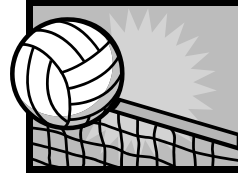


# BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL WEEKLY NOTE

February 29, 2008



**REMINDER:** The reservation forms for the Grandparent's Day luncheon are to be turned in by **Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Adults are \$ 4.00 and children are \$ 2.30. No hot lunch was ordered for that day, so if your child does not want the luncheon prepared for the grandparents, they will need to bring a sack lunch. If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Shabez at 708-453-4398.

**NO BUS SERVICE:** There will be **NO BUS SERVICE** on **Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>** and **Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**, due to the Casimir Pulaski holiday and Parent / Teacher Conferences at Leyden High School. Bus service will resume on **Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**.

**HELP WANTED:** We need your jars! Please save small jars (baby food jars, salsa-cheese jars, small pickle jars, etc) and bring them to the church kitchen this week. We will be using them for our crafts during Lutheran Schools Week. Please wash and remove labels first. Thank you!

**MORE HELP WANTED:** For our service project for Lutheran Schools week, we will be collecting items to send to a mission in Mexico that helps single mothers, by providing daycare for their children ages 0 to 6 years. If you can donate any of these items, please put them in the box by the school office. Cash donations will be used to purchase additional supplies.

Children's books, tapes, videos in Spanish.  
Preschool games, puzzles and toys.  
White board markers and erasers.  
United States postage stamps.  
Crayons, markers and small toys.

**LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK:** Please refer to the email or the note that was sent home, for the appropriate dress guidelines for the week. We celebrate the opportunity to be in a Lutheran School!

**MONDAY:** Pajama Day.  
**TUESDAY:** Career Day /Service Project / Walther Spelling Bee.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Grandparents Day / Dress-up Day / Early Dismissal at 1:30 pm.  
Grandparents join us for the 10:30 am Chapel Service, lunch and a small craft. Be sure to send in your reservations.  
**THURSDAY:** School Spirit Day / Staff Appreciation Luncheon.  
**FRIDAY:** Sports / Wacky Olympics Day / Pizza Day. 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> will participate in a mock Olympics from 10:00 until 10:30 am. The 5<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> grades will have an Olympic Volleyball game against the adults, from 2:30 until 3:15 pm. Any adults interested are welcome to join us.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST / SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE:** Bethlehem's Annual Pancake Breakfast will be held on **Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**, from 7:00 am until 12:00 noon. Ticket prices: adults are \$ 5.00 and children under 12 are \$ 3.00. Proceeds for the breakfast benefit the Lutheran High School Scholarship Fund. Contact Mrs. Gallup to purchase tickets at 708-456-8786, ext. 10.

**SCHOOL CHILDREN AND SCHOOL CHOIR SINGING:** ALL school children will be singing for Lutheran Schools Week at the 10:30 am Worship service on **Sunday, March 9th**. We have started on our song for that. Our school choir will be singing on **Wednesday, March 5th** for Grandparents Day during the 10:30 am chapel service.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION BRAINSTORMING MEETING:** We need your help! Bethlehem has a new “classical” approach to education, very dedicated teachers, a new Headmaster, and a close-knit Christian atmosphere. We know what great things are going on here, but we need others to find out! The key to the future success of Bethlehem Lutheran School is increased enrollment. We all know that, but how do we bring in new students? The Board of Education is requesting your help and suggestions as to how we might accomplish this. We are hosting a “brainstorming” meeting on **Tuesday, March 11th** at 7:00 p.m. Please help us think of ideas on how we might get out the word...and bring in more students. If two heads are better than one, let’s see what 40 can come up with!

**MARKET DAY:** Market Day pick-up for March will be on **Monday, March 17th**, from 4:30 until 5:30 pm. Paper orders are due in the office by **Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**, by 3:00 pm and internet orders are due by **Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup>** by 12:00 noon. If you have questions or can help with Market Day, please contact Mrs. Gallup at 708-456-8786, ext. 10.

**POSTER CONTEST:** Bethlehem students have been invited to participate in the Cook County State’s Attorney’s “Anti-Drug” Poster Contest. All posters are to be turned in by **Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**. If you have any questions please contact Peggy Shabez at 708-453-4398.

