

# BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL WEEKLY NOTE

January 16, 2009



**REMINDER:** There will be **NO SCHOOL** on **Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**, due to Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday and **Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>** due to a Teacher Conference. Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>.

**BASKETBALL:** There is a 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> practice on **Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>** from 3:30 until 5:00 pm. There is a 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Basketball practice on **Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>** from 3:30 until 5:00 pm. There is a 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade Away game at Immanuel, Elmhurst on **Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**. If you have any questions, please contact Coach Kattie LeDuc at 708-945-0627.

**END OF 2ND QUARTER:** The end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter is **TODAY!** It's hard to believe the school year is half-way over already. Report cards will be issued at the PTL Awards Night.

**DATE CHANGE:** Due to an away basketball game that involves so many of our students, we have moved the PTL Awards Night **BACK** to the original date of **Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**. We apologize for the confusion, and send an extra apology to Mrs. Erjavec and school families who are involved in church choir that night. Sorry about the conflict.

**BETHLEHEM'S AWARDS NIGHT:** On **Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 7:00 pm, Bethlehem School will host its first AWARDS NIGHT. Students who qualified for honor roll and attendance awards for 1st and 2nd quarters, cross-country team, Walther Social Studies competition winners, and others will receive their awards that evening. PTL will also be updating the school families on our progress towards a new copy machine, and there will be handchime music. Report cards will also be distributed. We hope this will be a great evening for all! Please attend if at all possible, and show support to the fine effort our students are making.

**SCHOOL CHOIR:** The School Choir will be singing at the 8:00 am Service on **Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**. Please remember to wear white tops and black pants or skirts. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Erjavec at 708-456-8786, ext. 16.

**MARKET DAY:** Please don't forget to place your order for Market Day! I know it has been awhile but now is the time. Internet orders are due by **Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 12:00 pm. Pick up will be on **Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**, from 5:00 until 6:00 pm. If you do place an order this month, you are entered for a Bahamian Cruise on board the Disney Wonder. Also, any order over \$ 35.00 starts this half for your "frequent buyer item" which is given out in May. As always, any questions or if you need help feel free to call Debbie Hug at 847-296-7221. See you at pick up, and please, if you can help we could use it! We lost two of our regular helpers.

**SUPER BOWL SUB SALE:** The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Super Bowl Sub Sale will be on Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. Pick up is from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm, on the terrace. Order forms have gone home with your child. The subs are \$ 7.00 and the mostaccioli is \$ 10.00 for a ½ pan. Orders must be received by **Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**. To place an order, or if you have questions, please call Peggy Shabez at 708-453-4398 or Bunny Freeman at 708-338-9046.

**FIELD TRIP:** Grades K-8 will be going to see “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” on **Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup>**. Cost is \$5. Permission slips will be going home next week. Parents of younger children need to leave a booster seat for their child that day. If you have any questions, please contact your child’s teacher.

**PRESCHOOL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES:** A reminder that Preschool Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on **Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup>** and **Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup>**. No preschool classes will be held on these days. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Rohde at 708-456-8786, ext. 14.

**SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR CHOIR:** School Choir Members, there is a change in the schedule. In February, instead of singing on the 15th, it has been moved to the 22nd. Sorry for any inconvenience. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Erjavec at 708-456-8786, ext. 16.

**PARENT VOLUNTEER HOURS:** In order to help track the volunteer hours at the school, our church Stewardship board has developed the form attached to this weekly note. (Forms are also available from Mrs. Schmeiser or Mrs. Shabez). When you volunteer for anything at Bethlehem, please fill out this form and record the hours you've spent helping. When your sheet is signed and turned in to the school office or to the lock box on Mrs. Schmeiser's door, your volunteer hours will be credited to your tuition statement. Please do not depend on others to notify us that you have put in volunteer hours. Wondering how to help? Check with Mrs. Schmeiser or Peggy Shabez. Teachers could use your help copying worksheets. Next month, PTL will need help with the sub sale and we will need volunteers to help with 100th Day activities; early in March we will need help with a pancake breakfast; we need volunteers to help with hot lunch. Don't wait until the school year is almost over to get your volunteer hours in!

**CHAPEL OFFERING:** January and February chapel offerings will be going to “Hearts for Jesus”. Coin folders will be sent home next week. So far, we have collected \$ 21.10.

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

**Kindergarten/Preschool:** The Kindergarteners are busy learning handwriting in class. Both the Kindergarteners and the Preschoolers are listening to stories about snowmen!

**1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>:** The 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> graders are working on their reading and math and english!

**3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>:** In Geog., we will be studying the continent of Africa. In Science, we are learning about force and friction, and will be studying Newton's Laws of Motion.

**5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>:** We've started reading, “When Hitler Stole the Pink Rabbit” by Judith Kerr. We will be talking about what it means to be a refugee and what it was like to live in a concentration camp. In Science, we will be studying about motion and gravity. In History, we will be talking about the Crusades and Robin Hood.

**7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>:** We have been busy doing word searches and crossword puzzles in Latin to review. In science we are doing experiments on buoyancy and air pressure; thanks to those who brought in supplies. We will continue these experiments next week. In geography we are memorizing the major rivers in the world. When we have finished those, we will learn the mountain ranges and deserts. Plans are coming together for our trip to Springfield in May.

**SCRIP PROGRAM (Repeat):** Just because the holidays are over, doesn't mean SCRIP stops! 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.