" or the Bubonic Plague. We learned about how many people died and how the plague was passed from one person to another. We also picked our famous person of the Middle Ages to do our next book report on. This will be due on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

**7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>:** Thank you so much for your prayers and help while my son Joel had his surgery this week. The surgery went well, and Lord willing he will be out of the hospital in the next few days.

**SCRIP PROGRAM (Repeat):** Don't forget to get your gas, grocery store and birthday gift cards! Do your shopping with SCRIP! All SCRIP orders are placed weekly. Just place your order on the SCRIP website at **[www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com)** and get the money to Linda McGinnis! If you are new to the program and need assistance, or have any questions, please contact Linda McGinnis at 708-681-1076.

**BETHLEHEM'S WORSHIP SCHEDULE:** The Sunday morning schedule for Bethlehem is 8:00 am and 10:30 am worship services, Sondag School for 3 years through 6<sup>th</sup> grade at 9:15 am, and Bible Studies for Adults and Teens at 9:15 am. We invite you to join us, if you don't have a church home of your own.