

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL WEEKLY NOTE

January 23, 2009



A SPECIAL WELCOME: We welcomed two new students to our school recently. Farati Aina has joined the 3-year-old preschool class, and Eric Mitchell is our new 2nd-grader. Welcome to the Bethlehem family!

BASKETBALL: There is a 7th/8th grade Away game at Immanuel, Elmhurst on **Friday, January 23rd**. There is a 7th/8th grade Away game at St. Luke, Itasca on **Monday, January 26th**. There is a 7th/8th grade Away game at St. Paul, Melrose Park on **Tuesday, January 27th**. There is a 5th/6th practice on **Wednesday, January 28th** from 3:30 until 5:00 pm. There is a 7th/8th Home Basketball game, against St. Luke, Itasca on Friday, **January 30th**. If you have any questions, please contact Coach Kattie LeDuc at 708-945-0627.

SCHOOL CHOIR: The School Choir was supposed to sing at the 8:00 am Service on **Sunday, January 25th**. This has been **CANCELLED**. Wednesday you should have received a note explaining why Sunday is cancelled. In case you didn't see it, we have had only one rehearsal since Christmas and some members were at Walther for testing that day; some others were sick. I would rather wait until February 22nd, when we have more time to practice and do a great job. Sorry if this messes up any of your weekend plans. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Erjavec at 708-456-8786, ext. 16.

MARKET DAY: Market Day Pick up will be on **Monday, January 26th**, from 5:00 until 6:00 pm. If you can help we could use it! We lost two of our regular helpers. As always, any questions or if you need help feel free to call Debbie Hug at 847-296-7221.

SUPER BOWL SUB SALE: The 9th Annual Super Bowl Sub Sale will be on Sunday, February 1st. 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 26th**.

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 29th**. Cost is \$5. Permission slips are attached to this note. 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 29th** and **Friday, January 30th**. No preschool classes will be held on these days. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Rohde at 708-456-8786, ext. 14.

ACHIEVEMENT TESTING: Our yearly achievement tests will take place the first week of February. Please make sure your child will not be missing school that week for doctor/dentist appointments, etc. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Schmeiser at 708-456-8786, ext. 18.

YEARBOOK PICTURES: 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. Thanks!

SPECIAL THANK YOU: I would like to thank the 7th & 8th graders for showing up last night and doing such a great job on the tone chimes! Your efforts are greatly appreciated. Mrs. Erjavec.

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 \$ 29.60.

NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS: This week:

Kindergarten/Preschool: The Kindergarteners are busy learning the sounds the letters make and sounding out three letter words! The Preschoolers have been talking about snow and making blizzard pictures!

1st/2nd: The 1st / 2nd graders would like to welcome Eric Mitchell to our class!

3rd/4th: 1-4 had a great time reviewing the story Noah and the Flood. First, we read the story, which went into an art project. They are on display in the school hallway on the second floor. While they worked on the project, we watched Fantasia 2000, the part with Elgar's, Pomp and Circumstance, which is music set to the Flood. As we were finishing up, we sang the Arky, Arky song. In Geography, we will continue on our adventures in Africa. 3rd & 4th graders would like to welcome Eric Mitchell to our class.

5th/6th: In Latin, we have been working on review puzzles to help us get a better grip on Latin!

7th/8th: This week we memorized the major rivers in the world, and next week we'll be adding the deserts and mountain ranges. The students will be turning in their "practice term paper" on Monday, complete with bibliography. The paper may be typed or handwritten.

CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to all those who received awards last night. We honored those with perfect attendance, and perfect Sunday School and church attendance for both quarter 1 and quarter 2, as well as honor roll and honorable mention. These are all great achievements, worthy of praise and recognition.

Special Awards: Walther holds yearly math and social studies contests for grade schools. The top 3 students in each grade are recognized. This year's awards went to:

Math: Andrew Corrigan, Hannah Gallup, Shannon Miller
Megan Freeman, Jonah McGinnis, Nicholas Rodinos
Megan Simzyk, Igor Ferenc, Amanda Hermansen
Hannah McGinnis, Sarah Schmeiser, Amy Walsh

Social Studies: Andy Corrigan, Hannah Gallup
Jessica Jeffers, Jamie Shabez, Megan Freeman
MaryKate Cronin, Megan Simzyk, Amanda Hermansen
Jereme Froehlich, Matthew Lewis, Amy Walsh

Quarter 1 Honor Roll: Nicole Hansen, Baily O'Connor, Jack Simzyk, Lennart Virzi, Reveen Dokousian-Bitakis, Megan Freeman, Jessica Jeffers, Jonah McGinnis, Nicholas Rodinos, Jamie Shabez, Isabel Gallardo, Amanda Hermansen, Hannah McGinnis, Sarah Schmeiser, Megan Simzyk, Linnea Virzi, Amy Walsh

Quarter 1 Honorable Mention: Cherish Sepulveda, Andy Corrigan, Hannah Gallup, Shannon Miller, Jereme Froehlich, Mackenzie LeDuc

Quarter 2 Honor Roll: Nicole Hansen, Baily O'Connor, Jack Simzyk, Lennart Virzi, Reveen Dokousian-Bitakis, Hannah Gallup, Jessica Jeffers, Jonah McGinnis, Shannon Miller, Nicholas Rodinos, Jamie Shabez, Isabel Gallardo, Amanda Hermansen, Hannah McGinnis, Sarah Schmeiser, Megan Simzyk, Linnea Virzi, Amy Walsh

Quarter 2 Honorable Mention: Cherish Sepulveda, Andy Corrigan, Megan Freeman, Jereme Froehlich, Mackenzie LeDuc

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 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, Sunday 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.