

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL WEEKLY NOTE

February 27, 2009



BASKETBALL: There is also a Home game, against Grace, River Forest, on Friday, **February 27th**. There is an Away 5th/6th grade game, against St. Paul, Brookfield on **Friday, March 6th**. If you have any questions, please contact Coach Kattie LeDuc at 708-945-0627.

BETHLEHEM'S FAMILY GAME NIGHT: TONIGHT is our Family Game Night, from 7:00 until 8:30 pm. We ask that you come out and bring your 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.

REMINDER: There will be **NO BUS SERVICE** on **Monday, March 2nd** and **Tuesday, March 3rd**. If you have any questions, please contact the bus company.

WALTHER SPELLING BEE: The Walther Spelling Bee is **Tuesday, March 3rd at 7:00 pm**. They are located at the corner of 9th and Chicago Avenues, in Melrose Park. Congratulations and good luck to the following students who will be competing:

5th Grade: Shannon Miller, Hannah Gallup (Andy Corrigan, alternate)

6th Grade: Reeve Dokousian-Bitakis, Nicholas Rodinos (Megan Freeman, alternate)

7th Grade: Linnea Virzi, Megan Simzyk (Amanda Hermansen, alternate)

8th Grade: Matthew Lewis

BETHLEHEM'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: Bethlehem will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast and School Open House on **Saturday, March 7th** from 7:00 am until 12:00 noon. Tickets are Adults: \$ 6.00 for pancakes OR Omelets or \$ 10.00 for both. Kids, 12 and under, are \$ 4.00. If you have any questions, or would like to purchase tickets, please contact Peggy Shabez at 708-453-4398.

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 7th and 8th grade student that is interested, will be on **Wednesday, March 11th** from 3:30 until 5:00 pm. If you have any questions, call Peggy Shabez at 708-453-4398.

LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK: We are looking forward to a fun time next week as we celebrate the opportunity we have to attend a Lutheran school. Many students are asking what they will be able to wear; the faculty has agreed on the following guidelines for the special dress days.

MONDAY: School spirit day (Bethlehem-wear, Bethlehem "green," or Walk-a-thon shirts; nice jeans allowed). There will be an assembly at 12:30 to present the choices for the new school mascot. Voting is open to all Bethlehem school and church families, current and past. (Note: No Bus service)

TUESDAY: Pajama Day Students may wear pajamas to school. Regular shoes must be worn to school, but slippers may be worn in the classroom at the teacher's discretion. Pillows, etc., may be brought for the movie in the gym (Robin Hood or Sword in the Stone). Spelling Bee at Walther 7 pm. (No Bus)

WEDNESDAY: Grandparents Day. Students will wear their school uniform or something even nicer. Grandparents (or special visitors) may attend class with the student, arriving at 9:30 am. Chapel will be at 10:30, followed by a craft and lunch with grandparents. Early dismissal is 1 pm. Please make sure your child's teacher knows how your child is getting home that day (bus, neighbor, etc.).

THURSDAY: Crazy hat 'n hair day and Staff Appreciation Day (staff luncheon) All hair products MUST be gone by Friday. No glitter (we need our janitor to stay sane!). Regular school uniform.

FRIDAY: Sports Day. Students may wear "spirit wear" for their favorite sports team. Nice jeans or school pants may be worn. No sweat pants (unless part of a 2-piece outfit), no shorts, and no sleeveless shirts (basketball jerseys may be worn over another shirt). Parents are invited to join us at 2 pm for games.

SATURDAY: Pancake Breakfast and Open House from 7:00 am until 12:00 noon.

SUNDAY: All students sing at 10:30 am service. Wear school uniform or something nicer.
General dress guidelines:

- a) School uniform must be worn unless student is wearing the special dress attire for the day.
- b) No jeans, sweatpants, shorts, or sleeveless shirts unless specifically mentioned.
- c) No emblem, picture, or writing which is incompatible with Christianity.
- d) Makeup should be lightly applied, if at all.
- e) Undergarments should be worn, but should not be visible.
- f) Skirts should be no shorter than 3" above the knee.

CHAPEL OFFERING: The coins collected for the 100th day Celebration totaled \$ 94.00! Great job, everyone! These along with the January and February chapel offerings will be going to "Hearts for Jesus". The total being sent is 205.00!

NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS: This week:

Kindergarten/Preschool: The Kindergarteners are busy learning to sound out words and read short books. The Preschoolers are talking about going to doctors and dentists and reading stories about them.

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

3rd/4th: 3/4 graders are almost done with How to Eat Fried Worms. We also watched the movie this week and made a list of how the book and the movie were alike and different. We even had popcorn with it! 7/8 have started learning about the opera we will be attending in March. 3rd grade has started with cursive.

5th/6th: In History we learned about the "War of the Roses" In Reading we are starting a new novel, a mystery, "The Westing Game."

7th/8th: Students' note cards for their term paper are due Monday, along with their bibliography information. We will work on arranging the notes into an outline next week. Apologies to the kindergarten class, who has been listening to our hammering the last 2 Fridays as we worked on our string art project! Look for our display at the pancake breakfast.

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 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 LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE: During Lent, (2/25 through 4/1/09) there will be Wednesday services at 10:30 am and 7:30 pm. There will also be Lenten Dinners at 6:30 pm on Wednesday evenings. A Free-Will offering will be taken. The Sunday morning schedule for Bethlehem is 8:00 am and 10:30 am worship services, Soday School for 3 years through 6th 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.