**BASKETBALL JERSEYS:** All basketball jerseys need to be turned in to Coach O’Connor. They can be brought to the Extended Care room and he will pick them up there. Please turn them in as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Coach O’Connor at 708-453-4791.

**BETHLEHEM’S SCRAPBOOK:** Bethlehem Scrapbook is growing! Check out all the pictures at <http://www.bethlehemrivergrove.org/scrapbook.htm>. Click on any of the thumbnails to get a high resolution picture that you can make prints from, send to your printer, or archive in your own scrapbook! Remember - if you have some great pictures, please share them by sending them to [Scotti.Hermansen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Scotti.Hermansen@sbcglobal.net) (of via a CD or memory stick if you have a lot of them).

**EARLY DISMISSAL DATES FOR 2008:** The school has set the dates for the early dismissals for the rest of the school year. We hope this timely information will help you as you plan your child’s schedule this year. All the early dismissal days will end at 1:30 pm. Pre-4 class will still meet these days. One month we have scheduled a faculty In-service day in lieu of an early dismissal.

The dates are as follows:

**Mar 5**

**Apr 11 - Full day off of school for Faculty In-service**

**May 14**

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Schmeiser at 708-456-8786, ext. 18.

**CHAPEL OFFERINGS:** Please bring in your coin folders as soon as possible for “Hearts for Jesus”. So far, \$ 132.09 has been collected during chapel. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Urban at 708-456-8786, ext. 17.

**SCRIP PROGRAM:** SCRIP orders will continue to be placed weekly in 2008! 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 have any questions, please contact Linda McGinnis at 708-681-1076.

**MEMORY WORK/BIBLE STORIES:** Memory work and bible stories for the upcoming week will be printed in the Weekly Note. This week's selections are:

◆ **Catechism: Who receives this sacrament worthily?**

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Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.

◆ **Verse of the week:**

1 Corinthians 15:51-52 **Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.** For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

◆ Psalm of the week: Psalm 142

◆ Hymn of the week: 571 "God Loved the World So That He Gave" (stanzas 1 and 4)  
tune: St. Crispin

◆ Bible Stories for the Week:

Sunday - Man Born Blind Receives His Sight—John 9:1-41

Monday - The Death of the Firstborn Is Announced—Exodus 11:1-10

Tuesday - The Passover Is Instituted—Exodus 12:1-14

Wednesday - The Death of the Firstborn—Exodus 12:21-30

Thursday - The Exodus—Exodus 12:31-42

Friday - Israel Journeys to the Red Sea—Exodus 13:17—14:9

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

**Kindergarten/Preschool:** In Preschool and Kindergarten classes are having fun playing the new computer games on our new computer. We love the large monitor! Thanks again to the P.T.L.

**1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>:** We are excited about Lutheran Schools week! We can't wait to meet all the grandparents! In math, we are learning about money and how to count it.

**3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>:** 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade is now reading "Hour of the Olympics" in honor of the Wacky Olympics day for Lutheran Schools week! We will continue this in History, also. 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> are learning more about Moses and the Plagues in religion and History class. In Art class we are making fish to go along with our Fish Unit in Science. In Geography, we finished the Rocky Mt. states and have started on the Southwestern states. In 4th grade Math we have been doing long division and studying symmetry. In 3rd grade Math, we are working very hard on our times tables.

**5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>:** We are starting to study mammals in Science. We also are learning about gladiators and the schools they went to, in History. Ask a 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grader about Hannibal and his elephants.

**7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>:** We are finishing our study guide for our research project. In History, we are learning about the change from the Roman Republic to the Roman Empire. In music, the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are learning more about Opera, and what to expect when we go see "The Barber of Seville" on March 18<sup>th</sup>.

**BETHLEHEM'S WORSHIP SCHEDULE AND LENTEN SCHEDULE:** During the Lenten Season, there will be services every Wednesday at 10:30 am and 7:30 pm. Every Wednesday, there will be a light Lenten supper served at 6:30 pm, before the evening services. The Sunday morning schedule for Bethlehem is 8:00 am and 10:30 am worship services, Sunday School for 3 years and up 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.